

The Roundtable

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How Our Scholarships Help

The Breakfast Rotary contributes scholarships annually to qualifying students at Eastern Maine Community College. This morning, three recipients told how the funding is affecting their lives and helping them achieve their educational goals.

Jennifer Khavari introduced the students, noting that the college receives about \$110,000 each year for scholarships, ten percent of which comes from the Breakfast Rotary. The scholarship committee chooses ten applicants to receive the scholarships. “We touch the lives of people everyday, even if it’s a greeting or handshake. Handing them a check means even more,” she said. “We look for students who want to give back to their community.”

Kerri Davis, who plans to pursue an automotive career with a goal of eventual promotion to service writer/advisor, told us “I cannot put into words what this scholarship means to me.” Ms. Davis echoes what previous scholarship recipients have said, that she balances many activities in long days (up at 5:30 am to get the kids ready for school, and

after she returns home at 6:30 pm, helps them with their homework), Also factor in studies at EMCC and a part-time job. Her scholarship money allowed her to purchase her own tools.

Amanda Wilson is in EMCC’s Secondary Education Program and plans to attend the University of Maine with a graduation date in 2021. “I am trying to balance being a mother, a wife, a student and a teacher.

Jeremy Cole said that although he has five children, the Electrical and Automation Program student is able to



(l-r) Jeremy Cole, Amanda Wilson, Kerri Davis,
June Kontio

focus more intently on his schooling because of the scholarship. He is an officer in Phi Beta Kappa and a Master Electrician. He plans further study at UMaine.

Jennifer invited those who are interested to work with the EMCC Foundation, especially in reviewing the large number of scholarship applications the college receives. June Kontio and **Kendra Speed** are members.

We welcomed EMCC visitors Terry Adam and Carol Lewandowski who helped with the scholarship sorting and choosing.

Warming up (temperature outside: 12) with breakfast and business

June reported that one of the agenda items discussed in the Board meeting yesterday was exploring new member options. Kendra said that although the final count is not yet in, the Veteran Day Pancake Breakfast brought in \$4,800. The Coats for Kids shopping is planned in about two weeks; she will send an email to alert those who are interested in helping.

More dollar reports, these from **Jeff Plourde** about the Dinner/Auction event. \$1,725 in tickets has been sold, sponsorships total \$9,250, and donations amount to \$650.

In other fundraising activity news, **Ken Kimball** announced the bands that will play for the *All That Jazz* program in March: a newcomer to the event, Ellsworth High School, will join the seasoned players from Orono, Old Town and Brewer high schools. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

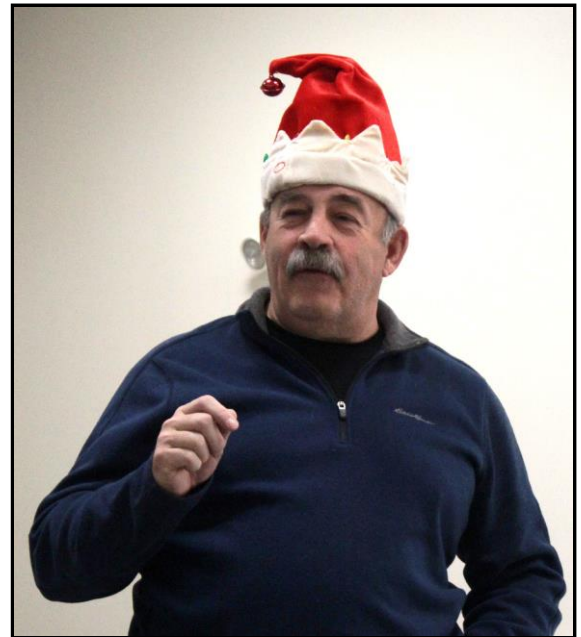
A Rotary Moment from **Ken Huhn** highlighted “People of Action Around the Globe,” published in the latest issue of The Rotarian.

Although it may be too late to take advantage of this event by the time you read about it, **Caroline King** said Anglers Restaurant in Hampden is helping people affected by storms and many other crises by making a gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of food sales this evening between 4 and 8 pm.

Lisa Wahlstrom enjoyed her annual get-together with her siblings, this year in New York City. **David Zelz** also traveled- to London and Cornwall, seeing the countryside and towns where PBS filmed the series “Doc Martin.” “On Veterans Day in England, they sell lots of poppies,” he reported. David was in England during the 50anniversary of the Beatles’ “The White Album.”

Pudge Harrison returned safely from his Nepal adventures, and is working on a program to show what he did and why (distributing infant “embrace warmers”). **Dave Merritt** and **Paul Miragliuolo** congratulated Kendra and all who made the Pancake Breakfast a success.

The jolly jingling of the tasseled red cap signifies that **Greg Jamison** is back in business, soliciting bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Our date is Friday, December 7 at Sam’s Club. Sign-up sheet is going



around. Greg heard Jimmy Webb play at the Brewer Performing Arts Center- “a fabulous performance venue.”

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Breakfast cheer