

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

We Have Fun, And We Get Things Done!



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President Mark Roberts

Front Desk:

Dianne Higgins
 Chrissie Allen

Thought for the Day:

Don Ferris

Raffle Winner: Karen DeWitt

Attendance: 31
Zoom: 5
Guests:
Kimberly Allen
Mandy Eaton
Ric Van Donsel
Ron Wilson
Roger Dick
Tom Carman
Kevin Crosley
Nancy Sherman Formisano

UPCOMING EVENTS

Area 17 Social Gathering

* April 2, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Join us at Vespar Hills Golf Club in Tully for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Thirty-Five Years of the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club

Steve Cinquanti



The Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club celebrated our 35th anniversary with a special Founder’s Breakfast, featuring a presentation on the club’s early years by charter member Steve Cinquanti.

The club began meeting informally in June of 1990, made up initially of members of the Rotary Club of Cortland for whom a morning meeting was more convenient. Once the requirement of having twenty-five members was met, the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club was officially chartered on February 16, 1991, with charter president Sandy Samson, who committed the club to the goal of “becom[ing] a shining point of light in our community.”

“We decided we were not going to sing,” Cinquanti recalled, “and we would not do fines but Happy Dollars instead,” but it would take more to figure out who we were, and to get ourselves on the map.

“We needed an event to resonate with the public, make a big splash”—this would come in the form of the Charity Golf Tournament, first held on June 27, 1991. “We wanted to load it up with cool, fun stuff. We didn’t know what we were doing, and we recruited forty-four teams. It lasted five and a half hours!”

Instrumental to the development of the tournament was George Sherman, who would be recognized as CBR’s first non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow, and whose contribution to the club was posthumously memorialized by a basketball court in Truxton in 2005.

[VIEW STEVE'S
PRESENTATION HERE](#)

Memories of the early days...

“Rotary means a lot to me, it was a big part of my early career.”

Kevin Crosley

In reference to serving as the second president- “It was a great time! Fun to be part of this vibrant organization.”

Tom Carman

“We did good things. And we became friends, the most important part for me.”

Ric Van Donsel

“Thanks to Sam Forcucci!”

Charlie Dellow

“Sam Forcucci brought such vibrancy to the club...we did so much over the years.”

Don Ferris



**Jeremy Boylan
(2/18)
Jessie Farrell
(2/24)**

Anniversaries

Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club! (2/16/1991)

Rotary Leadership Institute

When: March 7th, 8am-1pm

Where: Johnson City High School

What: Courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations.

Cost: \$25



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Happy Dollars

Don Richards: For his Rotary sponsor, Charlie Dellow; for the formation of a morning Rotary club 35 years ago.

Kathie O'Mara: Welcome to our guests and visiting charter members.

Jackie Burke: Second previous sentiments, and excited to hear Steve's presentation.

Laurie Comfort: Nice to be part of a great group!

Charlie Dellow: It's great to be here.

Don Ferris: For our visiting charter members.

Conrad Janke: Thank you to our charter members; thank you Dianne Higgins and Kathie O'Mara for the set-up; his brother Otto is going on the Cortland High Alumni Wall of Fame.

Kim Cameron: First time at an anniversary event like this.

Pat Clune: For Glenn Reisweber, his Rotary sponsor; for being here even though he came late.

Bob Martin: For Sophie's work on the newsletter, one of the best; and for our great website thanks to Steve Cinquanti.

Ed Finkbeiner: For Charlie Dellow and his woodworking inspiration; for allowing him to be a Rotary member; for Glenn, his sponsor.

Mike Catalano: Daughter-in-law currently in labor with child #4.

Glenn Reisweber: For our "tribe of elders" that set things going; for Mike May.

Joanne Sautter: For our club's anniversary.

Dottie Fowler: Happy that we're all here, and she joins us at 95 years old.

Mike Eves: For all the hard work in the Grace Space; for Don introducing him to Rotary; for the club's 35 years.

Mark Roberts: Joined CBR 11 months into its existence.

Mike Shafer: For his Zoom gallery filled with faces he's delighted to see.

Roger Dick: "Seconds" Mike S.

Tom Carman: Great to see other charter members.

Nancy Formisano: Great to see everyone, charter members are all still looking pretty good!

District 7180, Area 17 Social Gathering



The Loft at Vesper Hills



4589 Octagon Rd. Tully,

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF:
TULLY, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CORTLAND, CORTLAND BREAKFAST,
WHITNEY POINT

April 2, 2026; 530pm—730pm
Cost. \$15 per person, includes our d'oeuvres. (Let us know if you prefer gluten free)

The first 55 people to reply to Conrad Janke are in!
Text: 315-460-0258
Email: conradjanke@mac.com

Venmo: @Conrad-Janke, or pay your Club Treasurer

A chance to meet and socialize with Rotarians from our area, guests are welcome;
Featuring each Club explaining their Service Projects;
A District Outline from District 7180 President **Bob Balk**.

<p>Women's History Dinner & Discussion</p>	
<p>Monday, March 2nd, CNY Living History Center</p>	<p>SIGN UP HERE</p>
<p>"Remembering History: Why and How, with insights from the 1850s and 1920s" A discussion with Sara Catterall, author of <i>Amelia Bloomer: Journalist, Suffragist, Anti-Fashion Icon</i> PLEASE JOIN US!</p>	
<p>Dinner (\$18/person) at 4:45 p.m. and/or a discussion (free) at 6 p.m.</p>	



KIWANIS CLUB OF CORTLAND

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 AT MCGRAW BOX BREWING CO.
 1 SPRING ST. MCGRAW NY
 REGISTRATION AT 11:00
 BAGS FLY AT 12:00

No partner needed!
 4 games - Round Robin.
 4 Bagger Challenge
 Dice Game

Registration Fee:
\$20
 per person

Cash prizes for top 3 teams!
Food & drinks available

50/50 & RAFFLE BASKETS

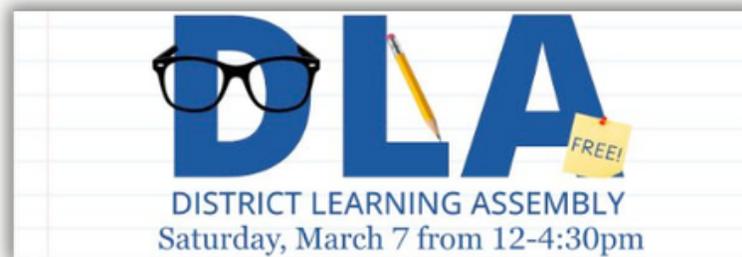





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 CLUB OF CORTLAND

PULLED IN AROUND
 1160 JARS OF PB & J
 WHICH WENT OUT
 TO VARIOUS LOCAL
 PANTRIES AND
 PROGRAMS, AIDING
 580 FAMILIES!





When: March 7th, 12pm–4:30pm

Where: Johnson City High School

What: This event is designed to prepare all club leaders with topics that will support administrative activities, membership growth, Foundation participation, better public image and more. We cannot stress this enough though –you do not have to be a leader to attend and all are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship and learning!

Cost: Free!

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When: April 11th, 8am–8pm

Where: Syracuse Downtown Marriott

What: Come together to collaborate and share ideas, celebrate our accomplishments, and plan a vibrant future.

Discounted Registration if You Sign Up by February 22nd!

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