

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

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President Terry Cahill

Front Desk:

Jim Anderson

Conrad Janke

Thought for the Day:

Kim Cameron

Raffle Winner: Scott Goodrich

Attendance: 29

Zoom: 1

Guests:

Molly Reagan

Sam Andrejko

Sophia Lin

"The Joy of My Life"

Molly Reagan & the Upcoming Suggett Park Mural



Molly Reagan- educator, artist, and musician- was guest speaker this week at the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club!

Molly's work as an artist includes portraits and other art pieces, but the biggest portion of her professional portfolio is murals. She has "drenched [Cortland] in color" with several murals inside and outside of buildings on Main Street, at the hospital, and St. Mary's school. She also engages in mural programming with youth, and can even "bring the mural to you," by supplying plywood that can be painted and installed.

For twelve years, Molly has organized and conducted an art camp, where for two weeks in the summer youth play, swim, and "do a little art in between." When the program outgrew her backyard (host to fifty children, and twenty counselors and counselors-in-training), Molly took it to the Rotary Shelter in Suggett Park, and from the start had a dream of putting a mural on the building.

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Experience Cortland.

UPCOMING EVENTS

River Clean-Up

* September 26, 2026

Alzheimer's Walk

* October 24- Ithaca
November 8- Syracuse

Area 13 Meeting- Hopshire

* November 14, 2026

Molly Reagan continued...

Thank you for allowing me to do it," Molly expressed her gratitude, and explained how Suggett Park is her home park, being so close to her own home on Van Hoesen Street, and the place where her kids go to play.

The project is made possible by a \$2,500 grant through CNY Arts, donations from Rotary, and other donors, and will need to be completed this year before the snow flies. She has a mock-up, but after presenting it to the Cortland Noon Rotary Club, she's making changes inspired by the suggestion to include imagery that represents Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

The lifespan of a mural is generally 8-10 years, and while Molly expects to be able to maintain the shelter mural over time, she doesn't need it to exist beyond it's expected time. "I think of walls as a temporary canvas. New things will come along, it's neat to pass the torch to the next person."



Molly also organizes Cortland's annual PorchFest, and this year hung up the sign pictured above in recognition of Rick Janke's support of the event. This year the event raised \$8,000 for the Youth Bureau to be used toward Suggett Park improvements and music programming, and Molly thanked those who contributed to Rick's memorial fund.



Pat Clune 9/25
Karen DeWitt 9/29

Anniversaries

Corrine Hayes (9/20/2023)
Matt Banazek (9/29/1990)

NEXT WEEK'S
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
MIKE SHAFER



FINAL APPEAL
NEW EXCHANGE CHAIR
NEEDED
BEFORE OCTOBER!

Help us keep this important
program going in our club!

Contact Karen DeWitt

Happy Dollars

Glenn Reisweber: For Molly Reagan, who is the personification of creativity, a phenomenal educator, thank you for staying and making a difference in our community.

Conrad Janke: For Molly, our speaker.

Mike Shafer: He and Terry Cahill will be speaking on the radio on Saturday, tune in at 10!

Kim Cameron: Excited to announce that the League of Women Voters will be having a "meet the candidate" event on October 20th at the Living History Center; also Barriers to Voting event on October 5th.

Mark Helms: Reminder for the river cleanup and radio show, also hosting a drug take back that day.

Jeremy Boylan: River cleanup signup sheet going around; son Christopher will do an internship as a producer for the Yarmouth Red Sox of the Cape Cod Baseball League, managing video & radio broadcasts.

Steve Cinquanti: Celebrated forty-six years married to Terri!

Don Richards: For Steve being back and healthy; Bill Masterson's wife Sherri has a new heart.



**THIS Saturday at
8:30 am
Meet at the
Riverside Plaza,
near Ollie's**



OUR MEMBERS' FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THE FALL SEASON

Chrissie Allen: My favorite fall thing...leaves changing colors!!

Matt Banazek: My favorite thing about autumn is the sense of the change in season from the warm summer to the cold of winter.

There is a sense of purpose to finish any garden/yard tasks.

There is the need to process any remaining garden produce.

There are cooling temperatures and the shortening hours of daylight.

There is the notable change in wildlife and nature, especially the fall foliage.

Conrad Janke: My fall fun favorite is fresh donuts and cider at Hollenbeck's!

Bob Martin: The smell when hiking in the woods in Fall.

Scott Goodrich: My favorite fall thing is spending a week at Adirondack deer camp. I have been going for over 40 years.

Laurie Comfort: I will say EVERYTHING BUT ONE THING. I love the colors, smells, weather, apple picking, pumpkins, FOOTBALL, sweaters. What I don't care for is Pumpkin Spice, lol.

Don Richards: I really like the colors of the trees in the fall that we get to enjoy here in the northeast.

Rosie Taravella: My favorite thing about fall are the cool mornings and having an excuse to burn a pumpkin scented candle!

Leanne Bair: My favorite thing about the fall season is the crispness in the air - as a runner the change from the muggy air of summer is a blessing!

Chuck Feiszli: What's not to like. Beautiful cool weather. Bright colors. Nothing better than fall in Upstate NY.

Steve Cinquanti: I love the woods in the fall!



**Photo courtesy of
Chuck Feiszli**



CONRAD JANKE HAS FORMED A TEAM FOR THE NOVEMBER 8TH WALK IN SYRACUSE- LET HIM KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN!



Current Team Members



Conrad



Rosie



Sophie



Chrissie



Laurie



Anna McGraw

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CORTLAND COUNTY

BARRIERS TO VOTING

AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

SPEAKER:

GRANT REEHER, PH.D

Senior Research Associate in the Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Professor of Political Science at SU's Maxwell School, host of "The Campbell Conversations" on WRVO

October 5 at 5 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5 p.m., followed by talk/discussion at 6 p.m.

CNY Living History Center

RSVP PLEASE!
Dinner: Optional (\$20/person); Discussion: FREE

JOIN THE CONVERSATION