

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

Together We Serve, Together We Make a Difference

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Front Desk:

Glenn Reisweber
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Thought for the Day:

Jessie Farrell

Raffle Winner: Mike May

Attendance: 26


Zoom: 0

Guests:


Alan McCormick
Michael Ragsdale
Rob Corpora
Anna McGraw
Pino Alarco Hernandez

UPCOMING EVENTS


EPIC Day of Service

 May 16, 2026


Ride for Rotary

 May 31, 2026

McGruff Tournament

 June 18, 2026

Paul Harris/Pass the Gavel Dinner

 June 24, 2026

“Helping People Solve Problems”

Alan McCormick and Up Boxed LLC



This week the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club welcomed Alan McCormick as guest speaker!

Alan and his wife, Amanda, come from the not-for-profit world to starting up their own small business from the ground up. Alan explained that “there are multiple ways to solve problems,” and that “small businesses can play a significant role in helping people solve problems.”

The McCormicks opened the doors to Up Boxed in the early part of 2024, and their services have been steadily expanding ever since. Eighty percent of their revenue comes in through shipping, and Up Boxed offers options via UPS, USPS and FedEx- “there’s always something we can do to help,” Alan said, no matter how unusual! In the last year, Up Boxed mailed over 65,000 packages. Shipping services also include packaging, and Up Boxed offers custom foam packaging, and even custom crating. Package receiving subscriptions start at \$6.99/month, and offer assurances to keep packages from getting stolen, wet or destroyed.

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Up Boxed LLC continued...

Up Boxed also offers mail boxes, and will soon be providing 24 hour access.

An option useful to businesses or offices is a virtual mail service where mail can be handled digitally, with the ability to choose to have mail shredded, or scanned and accessible without even needing to physically pick it up.

Other services offered by Up Boxed include faxing, shredding, laminating, and even fingerprinting.

While Cortland ReUse has been working to eliminate waste from the SUNY Cortland students that tend to trash perfectly usable dorm furniture, Up Boxed is meeting another need by storing students' items over the summer, with a pickup/dropoff option available for an extra fee.

As various shipping companies have closed in the area, Up Boxed has been meeting various needs for residents- "Cortland is a smaller city, but we deserve access to services." And Up Boxed has been providing that access with special emphasis on friendly, professional, and helpful customer service.



Up Boxed celebrates 91 Amazon drop-offs in one day!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT
UP BOXED LLC HERE](#)



May 6- Mike May
May 9- Terry Cahill
May 12- Mike Shafer

Anniversaries

Bob Haight (5/12/2010)



Host Family NEEDED

Contact Karen DeWitt

Happy Dollars

Mike Shafer: For Jackie and the Kiwanis Club's work getting a playground put in at Dwyer Park; for a nice evening at the Cinquanti's.

Doug Withey: For the Dwyer Park playground, there was a big turnout from various clubs to help (many hands make light work) and a great sense of camaraderie; for the success of the Corn Ducky Derby.

Kim Cameron: Vote411- school board election information; the Alice Walker award is going to Mary Ellen Bloodgood, award dinner on May 28th; League of Women Voters working with Interact & Youth Council to talk to students about the importance of voting; Kim was keynote speaker at South Seneca School during their Civics Day (something we should implement here!).

Kurt Behrenfeld: Just happy!

Mike May: For the YMCA- "It's a new Y!"- encourage to attend Annual Meeting May 14th at 6pm.

Bob Pitman: Moving into the new police department; successful surgery.

Jeremy Boylan: Glad to have our police chief back.

Conrad Janke: For the St. Anthony's celebration for Deacon Kurt, great turnout of support from Rotary members; for the Corn Ducky Derby.

Steve Cinquanti: Thank you to Mike Shafer for a great dinner.

Karen DeWitt: Going to Florida with Pino and others; granddaughter has gotten a full scholarship to Nazareth University.

Jessie Farrell: Woke up on the right side of the dirt; enjoy all club members as people in her life.

Laurie Comfort: Happy to be here.

Matt Banazek: Inducting Rob Corpora, Rosie Taravella, and Michael Ragsdale next week; for Pat Clune showing up on the front page of the Cortland Standard.

Don Richards: Congratulations to Kurt; thank you to Steve and Chuck for making Zoom available, keeps him connected with his Rotary family each week.



Seeking nominations for
Paul Harris Fellows!
Contact Kathie O'Mara



RED DRAGON REUSE EVENT

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MAY 17TH!!**





Induction Ceremony

Tentative date: Tuesday, May 19th
at the McEvoy Center

More details to come!

Ride for Rotary

Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club 

COMMUNITY DAY

 **MAY 31ST**  **REGISTRATION 11AM**

 **Homer Community Building (Behind the Fire Station)**

**RIDE, RUN, OR WALK!
RAISE FUNDS THAT GO BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY!**

[**PRE-REGISTER HERE**](#)



Cortland County Historical Society
OPEN HOUSE
NEW EXHIBITS!

MAY 16, 2026 AT
3:00PM TO 5:00PM

25 HOMER AVE
CORTLAND, NY

Celebrate spring with a trip to see what's new in the Suggett House Museum! We've got some special exhibits lined up for 2026 that you won't want to miss- the grand opening is Saturday, May 16th at 3pm.

Exhibit themes include:

- Music in Our Lives - History in Ink
- The Art of Living - America250

Look out for more details about these displays, coming soon!

Admission to the Suggett House is free