

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

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President Terry Cahill

Front Desk:

Kim Cameron
Sophie Welburn

Thought for the Day:

Terry Cahill

Raffle Winner: Kim Cameron

Attendance: 20

Zoom: 0

Guests:

Mike TenKate
Frank Kelly
Sophia Lin

From Hobby to Business *Mike TenKate & TenKate Hill Maple*



The Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club welcomed Mike TenKate as guest speaker this week!

TenKate retired from the city fire department as Deputy Chief in 2023 after about twenty-two years of service. But he wasn't necessarily done working.

He had been making maple syrup as a hobby for fifteen years or so. Starting with five taps, TenKate steadily produced more each year, hovering at a maximum of fifty. Knowing he'd never be able to make back what he invested in producing, TenKate never sold his syrup, simply giving it away.

But after jumping on the opportunity to purchase a neighboring piece of property that was home to a number of maple trees, he was ready to take it to the next level.

TenKate shared a bit about the history of making maple syrup, a process that started with the Native Americans and has evolved and modernized over the years.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Photo

* November 4, 2026

Alzheimer's Walk

* October 24- Ithaca
November 8- Syracuse

**Area 13 & 17 Meeting-
Hopshire**

* November 14, 2026

TenKate Hill Maple continued...

Now, TenKate utilizes a tubing and bulk tank collection system that uses a vacuum to draw the sap out of around 1100 taps. The raw sap first goes through a process of reverse osmosis to filter out much of the water before moving on to the evaporation process. TenKate Hill Maple bottles up their syrup in only glass bottles, are organically certified, as well as bird-friendly certified, meaning that they work to maintain their maple grove in a way that sustains bird habitats- leaving standing deadwood, and removing invasive plants. The syrup is available for purchase at Cortland Bike Co., Up Boxed, as well as on their [website \(click to visit the website!\)](#).



Mike TenKate provides syrup samples to Bob Martin, Pat Clune, and Conrad Janke.

Updated website!

Check out the new and improved home page on the club's website!

VISIT THE WEBSITE



None

Anniversaries

Todd Curtis (10/25/2023)

Jeremy Boylan (10/31/2007)

NEXT WEEK'S
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
LAURIE COMFORT

NOV. 4TH
Club Photo



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

Happy Dollars

Laurie Comfort: The 1890 House/Kiwanis Halloween event last Saturday was fun; it's her son's birthday today!

Steve Cinquanti: Thank you to Sophie Welburn, Jeremy Boylan, and Leanne Bair for input on the website- shifting to more club promotional for prospective members rather than simply internal communication.

Frank Kelly: For Karen DeWitt being so helpful with upcoming Passport Fair; for Doug Withey providing a ride for Tammy; his wife had an appointment in Rochester, outcome is that everything is okay.

Mike Shafer: Ran into Charlie Dellow at P&C, got the lowdown on his motorcycle travels south.

Terry Cahill: For our guest; for the gorgeous weather we've been having.

Kim Cameron: Won't be here next week because she is heading to Burlington, VT to relax post-election.

Conrad Janke: For Mike TenKate, our speaker; for Sheila Ossit's great party yesterday.

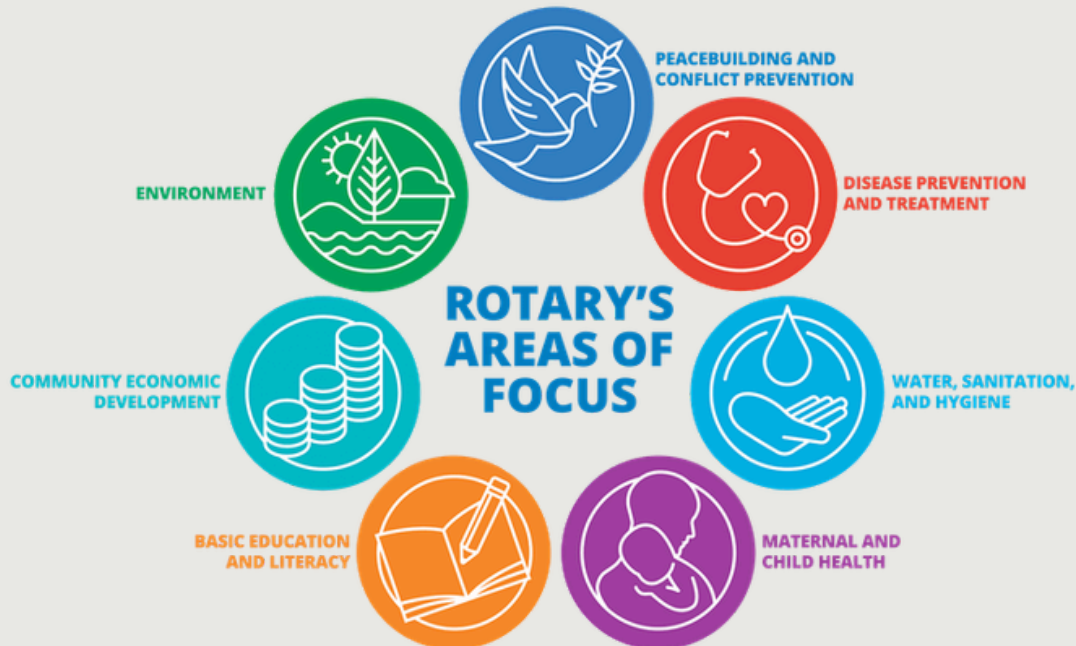
Molly Reagan Completes the Rotary Shelter Mural!



Rotary Revelations

Can you identify Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus in Molly Reagan's mural?

These are the core areas of focus to guide global grants, service projects, and humanitarian initiatives.



Volunteers Needed!

PASSPORT FAIR

November 14th -

At Cortland High School
Help is needed to conduct
interviews with prospective
exchange students.

**Contact Karen DeWitt or
Frank Kelly**





October 31 & December 5

Looking for volunteers—
*Gratifying experience of
providing kids with beds!*



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FAKE NEWS

Dinner & Discussion

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CORTLAND COUNTY

with **Sarah Glogowski** (Exec Director, Finger Lakes Library System) and
Mary-Carol Lindbloom (Exec Director, South Central Regional Library Council)

Please RSVP using
QR Code or
<https://forms.gle/BRQmmMruemDdGNka6>

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Sarah Glogowski
Executive Director,
Finger Lakes Library System

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Executive Director,
South Central Regional
Library Council

November 9, 2026

CNY Living History Center

Dinner: 5 p.m.
(Optional, \$20/person)

Discussion: 6 p.m.
(Free)

☒ **JOIN THE CONVERSATION.
YOUR PERSPECTIVE COUNTS.**

Election Night
Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday, November 3 4-7 PM

**Dinner includes:
spaghetti, meatballs,
salad, bread, cake,
beverage**

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**Adults \$12
Childs's portion \$8**

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Dine in or take out



St. Anthony Church Hall
50 Pomeroy St. ,Cortland



Distribution this year will take place on **Saturday December 19th** at 206 South Main Street Homer (The Hub)- there will be setup and take down work as well as funneling the families through a few at a time on the day. There are all kinds of jobs to fill, from building the tent for the parents to shop in, to restocking, being a shopping assistant, checking families in, and more.

SIGN UP TO HELP!

TOYS FOR TOTS
WAIVER FORM