

The Roundtable

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Power trip

There was no lack of conversation topics at this morning's meeting as the small number of members present compared electricity stories. When did you lose power, how long before you had it, you don't have it yet?

President Doug Townsend told of his flight to Canada ("one hour instead of four hours driving") and getting questioned at International Customs about an additional passenger form he did not have. Not did he know he needed one. Customs officials let him and his passengers go freely. He said also that his son Michael turned 21.

Kendra Speed is, if you will pardon the phrase, up to speed on the pancake breakfast preparations. She met with Jeff, owner of Jeff's Catering, who provided information about set-ups and equipment. Kendra said cooks should be at Jeff's at 5 am on November 11. She will need set-up help starting at 3 pm on Friday, November 10. Batter mixers should also plan to start their work on Friday between 3 and 4 pm.

Wine – lots of it – is needed for the December 7 auction. **Tom Violette** gave an auction update, and **Kristy Kimball** invited donations of 25 bottles each of red, white and "top shelf" wines.

The return of electricity for many, but not all, homes meant shower power for **Dick Cattelle**. He gave a clean happy dollar for that. **Greg Urban** said that the Maine Veterans Home did not lose power, but he had to refer people who came for help to other agencies that could provide services for such devices as oxygen generators.

Lisa Larson is happy that EMCC is up and running again after power restoration. **June Kontio** is dealing with her father's health issues.

Our scheduled speaker did not arrive. David Wells, who was slated for a brief guest appearance to talk about the Rotary Dominican Republic wheelchair project, did just that. Rotarians will fly to the Dominican Republic February 27-28 and deliver wheelchairs March 1, 2 and 3, 2018. If you want to go, cost for the trip is \$1,500. They will fly from Bangor to JFK and then to Santo Domingo.

"The wheelchairs are loaned to those who need them," he said. "When the person either doesn't need it or has passed away, the wheelchairs are returned to Rotary for redistribution." February and March are outside of the rainy season.

The wheelchair project is sponsored by the Bangor Breakfast, Old Town, Ellsworth and Plymouth, New Hampshire Rotary Clubs.

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