

# The Roundtable

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**Give. And give often.**

**T**his is Sherri Phinney's mantra. Ms. Phinney is the Account Manager for Donor Recruitment for the American Red Cross. Introduced by colleague **Caroline King**, Ms. Phinney emphasized the value of donating blood and how much is needed.

The Red Cross responds to disasters, surgeries and a host of other situations requiring blood. Blood drives are often successful, and Ms. Phinney cited the



Shriners, the Amish community in the Unity area, and high schools for their work in attracting donors. **Karen Schaller** said she is a regular blood donor. "It takes about an hour," she said, but she recommends making an appointment at the site to avoid undue waiting.

The shelf life of donated blood - 47 days - compared to the frequency with which an individual can give blood - 66 days - means that donor recruitment is critical to meeting the daily goal of 300 pints.

"New England, including Maine, is the largest exporter of blood to the rest of the nation," Ms. Phinney said.

Information on blood drive locations and other questions can be answered at

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## **The sun was up**

It was refreshing to see the sun up before the early hour of the meeting. **President Doug Townsend** reported on the Board of Directors meeting of yesterday. Among other items, the board voted to support a cabin at Camp Jordan for \$700 again this summer. He welcomed **Robert Woods** into the membership. Robert, who teaches at Eastern Maine Community College, will be inducted next week by his sponsor, **Ken Huhn**.

**Kristy Kimball's Bangor Area Challenge for Charities** is gathering more participants, including a bunch with wheels. Bangor Area motorcycle clubs will join in

the event and help with its logistics. She said that a national organization – she did not name it pending final arrangements - expressed interest in supporting the event. The multi-sport event is scheduled for June 30.

Speaking of Kristy, we celebrated her birthday and that of Doug's with tuneful variations on the birthday song.

**Larry Diehl** said that the Bowl-a-Thon for the Good Samaritan Agency last Sunday was a huge success. **Lisa Wahlstrom** echoed his report. **Lori Dwyer** had several happy/sad dollars, one of which was her forgetfulness to bring her name badge to the meeting. Again. In spite of that, she won the weekly drawing. The Joker's Wild component of the morning's cash grabbing is suspended until the annual meeting.

**Paul Miragliuolo** gave happy dollars for an extraordinary concert experience featuring the performer Alecia Beth Moore, known professionally as Pink (often stylized as P!nk), who is an American singer, songwriter, dancer and actress. Your troglodyte editor had to look her up on the Internet. Paul said she sang for 2 ½ hours without a break.

*Les Myers- April 12, 2018*



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