

We Have Fun, And We Get Things Done!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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“WE’RE GONNA MAKE THIS HAPPEN!”

AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE KIWANIS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND



Playground installed by the county
July 2025

This week, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club member Jackie Burke was joined by Morgan Spaulding (Cortland County Grant Administrator) and Melanie Vilardi (Cortland County BDC Executive Director) to provide an update on the Kiwanis Community Playground at Dwyer Park. When the playground equipment was removed in the fall of 2024 for safety reasons, Jackie saw an opportunity to give back to the community and approached legislator Linda Jones for ideas. Linda connected Jackie with Morgan and Melanie, and the trio have been working tirelessly to plan and fundraise for a new playground ever since.

Also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cortland, Jackie applied to the Kiwanis Children's Fund which offers to match up to 40% and were awarded a portion of the requested funds. The Kiwanis Club itself has contributed \$25,000, and additional donations came from the generosity of various other clubs, organizations, and individuals: Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Cortland, Cortland Community Service Club, Cortland Community Foundation, Yaman Foundation, as well as Guthrie Cortland Medical Center who will sponsor the ribbon cutting.

While the county did install a new playground last summer, the Kiwanis Community Playground will complement it by featuring ADA accessible and more toddler-friendly equipment. Half of the equipment has already arrived, with the rest expected in spring when installation is also anticipated to take place. While a third-party installer will oversee the project, the community is invited to come and help!

Looking forward, there are plans to begin an annual spring cleanup as well as a Family Play Day to be held in the summer. In addition, there is one more piece- a large xylophone- that they're hoping to raise funds for, purchase, and add to the playground.

Announcements:

- 12/5- Dollar Drop- This Friday! See schedule on next page.
- 12/14- Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk. Seeking volunteers to help with the food drive portion @ 7:30am.
- 12/14- Wassail Party at the 1890 House is a great opportunity to see CBR's tree!
- Please be sure to vote on Board of Directors members; ballot came via email from Dianne Higgins on 12/2.
- Work on Warming Center in full motion, hope to have a new roof on by the end of the week, flooring donated by Osborne's, and tentative plan to be open before Christmas.
- 12/21 @2pm - Don Richards invites members to come to see the Delaney Brothers Bluegrass Christmas at the Center for the Arts; contact Don (607-745-7779).

President: Mark Roberts

*Front Desk: Mike May
& Jessie Farrell*

*Thought of the day:
Bob Martin*

*Raffle winner:
Melanie Vilardi*

Birthdays:

None

Anniversaries:

None

Attendance: 26

Zoom: 1

Guests:

Morgan Spaulding

Melanie Vilardi

Pino Alarco Hernandez



DELANEY BROTHERS

PERFORMING 12/21 @ 2PM

AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Happy Dollars



Conrad Janke: For our guest speakers, Morgan Spaulding and Melanie Vilardi.

Jackie Burke: For Morgan and Melanie.

Doug Withey: In recognition of the loss of an employee; grateful for his time, he was a great kid and his is a huge loss.

Glenn Reisweber: A talk from Morgan and Melanie will be good!

Salvation Army Dollar Drop—Friday, December 5

	Main St	and Groton	Ave.	Tompkins	And	Broadway
10am—Noon	Chuck Feiszli	Bob Martin		Conrad Janke	Teresa Gilbert	
Noon—2pm	Interact	Interact		Glenn Reisweber	Mark Roberts	
2pm—4pm	Kyle Behrenfeld	Kurt Behrenfeld		Mike May		

Major Corinne Hayes.
 Conrad Janke.
 Bob Martin.
 Chuck Feiszli.
 Kay Kresge. (Interact).
 Kurt Behrenfeld.
 Kyle Behrenfeld.
 Teresa Gilbert
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 Mark Roberts
 Mike May.

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[Sign up here](#)

December 14th @ 9am

Guthrie Cortland Memorial
 Center partners with Cortland
 Rotarians to benefit the Seven
 Valleys Health Coalition!

GINGERBREAD
5K
RUN/WALK





CBR's FACEBOOK GETS A "FACELIFT"!

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The 1890 House
presents its annual

Wassail Party

Celebrate the joy of the season!

Sunday, December 14th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
at the 1890 House, 37 Tompkins St., Cortland



Festivities to include:

- 12:00pm to 4:00pm:
 - Open House (all floors)
 - Festive Fare
 - Traditional Wassail Punch
 - Visits by Santa Claus & The Grinch!
- 12:00pm to 1:45pm:
 - Dickens Christmas Carolers
- 2:00pm to 3:00pm:
 - CNY Flute Choir
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm:
 - CHS Instrumental Ensemble

*Free
and Open to the Public*



OPTIONAL (but appreciated): Please bring
a can of food to donate, as we will be accepting
donations for our local food pantry.

COME SEE THE CORTLAND
BREAKFAST ROTARY TREE!

