

*Let's Make Rotary a Priority!*

# CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Wednesday

## CREATING A WAVE OF IMPACT VICE PRESIDENT JACK DAY & MEALS OF HOPE



[Learn more about the meal  
packing process here](#)

Cortland Breakfast Rotary welcomed guest speaker Jack Day, a fellow Rotarian who currently serves as Vice President of Meals of Hope.

Meals of Hope's mission is "To inspire and empower communities to come together to end hunger," and is differentiated by a priority to keep the packed meals within the United States, primarily donated to the Feeding America Food Bank Network.

Jack Day expressed to the club that Meals of Hope is significant in that it does more than feed families, but is a community service project that transforms teams and strengthens communities, creating an even greater wave of impact.

In New York State, 2.8 million residents experience food insecurity, and almost 10% of the population of Cortland County is food insecure. Meals of Hope provides an opportunity for clubs like CBR to demonstrate that they walk the walk of being a community service organization. On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, CBR will have the opportunity to participate in a meal packing event along with the Noon Rotary Club, Kiwanis Clubs, and the Cortland Community Service Club. The meals we pack will stay within the local community. Make sure to sign up to help!

## CBR IS PARTICIPATING IN A MEAL PACKING EVENT!



**Packing 20,000 meals  
in 2 hours!**

**August  
2nd**

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**

**President:** Mark Roberts  
**Front Desk:** Conrad Janke  
**Thought of the day:**  
Terry Cahill  
**Birthdays:**  
Cindy Stoker (7/2)  
Jim Dempsey (7/3)  
Conrad Janke (7/8)  
**Anniversaries:**  
Mike May (June 26, 2024)  
Kathie O'Mara (July 1, 1994)

SEEKING FUTURE CHAIR FOR  
YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE



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**Attendance: 29**

**Zoom: 3**

**Guests:**

Jack Day  
Kim Allen  
Avery McCloud  
Mike Burke

**Raffle winner:**

Todd Curtis

## Announcements:



- Cortland ReUse is seeking volunteers on June 12<sup>th</sup> to assist as parking lot attendants during the Jr. Fair fireworks.
- Thank you to all those involved in making the McGruff Tournament & Ride for Rotary a success!
- Don Richards will be getting Ride for Rotary t-shirts out to those that haven't yet claimed them.
- Karen DeWitt is still seeking a new chair for the Youth Exchange Committee.

LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED AND MAKE YOUR MARK IN CBR?

*Consider mentoring in the role of Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Exchange committee chair, etc.*

## CURRENT OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

**President:** Mark Roberts  
**President Elect:** Terry Cahill  
**Secretary:** Dianne Higgins  
**Treasurer:** Steve Cinquanti

**2024-2026**  
**Jim Anderson**  
**Bob Martin**  
**Mike Shafer**  
**Mike Catalano**

**2025-2027**  
**Sophie Clough**  
**Todd Curtis**  
**Corrine Hayes**  
**Glenn Reisweber**

## Happy Dollars



**Jeremy Boylan:** Thank you Don Richards for a great McGruff Tournament; great job to Jackie Burke as president; thank you Kathie O'Mara for her work on the Paul Harris/Pass the Gavel dinner; son Chris graduated and is heading to Syracuse.

**Pat Clune:** Wishing Mark Roberts a great year as president; thank you Jackie Burke for great job as president; Kathie O'Mara- wonderful job on the dinner; Don Richards- tournament was a success; daughter graduated from college and is now home.

**Mike Shafer:** For Jackie & Mark, presidents; thank you to Kathie for work on the PHF/PTG dinner.

**Lee Schaff:** Grateful to have competent members take on the role of past & present president.

**Karen DeWitt:** For the work put into the PHF/PTG dinner, and for the honor bestowed on her as a fellow.

**Laurie Comfort:** For Jackie & Mark; CRT putting on a great show with The Wedding Singer.

**Chrissie Allen:** Great job to Jackie and Mark; mom underwent life-saving surgery.

**Dianne Higgins:** Grandson, who underwent heart surgery a few months ago, will be playing his first lacrosse game.

**Jackie Burke:** Excited about Mark taking on the role of president, looking forward to what the year will bring.

**Kathie O'Mara:** Thank you to Dianne for help planning the PHF/PTG dinner.

**Conrad Janke:** Started his role as Area 17 Representative.

**Bob Martin:** Trips to Ohio & Maine; while in Maine, attempted to go to a Rotary meeting but it turned out to be cancelled, he's grateful for Steve Cinquanti's work in keeping our club's website up to date; Afghan family moving into home on Elm Street.

**Don Ferris:** Thank you to Mark, Jackie, Dianne, and Kathie for the dinner event; and thank you for the Paul Harris designation.

**Kim Allen:** Attended the dinner with her mom, Dottie Fowler, who enjoys a good party! It was a joy to see her socializing, Dottie was saying "I love my Rotary" on the way home. Kim can remember Ride for Rotary events where Dottie was riding in the sidecar of Charlie Dellow's motorcycle; relayed a story about how connections are made through Rotary.

**Mike Catalano:** Thank you to Jackie for filling in to hand out award at 7 Valleys New Tech Academy.

**Bob Pittman:** Good to see Don Ferris part with money!

**Valerie Kaiser:** Survived June-cember; Girl Scouts campout; went to CNY Fiber Arts Festival; Ilya recognized with new leader award; for our incoming & outgoing officers.

**Don Richards:** Thank you Mark & Jackie; for the dinner; for Paul Harris recipients; it's great to have backups for leadership roles in the club- get involved!