

# Dance “Over the Moon” with Emmaus Rotary this Valentine’s Season!

A Family-Friendly Fundraiser to Support the East Penn Food Coalition’s Food Packing Program

By Meghan Reed

Emmaus, PA – Dust off your dancing shoes, bring your loved ones, and get ready for an afternoon of fun and community spirit at the Emmaus Rotary Club’s “Over the Moon Valentine’s Dance”! This unforgettable event, designed for kids-at-heart of all ages, is happening on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 3 PM to 6 PM at Triple Sun Spirits, 518 Bank St., Emmaus, PA.

This year, we’re bringing together music, laughter, and plenty of smiles—all while raising funds for an important cause. Proceeds from the event will benefit the East Penn Food Coalition’s Food Packing Program, which helps combat food insecurity in our community.

What to Expect:

Live Music by Local Favorite Stacy Gabel!

Old-Timey “Over the Moon” Photo Booth (instant prints + digital access)—courtesy of Alan Sylvestre Media.

DIY Photo Frame Station to showcase your memories.

Custom Vintage Valentine Cookies for guests who pre-register by February 10, 2025 (because love is sweeter with cookies!).

Basket Raffle Fundraiser with exciting prizes.

Food Truck & Bar available for tasty treats and beverage purchases.

Fancy attire is encouraged, but NOT required—just bring your best dance moves!

Ticket Information:

\$35 per adult

\$10 for kids under 12

Tickets can be purchased in advance or with cash at the door.

Pre-register here to secure your spot (and your personalized Valentine cookie!):

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT**

Make sure to register by February 10, 2025, to get your special custom Valentine cookie!

## The Community Foundation of Monroe County, PA (CFMC) has announced their scholarship round is open for applicants

By Samantha Holbert

MONROE COUNTY - \*Building relationships. \*Giving back. \*Partnering with nonprofits. The CFMC encourages and facilitates philanthropic collaboration and growth to improve the quality of life of Monroe County residents.

The Foundation serves the community by pooling

money for transformative grantmaking in Monroe County.

They are investing and distributing money from restricted funds, established by individual donors, efficiently and cohesively. Some of these funds are scholarship funds that will aid students in furthering their education or training. Many of these scholarships are in memory of loved ones who made a difference in their lives and honor the passions of the loved ones like wrestling, aviation, community service, or the environment.

The CFMC is announcing that the online portal for scholarship applications is open to the public. There are scholarships available for wrestlers, students with community service and athletics, and environmental activism. There are also new scholarships available this year. The Scotty Raymond Memorial Award for Technology is available to a high school graduate of Monroe Career and Technical Institute who is pursuing further education or training at an established school in a technical field or is beginning fulltime work in the construction or transportation fields.

The Vern Moyer Scholarship for Aviation is available to a resident of Monroe, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northampton, Pike, or Wayne County, Pennsylvania who demonstrates a passion and future career goals for aviation and is enrolled in or planning to enroll in an accredited aviation or aerospace-related training/education program. CFMC was established in March 2022 and received its 501c3 status in June 2023. The Board of Directors includes Olson, Meredith Rettaliata, Tricia Fritz, Marynell Strunk, and John Burrus with Samantha Holbert as the Executive Director. To learn more about the CFMC or these scholarships, visit us at [www.cfmcpa.org](http://www.cfmcpa.org) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information.



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Caitlin Sullivan, Marketing Director  
Speaker

## SLATE BELT RISING

### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.

### ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications Visit [slatebeltrising.org](http://slatebeltrising.org).

### PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.

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