

# The Roundtable

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## **The auction!**

**I**f you attended yesterday's regular meeting, you heard statistics about the results of the annual dinner/auction. Auction chairman(person, if you wish) and club president **Kristy Kimball** created a colorful, easy-to-read spreadsheet of the income and expenses. If you contact her, she will probably be happy to send you a copy. The beneficiary of the proceeds of the event, Toys for Tots, will receive nearly \$12,000 and the 295 toys collected for the organization.

Besides the auction and the dinner at Spectacular Events in Bangor, a highlight was our presentation of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for the first time to a non-member of the club. Sgt. Tim Cotton accepted the award on behalf of the (absent) Duck of Justice and the Bangor Police Department. His storytelling caused the 181 attendees to the dinner to fill the room with laughter.

Here are Kristy's remarks for the Harris presentation:

Over the last few months we have been working tirelessly much like our Men and Women in Blue, to get the word out of tonight's event.

We are all here for three reasons: To have fun. Secondly to raise funds for the Greater Bangor Area Toys for Tots Program and Eastern Maine Community College scholarships, and finally to



*Courtesy of Jeff Kirlin*

recognize Sergeant Tim Cotton and the Duck of Justice and by extension the Bangor Police Department for their community efforts.

Sergeant Tim Cotton and the Duck of Justice have spent many late nights, and early mornings writing on Facebook to touch our lives and lives around the world. When we look at these two community Heroes, we see hope. We see Peace. We see relateability. We see innovation.

Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person or business whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of Rotary International's Foundation and our club. Our club strives to put service above self and supporting kids at risk in our local community. Until now, our club has only given this award to members.

Sergeant Cotton and The Duck of Justice, you were selected today to receive this recognition because the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club believes your life exemplifies service above self. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need.

I am honored to present you with this Paul Harris pin and certificate. The symbolism in this recognition is to say Thank you for making a difference in our community. By accepting this pin you will join a family of well over 950,000 PH Fellows worldwide. Besides members of our club, you stand with notables such as Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Anann, Prince Charles, Gandhi, Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II.

On behalf of the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club, congratulations on the Paul Harris Fellowship. As your tagline goes – we know you and the men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here!"

Sgt. Cotton wasn't convinced that he should be added to the group that includes Mother Theresa. He did describe how the Duck was a "mistake" on Facebook, and how its influence is encouraging international volunteerism to help people in the Bangor area who are homeless, need clothing and general assistance. It was an impressive testimonial about the good things social media can do.

The Auction Quackers Trio (**Cattelle, Myers, Wahlstrom**) celebrated Jeff Kirlin's birthday with The Ode to Birthdays. Jeff shot many photographs during the evening. His work is found at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/h8zc2th>. Les Myers contributed additional photos, viewable at

<https://lesmyersphotos.smugmug.com/Rotary-DinnerAuction-December/n-KTnfKj/i-N4GjQTH/A>.

The trio sang also to Marit Cattelle, whose birthday was December 8.

*Les Myers- December 16, 2016 (which is also Beethoven's birthday)*