

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

Together We Serve, Together We Make a Difference



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Front Desk:

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Thought for the Day:

Chuck Feiszli

Raffle Winner: Conrad Janke

Attendance: 26

Zoom: 0

Guests:

Bryn Carr

Sophia Lin

"For the Community, By the Community" Bryn Carr, The Hub, & Toys for Tots



Bryn Carr has returned as a guest to the Cortland breakfast Rotary Club to introduce the Cortland Collective Impact Initiatives (CCII), the Hub, and the work taking over Toys for Tots. Carr is Founder and Director of CCII, an organization striving to bring to life services that the community needs and wants. These have included everything from cooking classes, theater productions, a youth orchestra with free instrument rentals and lessons, and creative arts programs, to hosting the Homer Regional Farmers Market.

As their offerings expand, CCII has been looking for a home base, and seems to have found it at the old Cook Brothers building located at 206 S Main Street in Homer. With a goal to be ready for occupancy by mid-December, and work still to be done to ready the space, Carr is optimistic they can make it happen. Either way, Toys for Tots will have a home.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Photo

* November 4, 2026

Alzheimer's Walk

* October 24- Ithaca
November 8- Syracuse

**Area 13 Meeting-
Hopshire**

* November 14, 2026

For the Community continued...

Last Christmas, Toys for Tots distributed 3,170 toys to 1,045 local children. When it was announced that Cortland operations of the program were to be discontinued, Carr stepped in - "There's no way we can let this leave the community with all these toys that the community donated in good faith."

Over 2,000 toys have already been donated for this year's event, fourteen of the planned twenty collection boxes out in the community, and \$8,000 to go toward additional purchases.

Come December 19th, if the Hub is ready the event will be held indoors, but failing that Carr has a large tent at the ready.

Carr expressed that they will be in need of volunteers, with jobs available that include helping with check in, replenishing the shop, wrapping gifts, serving as a personal shopper, and maintaining a festive atmosphere.

But even before that Carr asked the group to help by:

1. Spreading the word
2. Suggesting creative ways to fund raise
3. Donating- they're \$12,000 away from goal
4. Lending expertise- plumbers, electricians, contractors

[CCII FACEBOOK](#)

Banners



Dianne Higgins 10/13
Chuck Feiszli 10/15
Kurt Behrenfeld 10/17

Anniversaries

Chuck Feiszli (10/17/2007)



Chuck F. in his youth, image courtesy of Conrad Janke, who remembers this day as well. =)

NEXT WEEK'S
 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
CHRISSIE ALLEN

Happy Dollars

Mike May: Successful TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) procedure.

Bob Martin: Meals of Hope presentation, looking to have another partner organization join in.

Mark Roberts: Kathie O'Mara was featured in What's Hot, covering Hollenbeck's.

Doug Withey: Sophia Lin is back with us; for Karen DeWitt's work in the youth exchange program.

Mike Shafer: One year anniversary of his hip replacement; will meet with Dottie Fowler to present her with Paul Harris plus five recognition.

Matt Banazek: Karen DeWitt- thank you for all your efforts in the exchange program.

Don Ferris: For all Karen's good work; Mike May joining the TAVR club.

Kathie O'Mara: National Dessert Day

Laurie Comfort: Expecting an addition to the family come May!

Conrad Janke: For Bryn Carr, our speaker.

Thank you Karen DeWitt!



Through her tremendous work as the Youth Exchange program chair, Karen DeWitt "brought the world to Cortland, and Cortland to the rest of the world," building a large, loving international Rotary family.



National Day of Service

Oct. 23rd

Lend a
hand!



TWO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
in just one day!

Saturday, Oct 24 | Johnson City
REGISTER FOR EACH SEPARATELY

District Learning Assembly
Register @ cnyrotary.org/events

Rotary Leadership Institute
Register @ RLINEA.org

[REGISTER FOR DLA HERE](#)

[REGISTER FOR RLI HERE](#)

Morning: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Just \$25/person includes breakfast, lunch, and a half day of facilitated learning with members from across our region

Afternoon: District Learning Assembly (DLA)

FREE and starts with lunch, followed by breakout sessions on a variety of topics helpful for club leaders and members alike

These learning events are open to ALL members, regardless of past, current, or future leadership intentions. **Understanding more about Rotary, our online tools, our brand, and the best practices for vibrant clubs enhances everyone's member experience!**



**MAKE SURE TO BE AT THE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4TH
TO BE IN THE CLUB PHOTO!**



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JOIN THE TEAM!](#)

A Rotary Club of Cortland Social...

(Spouses and Significant Others are welcome too!)

EAT, DRINK and BE SCARY!

Please join us for our 3rd Annual
Halloween Happy Hour



Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 / 5pm-7pm

****This will be in place of our lunch meeting. No lunchtime meeting on Oct 27th.***

**At the home of Kevin and Sheila Ossit
4314 Alexandria Drive
Cortland, NY 13045**

--Stop by for Chili, Mac n Cheese, and other Fall Favorites!
--You do not need to be in costume (unless you want to!).

***We hope to see you!
RSVP appreciated, but not required.
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