

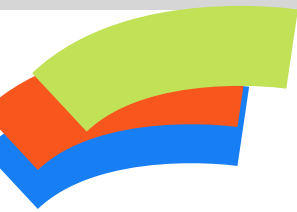
# Cortland Breakfast Rotary

"The Friendliest Club in the District!"



We'll figure it out!

Wednesday, 3-29-23



# JM Murray

## Ernie Dodge

## Molly Lane

WELCOME TO JM MURRAY

# SERVICES THAT PUT PEOPLE FIRST

JM Murray was founded in 1966 by John Murray, and is a non-profit that helps individuals with disabilities who need work. They are one of the few such businesses in the country that has a large work component. Their wages are based on productivity, or 14C, and the productivity of the majority of workers is less than 25%. Many of them have disabilities that they can not overcome, and have the pride and dignity of earning a paycheck.

Ernie pointed out some of the partnerships that JM Murray has, such as mowing and shoveling snow at the Preble and Whitney Point rest areas, and provide services that in Albany, Syracuse, and Auburn. We are grateful that people like Ernie and Molly provide this vital role in our community!



## **Ernie Dodge, President & CEO, JM Murray**

Ernie began his tenure at JM Murray in 1996 for then-President Roy Susskind. He held a variety of positions within JM's business division until 2018 when Ernie became President and CEO. Prior to joining JM Murray, Ernie was manager for nine years of a former restaurant and the Cortland Country Club. Ernie graduated from SUNY Cortland in 1986 with a B.A. in Economics and minor in Computer Science. He lives in Cortlandville with Hope, his wife of 32 years, daughter Eden and son Lannis.

**President.** Conrad Janke  
**Front Desk.** Karen Dewitt, Pete Williams  
**Thought for the Day.** Jim Dempsey  
**Guests.** Ernie Dodge, Molly Lane, Laura Spencer  
**Birthdays.** Eden Harrington-Hall, Lee Schaff  
**Rotary Anniversary.** Mark Helms

**Raffle.** Eden Harrington-Hall. **Attendance.** 26 + 4 Zoom

**SYDKAM.** Steve Cinquanti. An adrenaline junkie, Steve has: ridden a snow mobile from Homer to Lowville and back twice; ridden a motorcycle to the top of MA, the bottom of TN, and eastern WY; driven 21,000 miles in New England and never been in a car; drove around the US tent camping; flown a plane thrice; did at touch and go at Hancock Airport; jumped out a plane thrice; parasailed over the Atlantic Ocean; done a reverse bungee jump; driven a race car; scuba dove over a sunken sailboat; did a polar plunge with Otto Janke.

Board meeting next Tuesday, April 4, 7am, Zoom. All are welcome to attend.



We also received a thank you note and a check from Carolyn and Jim Williams for our cleaning their yard for Spring Clean Up. (p. 6).

Interact Invocation at BOCES McEvoy Auditorium on Tuesday, May 2, 1130am. This is what makes Rotary fun! (P. 9)

We received a thank you letter from Kevin Whitney and the Cortlandville Fire District for our help. (P.6).

The Interact Club will hold a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5 at Burnet Park Zoo.

Jeremy Boylan told us that the cut off for Seniors to apply for Spring Clean Up is this weekend, and we still have room on our teams.

Laura Spencer announced that Person to Person is having a Coffee Chat at Bru64 on Monday April 17 from 5-6pm. Just 2 hours a week can impact another's life! (p. 4).



Don Richards is happy to be back in the 607; Mike Shafer is also glad to be back, and for celebrating his daughter's birthday; Mark Hahn is happy to be in the building; Bob Martin was. glad to be part of a successful Lime Hollow Maple

Sugaring Day, and for the celebration at the Ukrainian Church; Jeremy Boylan ran the Homer Elks 3K, his son won first place and his daughter first for girls; Steve Cinquanti for Bob and Pam Martin dancing (p. 5); Karen Dewitt is excited for her granddaughter winning an award for pottery out of 300,000 entries! (P. 5). The award ceremony will be at the New York City Grange Hall.

## Laura Spencer

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# Person to Person

Advocacy For Persons With Developmental Disabilities

**WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**JOIN US FOR A COFFEE CHAT!**

Let's hang out at BRU 64 (64 Main St Cortland, NY) on  
**Monday, April 17th from 5-6pm.**

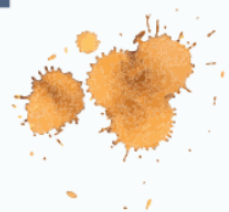
Coffee and treats will be provided!

Come learn about PPCA and our volunteer opportunities. We'll talk about being a bright spot for our neighbors in Cortland County and answer any questions you may have.

**Due to limited seating, please reserve your space** by calling Laura Spencer at 315-480-6142 or by emailing [lspencer@ppcadvocacy.org](mailto:lspencer@ppcadvocacy.org).



**Did you know that sharing just two hours each month can make a positive difference in someone's life?** At PPCA, we help an individual with a developmental disability (protégé) connect with their community by matching them one-on-one with a community volunteer (advocate). Our matches are friendships that two neighbors share by creating fun, memorable experiences together.



**Award Winning Pottery from the granddaughter of Karen Dewitt**



**Bob and Pam Martin—Happy Hoofers!**





## Cortlandville Fire District

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Cortland Breakfast Rotary  
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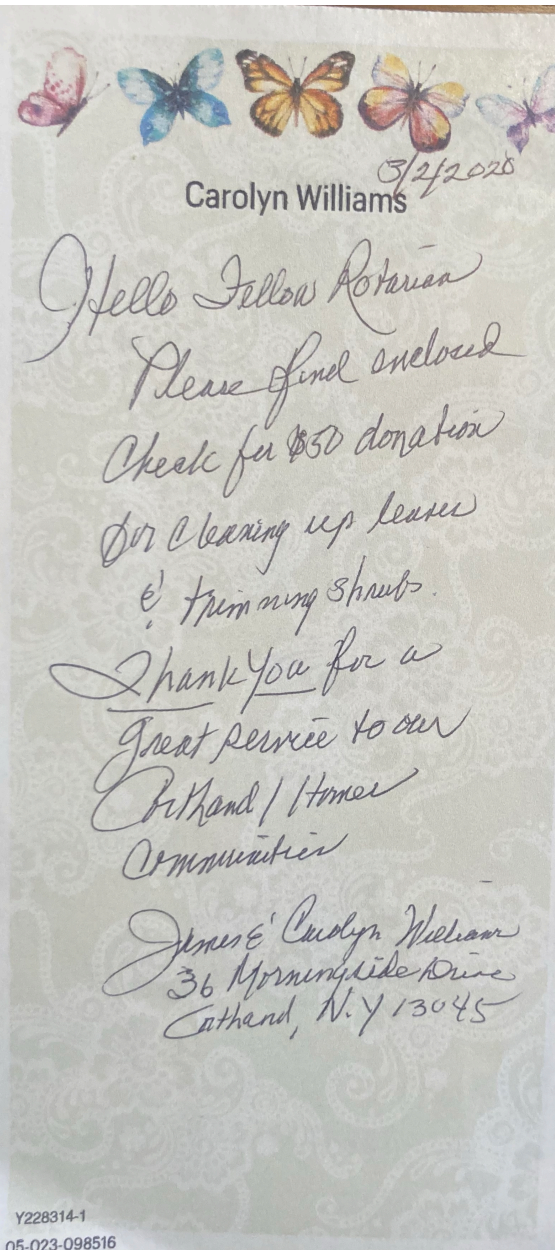
Dear President Janke,

Not sure if you had a chance to see the newest edition of What's Hot. I wanted to provide you a copy to make sure you know how important the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club has been to our center over the years. I also wanted to provide a copy of the original minutes showing the ideas generated on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Almost all have been fully realized. You share in a large part of that success and I wanted to say thank you and your members.

Sincerely,

Kevin Whitney  
Fire District Chairman  
607 423-2073

Cc: Mr. Don Richards



# *This Week's Quiz*

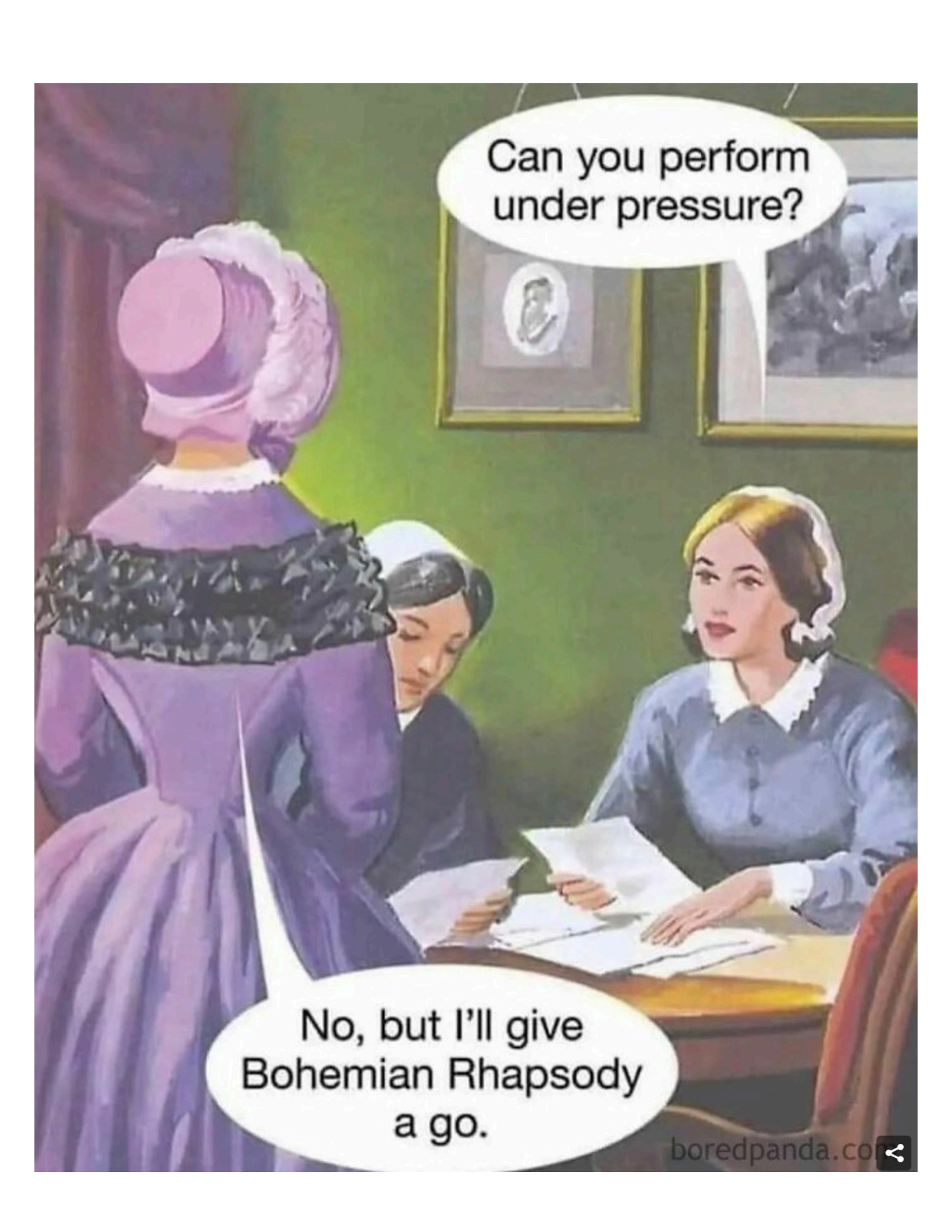
What connection does Marie Antoinette have.....



With a potato?

**Mark Roberts Knows!**





Can you perform under pressure?

No, but I'll give Bohemian Rhapsody a go.





*You are cordially  
invited to attend the*

# Seven Valleys National Honor Society Student Induction Ceremony

Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
11:30 a.m.

OCM BOCES Cortlandville Campus  
McEvoy Auditorium  
1710 NYS Route 13  
Cortland, NY 13045



**Please RSVP**  
by Friday, April 28, to  
Principal Christine Alexander  
[calexander@sevenvalleys.us](mailto:calexander@sevenvalleys.us)  
or by calling  
607-758-5130.



Modern technologies have made a vast array of conveniences available at the press of a button. But musician **David Byrne** wonders:

## Where's the human touch?

Last Thanksgiving I went to Whole Foods to get some last-minute odds and ends. Some months prior to that, a self-checkout line had appeared as an option at the store. On that November day, there were maybe three human checkout people, and since each one had a little line of people queued up, I tried the self-checkout. I had trouble scanning the Brussels sprouts, and a man came over and showed me how to do it. At the CVS close to me there is only one checkout person and four self-checkout devices. There is also a person there to help train customers to use the self-checkout machines. When I first saw that person in the store I thought, "These folks are training us to adapt to the ways of the machines, and in so doing are eliminating their own jobs." At Whole Foods there used to be maybe a dozen checkout people. Now, as I said, there were maybe three.

Now, scanning groceries may not be the most fulfilling job in the world, and it's true that retail's narrow profit margins incentivize businesses to cut costs. But the disappearance of these jobs is not just about a trend of vanishing employment opportunities; it's also about one more little human interaction going away.

Many of us enjoy our ability to shop, watch movies, and work remotely. I have a Zoom meeting in about half an hour, with

people in different parts of the country. Things like that would be difficult to do in person. But I do start to ask myself, what is the trade-off here? We're getting some amazing convenience, but are we losing something else, something that might be at least as valuable as convenience?

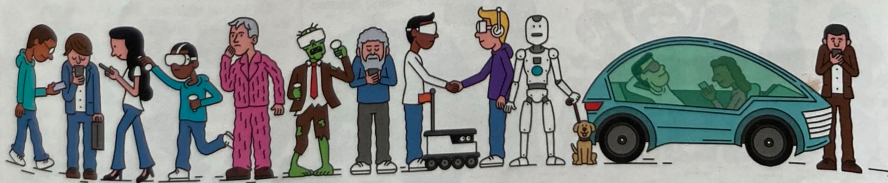
This separation from our fellows is not new. Cars granted individuals the choice to go where they wanted, when they wanted — and many of them chose to do it alone. Television and radio allowed us to be entertained at home; we didn't have to go out and mix with other people. The telephone allowed us to communicate (orally, at least) with folks without meeting them face to face. I am on the board of a nonprofit, and we did our meetings via Zoom during the pandemic. It worked, we stayed in touch, but the meetings were often enervating and drained one of energy. We communicate via a variety of signals — voice, body language, facial expressions — not all of which translate to picture-phone technology. When we started meeting in person again, the reverse happened: The meetings energized me, and I was excited by the ideas and proposals.

I am reminded of a famous quote by Margaret Thatcher, frequently (though incompletely) rendered as: "There is no such thing as society. There are only individuals." I disagree with her: We are

social animals, and that has not changed. But I can see that the rise of the concept of the autonomous "free" individual has become a commonly accepted idea, more or less, at least in the West. This assumption implies that the individual has primacy, and that the rights of the individual in many cases should trump those of the group. In extreme cases this means folks will run red lights and decide that the truth is up to them.

This world of individuals is not a new idea, but it's not that old either. In her recent book, *Magnificent Rebels: The First Romantics and the Invention of the Self*, Andrea Wulf proposes that the idea of the primacy of the individual gained favor and was first promoted in the 1790s by a handful of intellectuals in Jena, a university town in Germany. So, maybe not coincidentally this emphasis on the individual emerged around the same time as the Industrial Revolution, when people were being herded into cities to perform repetitive, tedious jobs in concert with new machines. I wonder if something similar is happening today. Are new technologies atomizing us under the guise of convenience and choice? Are we becoming nations of individuals, as Thatcher viewed us, rather than a society?

Does all this technology have an agenda? Is it truly neutral, or could that espoused neutrality be hiding a bias



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Whomever tests Conrad Janke first at 315-460-0258 and fills in the blank: "I miss the honky Tonks, Dairy Queens, and \_\_\_\_\_" gets a chance to win Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars with a Corn Ducky Derby ticket!