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Dear Friend of Columbia Montour BSA,

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*  
**Winston Churchill**

As we start a new year for the Columbia Montour BSA, we realize that Winston Churchill was right! By making a contribution to Columbia Montour Council, you go a long way to making your life and the lives of many of our area youth more fulfilling.

Our 2017 Friends of Scouting campaign was, unfortunately, not the success we had anticipated. We only raised \$130,660 versus a \$172,000 goal! This means we have some hard work ahead of us to raise the funds that are necessary for us to continue to provide the programs that benefit the youth of this region. However, thanks to the success of the golf tournament, the leadership dinner and the wine festival we were able to balance the budget.

We are currently starting our Friends of Scouting campaign for 2018 and have a wonderful opportunity to make your contribution work more efficiently. Columbia Montour Council Boy Scouts will be participating again with Raise the Region beginning March 14 at 6 pm ending on March 15 at midnight. We are excited to be a part of the Raise the Region again this year with other local nonprofit organizations.

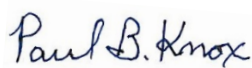
Please visit [raisetheregion.org](http://raisetheregion.org) to see how your gift will be stretched by a generous contribution from Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships. Your donation(s) can also help raise additional support for Columbia Montour Council by qualifying us for monetary prizes. All gifts are tax deductible and will help make our mission possible.

If you have been thinking about making a Friends of Scouting contribution, this would be a great way to help us make the lives of the youth in our area fun and successful, and potentially double your contribution.

I have enclosed our Information/Pledge brochure so you can see how your contribution is used to provide the exciting program for the youth of our area.

If you have any questions, you may contact either one of us. Thank you for all you do for Columbia Montour Council. Please make your pledge today.

Sincerely,



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