

# Meet the Team: Jack Colamaria

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with **Jack Colamaria, Membership & Unit Service Director!***



***Jack, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?***

*"[It's] helping parents sign up their sons and daughters and watching the Scouts continue the journey from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA to Eagle."*

***What brought you to the Mayflower Council?***

*"As a longtime volunteer, I was excited when the opportunity arose to become a professional Scouter."*

***What is your Scouting background?***

*"I was a youth then adult volunteer in Pack and Troop 49 Norwood, where my son also attained Eagle. I attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2008 with my son Jay and his troop. I attended the 2010 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, volunteering on the Banking Group, the 2013 National Jamboree as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and 2017 as a Scoutmaster and Contingent leader for eight troops. I am a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow with*



Tantamous Lodge. I have received the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, and the George Meany Award.”

### ***Council Duties***

“I oversee the Membership and Unit Service Team, which helps to support and grow units.”

### ***What else keeps you busy?***

“I am an active member of Rotary International, a past President of the Framingham Rotary Club, and currently an Assistant Governor. I have had the pleasure of attending International Conventions in Melbourne, Australia, Houston, Texas, and Toronto, Canada, with my mom, a fellow Rotarian. Scouting and Rotary have similar values, giving back to the community, and working well together.”

### ***Jack's Personal Favorites***

***Food*** Surf and turf



***Color*** Tie-dye

***Drink*** Coffee

***Treat*** Ice Cream

***Hobby*** Golf

***Animal*** Dogs

***Place*** New Hampshire

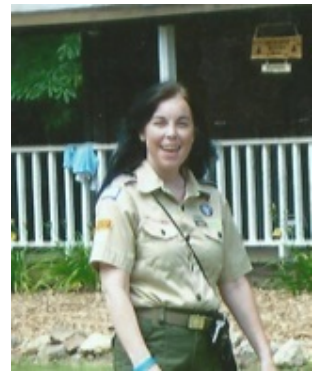
*Music* Grateful Dead

Feel free to contact Jack if he can help enhance your Scouting experience.

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## Meet the Team: Laura (Moriarty) Romero

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with **Laura (Moriarty) Romero**, Mayflower Council Senior Development Director!*



***Laura, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?***

*"[It's] the community that is Scouting; a community that brings generations together to deliver a program to our youngest generation that is filled with fun, adventure, and friendships, and in the process, builds confidence, teaches service beyond self, acceptance of others, and a desire for lifelong learning."*

*Laura, in uniform...*

***What brought you to the Mayflower Council?***

*"After a pandemic layoff from a neighboring council, I was approached about my interest in working for the Mayflower Council. I welcomed the opportunity!"*

## ***What is your Scouting background?***

“Growing up, I was a Girl Scout and became a leader with both of my daughter’s troops, so when a flyer was found in my son’s backpack to join Cub Scouts, not only did he join, so did I. In my volunteer capacity, I have been a Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Crew Advisor, and on Nov. 1 of this year, I celebrated my 23rd career anniversary.”



***Laura with husband Carlos***

## ***Council Duties***

“As Senior Development Director, my primary responsibilities are to develop philanthropic giving through our Annual Campaign ‘Friends of Scouting’ to help financially support our council programs, also to manage our council product fundraiser and lend support to our units who participate in it.”

## ***Laura’s Personal Favorites***

***Color*** Red

***Drink*** Coffee

***Treat*** Cannoli

***Hobby*** Candy Crush

***Food*** “Anything Italian!”

***Animal*** Cat

***Place*** “St. Pete Beach...”



***Laura and volunteers at the recent “Pintwood Derby.”***



**Music** Classic Rock

**Feel free to contact Laura if she can help enhance your Scouting experience.**



***Laura with the Moriarty-Romero family.***

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## **Meet the Team: John Bishop**

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with John Bishop, Mayflower Council's Brand Ambassador...*

***John, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?***

“I have the luxury of seeing Scouting from several different angles; first and foremost, it’s through my three sons, who are active in Hudson, Massachusetts’ Scouting program. My oldest, Jack, is part of Troop 512, Crew 1923, and Ship 323 (Weymouth). At the State House in



Meanwhile, Scott enjoys Scouts BSA Boston. (Troop 512), and Luke is in Cub Scouts (Pack 3104). I am a proud committee member for all of those units. My work with the Mayflower Council is the proverbial cherry on a rewarding personal Scouting ‘cake.’ Thus far, my favorite moment is when Jack, Scott, and I slept over in the U.S.S. Massachusetts with ‘Troop 2’ – just like my dad and I did back in the day...”

***What brought you to the Mayflower Council?***

“Just after the pandemic, I worked on the websites and social media for several of our local Hudson units. At that same time, my kids were getting into the program, and as we came back strong from remote Scouting, each of them seemed more embedded in their dens and patrols. As they grew into the program, so did my commitment, so much so that I wanted to expand my work beyond my town. I sent a note to Rick Riopelle [Mayflower Council Director of Field Service / C00], and my part-time work for the Council commenced.”

***What is your Scouting background?***

"I would love to say I was a great Scout, but despite the efforts of some amazing leaders, I was not. I topped out at Tenderfoot with Hazardville, Connecticut's Troop 108 (although I did earn the Mile Swim badge). Again, thanks to great leaders, I was an accomplished Cub Scout with Pack 391 Enfield, Conn., earning my Arrow of Light, crossing over to



Boy Scouts, and heading to camp *John's three boys, Luke, with Troop 108. In my adult Scott, and Jack and his wife Scouting, my oldest son Jack Andrea.*

rekindled my current passion for Scouting, and I am proud to report I have far eclipsed my youth camping count and skill set while with Mayflower Council and its units (although I haven't attempted another mile swim, yet)."

## ***Council Duties***

"I am the 'social media guy' and try to write stories as often as possible for the website. Within those capacities, I am involved in many, many facets of the organization's efforts. I really enjoy taking photos at events and posting smiling shots of Scouts, Scouters, and families."

## ***John's***

## ***Personal Favorites***

*Favorite*

*color* **Blue**

*drink* **Diet Coke**

*treat* **Ramen**

*hobby* **World War II history**

*food* **Chicken noodle soup and chili**



*animal* **"Cats. I have six. Tito, At Camp Resolute  
Teddy, Tommy, Padme, Juno, and  
Annie."**

*place* **Disney's Hollywood Studios, Camp Resolute**

*music* **"Varies. Audien to Fleetwood Mac to Big Bad Voodoo  
Daddy."**

**Feel free to contact John if he can help enhance your Scouting  
experience or publicize an important event for your unit or  
Scouts.**

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## **Cranberry Harbors District Nov. 2024 Roundtable**

Thanks to all who participated in our November Roundtable on 11/6, and thanks to Sean Kisler for his excellent demonstration "Hiking and Backpacking: keeping your load light". Due to participant interest, Sean's presentation was extended and the planned breakout sessions were deferred until December.

Slides from the session are posted below (adjusted to include the Mayflower Council announcement slide set which was not



available when the RT slides were prepared) along with the safe hiking in the fall – hunting season awareness material discussed in our safety moment.

Our December Roundtable will be held at the Furnace Brook Middle School, Marshfield on Wed. Dec. 4 and will also be broadcast on the council's zoom link. This will be a "Class B" session, and will conclude with a "bring your favorite Scout dessert" social. Planned topic will be how to celebrate the holidays in a multi-ethnic/religious sensitive manner. Breakouts are deferred from Nov., with cubs addressing "How to keep the momentum going after recruitment" and Troop/Crew/Ship addressing "Integrated Leadership Skills Training (ILST)". Please plan to participate.

Nov\_RT-Slides\_FinalPost

2024-MA-Fishing-Hunting-Season-Summary

USFS hunting safety

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# **2024 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner**

## **Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

## ***Hotel 1620***

**180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360**

**Reception 6:00 pm – Dinner & Program 7:00  
pm**

## **2024 Honorees**

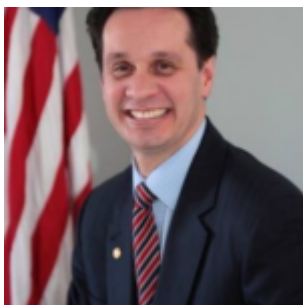
### **Distinguished Citizen Award Recipients**



**Olly deMacedo**

**Operations Manager, Boston  
Sand and Gravel &  
Executive Director,**

**America's Hometown Thanksgiving  
Celebration**



**Vinny deMacedo**

**Senior Advisor for External  
Relations Bridgewater State  
University &  
former State Senator**

**The Distinguished Citizen Award** is presented to community or business leaders who provide outstanding civic service to the adult and/or youth in the community. Those who receive the award are not necessarily Scout volunteers, but rather individuals who personify what the Boy Scouts of America stand for – good citizenship, outstanding moral fiber with a dedication to others, and for living their lives by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## **Distinguished Scouter Award**



**David Casoni  
Science Teacher (retired),  
Commercial Lobsterman &  
Scouter**

**The Distinguished Scouter Award** is presented to a Scouter who provide outstanding civic service to the adult and/or youth in the community. Those who receive the award are not only Scout volunteers, but also seek no return for their service other than the satisfaction of aiding their fellow citizens, their community, and their nation and for living their lives by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

# **Second Century of Leadership Award**



**Edward F. Perry, Jr.  
Ringmaster & Owner 95.9 FM  
WATD The South Shore Radio  
Station**

**Second Century of Leadership Award** is presented to a company or organization that consistently sets the pace for the corporate leadership and philanthropic support of the South Shore and MetroWest communities. The honoree's work and leadership exemplify the ideals and successes of the Boy Scouts of America. The organization's corporate citizenship and community involvement set the example of what can be achieved through hard work, leadership and character, traits that set both organizations apart.

**You may register and pay online or  
fill out the mail-in registration  
form.**

**Registration and program book ad's  
must be received by November 24,  
2024.**

If you have any questions, please email: Development Office

Sponsorship Opportunities  
Save the Date



Register online here

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## Meet the Team: Jen Piazza

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with **Jen Piazza**, Mayflower Council Membership Programs Specialist!*

**Jen, what brought you to the Mayflower Council?**



“[Director of Field Service & COO] Rick [Riopelle]!

“But seriously, it was the hours and flexibility Mayflower Council was able to offer me as a mom.

“I enjoyed it so much that I convinced my husband Ryan to join the Mayflower family!”

**What is your Scouting background? What is your favorite aspect of Scouting?**

“Before joining Mayflower council, I had no experience with Scouts. In a world where everything is tech driven, I love that Scouting gets the kids outside.

“Our son loves being outdoors especially fishing and hiking. Signing him up for Cub Scouts seemed like a perfect fit and of

course why not be an assistant den leader!”

## ***Council Duties***

- Manage application and invitation manager;
- Oversee requests for merit badge counselors;
- Process CORI background check;
- Mitigate expiring YPT training with Mayflower volunteers.

## ***Jen's Personal Favorites***



*color* **Blue**

*drink* **Tea**

*treat* **Ice cream**

*hobby* **Walking on the beach**

*sport* **Hockey**

*food* **Mexican**

*animal* **Cat**

*place* **The beach**

*music* **Country**

**Feel free to contact Jen if she can help enhance your Scouting**

**experience.**





