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CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Wednesday

KEEPING IT FUN, FAIR, & FIRM Introducing K-9 Officer Kristyn Drake & Kort



CBR was joined this week by City of Cortland Police Department's K-9 Officer Kristyn Drake and her partner Kort! Drake has been an officer for five years and in the K-9 Unit for three. Kort, the hard-working, yet incredibly social Belgian Malinois that serves as Officer Drake's partner, came from Holland where he received his first six weeks of training as a police dog. Kort then underwent an additional six weeks of conjoined training together with Officer Drake at Shallow Creek Kennels. The duo now serves in the Cortland community detecting narcotics that includes heroin, cocaine, meth, fentanyl, and MDMA; as well as apprehending suspects, locating missing persons and sniffing out articles that might be considered evidence. Just last year Kort was invaluable in helping to locate a student missing from Smith School, picking up the trail from the smell of the child's backpack, and despite the area being contaminated with the scents of all the other teachers & students- an incredible display of his skills!

Upon first meeting Kort, Officer Drake was nervous to pet him, but Kort proved to be very loving and a bond was formed almost instantly. According to Drake, the dog loves people, is great with kids, and has a current obsession with "apprehending" squirrels. Fortunately, Officer Drake was able to train Kort out of a similar drive to go after deer.

The equipment used by the K-9 Unit are usually donated or purchased by donated funds, so the City of Cortland Police Dept. expresses their gratitude for the support generously provided by the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club.



President: Jackie Burke

Front Desk: Kathie O'Mara, Mike Catalano

Thought of the day:

Dianne Higgins

Birthdays:

None

Anniversaries:

Terry Cahill (June 15, 2022)

Bob Martin (June 15, 2022)

Attendance: 31

Zoom: 0

Guests:

David Guerrera

Kristyn Drake

Kort

Forrest Earl

Kimberly Allen

Carol Costell Corbin

Raffle winner:

Mark Roberts

Announcements:



- June 19th - McGruff Tournament (8am registration)- sign up by Monday or Tuesday of next week! Call or text Don Richards.
 - Matt Banazek has volunteered to be McGruff.
 - *Seeking help with registration.
- June 25th - Pass the Gavel dinner- one more week to sign up.
- Scholarship Committee has selected two recipients for \$500 scholarships.
 - Seven Valleys New Tech- Alessia Davis
 - Cortland High- Reagan Whitney

Menu

Pass the Gavel

PAUL HARRIS

RECOGNITION



🕒 JUNE 25TH 🕒 5:30 CASH BAR

📍 Center for the Arts



New York Strip Steak w/Smoked Tomato Blue Cheese Butter, Basil, Gremolata, Roasted Chicken, Ratatouille, Spiced Tomato Oil, Fingerling potatoes, Tarragon & Pickled Mustard Seed Mousseline Ricotta Cavatelli, Cherry Tomato, Fennel & Capers Summer Mixed Berry Salad, Arugula, Feta, Fennel, Lemon Basil & Honey Vinaigrette

The Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club Presents:
34th McGruff Golf Tournament

June 19, 2025



Happy Dollars



Ed Finkbeiner: For the "best woofus" guest; visiting Mystic seaport.

Conrad Janke: Had a great St. Anthony's Festival; thank you to Matt, Kathie, Kurt, Mike, Chuck, & Forrest.

Steve Cinquanti: Congrats to Glenn, Kathie, Nick, and Chrissie for paying your dues! Reminder- pay your dues!

Glenn Reisweber: Great job on St. Anthony's; commends Mark Roberts, commissioner of the pickleball league- a great group of misfits! Ed F. will raise \$37 million for the building of an indoor pickleball facility. Great job Matt B. on the dinner!

Laurie Comfort: For our new members.

Chrissie Allen: Grateful to have been taken under Jackie's wing, and for the warm welcome into the club.

Mark Roberts: For first practice as new commissioner of pickleball league, still taking new members to play on Wednesday mornings, 6:00am (weather permitting) at courts behind Homer Fire Station.

Bob Martin: Taken in a family of four Afghan refugees, learning lots of new things as he helps the family get settled. Seeking permanent housing.

Corrine Hayes: For our guest speakers and new members.

Nick Lundberg: Happy to be a new member; thank you to Kathie O'Mara for bringing him in; for Matt. Banazek, a long-time friend; for St. Anthony's Festival; for his daughter who said first thing this morning that she's happy.

Forrest Earl: Glad to be enjoying breakfast with the Breakfast Rotary Club; thank you to the village of Homer for hosting pickleball; thank you Kurt for roping him in to cook at St. Anthony's; custom in his club that there is a fine for anyone pictured in the news not wearing their Rotary pin!

Chuck Feiszli: For St. Anthony's and the pickleball league.

Mike Shafer: Welcome to new members, visitors, and guests; and for Conrad's photo in the paper.

Jeremy Boylan: For our new members; brought the copy of the Cortland Standard featuring Conrad- they must be trying to sell more issues by putting eye candy on the front page!

Matt Banazek: Welcome to Nick and Chrissie; for a successful St. Anthony's & for the pickleball league; donates the first dollar to the "Ed Finkbeiner Memorial Pickleball Center"

Kathie O'Mara: Welcome new members!

Don Richards: For St. Anthony's, Kurt traded a beer for an extra sausage; for our new members; advertising an opening in sales & project management at CCC, Inc.

Jackie Burke: For our new members; wonderful to see our club grow, great energy this morning.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CHRISSIE ALLEN & NICHOLAS LUNDBERG!

THE BIG CHECK GOES TO THE HOMER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL PREP PROGRAM



The PREP program provides sneakers, socks, underwear, and hygiene products to around 350 kids in the community.





CONRAD JANKE MAKES THE
FRONT PAGE OF THE
CORTLAND STANDARD!



Please pay your dues!

2025-26 Membership dues are now
being collected and are due by July 1st.



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