

We Have Fun, And We Get Things Done!

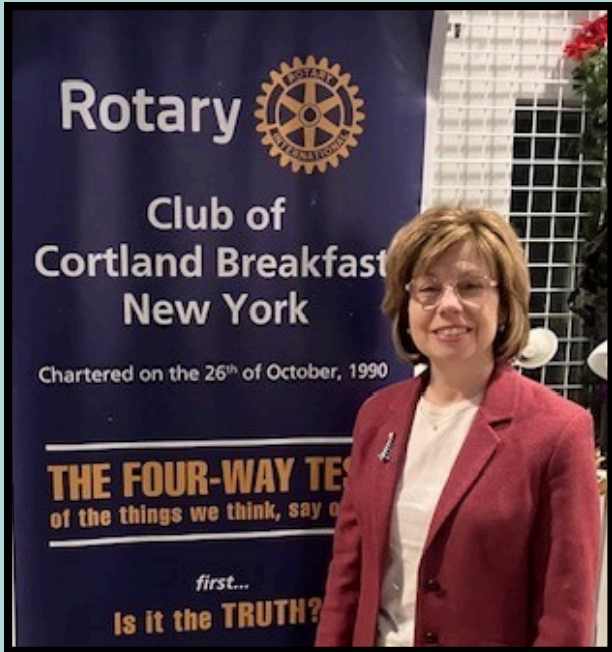
CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

12.17.2025

Cortlandbreakfastrotary.org

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“SUSTAINING A VIBRANT FUTURE” DR. AMY KREMENEK & TC₃



[Learn more about TC3's Strategic Plan 2025-2028 here](#)

Dr. Amy Kremenek, President of the Tompkins Cortland Community College, was guest speaker this week! Dr. Kremenek provided the club with an update on TC3 and its goals for the future. With enrollment growing, a focus on strategic budgeting and rightsizing the college's footprint, efforts to become more flexible and nimble, as well as renewed emphasis on growing community connections, Dr. Kremenek is optimistic about the future of TC3 yet cautious as the environment in which the college operates continues to change.

As of Fall 2025, TC3's head count is up 9.4%, with full-time enrollment up 11%. Applications this year are also up 41%! This is encouraging, for as Dr. Kremenek expressed: "So goes enrollment, so goes the college." TC3 has also redesigned their enrollment process in an effort to move closer to a one-step model that minimizes the number of places a student has to visit, as well as reducing the amount of time to enroll.

There are over forty majors on offer at TC3, but Dr. Kremenek intends to reduce that number as the college looks to better align their academic portfolio to actually match the jobs that are available locally. The most popular majors currently include computer science, chemical dependency counseling, and computer information systems. The college is also expanding partnerships in transfer programs with other educational institutions, particularly in health sciences.

Other recent projects have included the development of a facilities maintenance master plan, and the college recently raised the funds to re-pave on campus. Additionally, TC3 has renovated four residence halls and is working on selling three others, while looking toward building a career center.

Finally, Dr. Kremenek emphasized that community colleges are "designed to meet the needs of the community in which they reside," and so by establishing partnerships with high schools, transfer institutions, and regional employers, Dr. Kremenek is ensuring the work of the college is in direct service and support of the community,

To learn more about TC3's strategic plan, see the link above!

Announcements:

- No meeting for the next two weeks; see you January 7th!
- New Board members elected: Jeremy Boylan, Kathie O'Mara, Jessie Farrell, and Laurie Comfort.
- 12/19- Loaves & Fishes food basket event; need volunteers at 2:30pm setup for 3:30pm start. Contact Mike Shafer if you are able to help out!
- 12/21- Yule-ibration at the Ake Gallery @ 5pm.
- 12/21 @2pm - Don Richards invites members to come to see the Delaney Brothers Bluegrass Christmas at the Center for the Arts; contact Don by this Friday (607-745-7779).

President: Mark Roberts

*Front Desk: Mike May
& Jessie Farrell*

Thought of the day:

Doug Withey

Raffle winner:

Chuck Feiszli

Attendance: 19

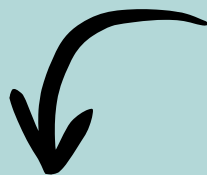
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Guests:

Dr. Amy Kremenek

Pino Alarco Hernandez

BANNERS



“All warmer
than here!”

Happy Dollars



Steve Cinquanti: For Nick's daughter showing up as another guest Zoomer.

Laurie Comfort: Congratulations to the new Board members; for Ed Finkbeiner who made the newspaper; recommends the Country Music Park's Lights Around the Pond!

Conrad Janke: Thank you to Dr. Kremenek for joining us as speaker; for Mark, Bob, & Doug helping out at bell ringing.

Mike Shafer: Thank you Amy for the good things going on at TC3; thank you to Jessie and Mike for letting him eat free last week, he caught up this week; the drive from Preble this week was easier, and Homer village is looking beautiful.

Kathie O'Mara: Visited sister's family in Olean.

Don Richards: Thanks to Dr. Kremenek for coming; for our new Board members, it's a great way to serve.

Mark Roberts: For our new Board members; for the holiday season.



Conrad Janke & Pat Clune visit the club tree at the 1890 House!



President Mark Roberts & Conrad Janke
ringing the bells last Friday!

Many Thanks!



CORTLAND LOAVES & FISHES
cortlandloavesandfishes.org

Cortland Breakfast Rotarians,
On behalf of our board, I would like to thank
you for your support of Loaves & Fishes, and
for your Backpack sponsorship. With your
help we raised over \$66,000 that evening to
help us continue our mission to feed those in
need in our community and schools. Our
School Backpack programs have grown to
include eleven schools in five counties, and we
couldn't do it without the generous support of
patrons like you. Thank you. Wishing you a
Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you!
Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Tom

Thomas Caminiti - Board President

November 16, 2025

Thank you!
Your kindness was greatly appreciated.
Dear Jackie
It is hard to fully express how
truly grateful we are at Loaves &
Fishes for the Club's years of
generous support of our mission
to feed the hungry in our community.
Wishing all Rotarians a joy full
Thanksgiving. Mike Slater Tres.

**LIGHTS
AROUND THE POND**
A COWBOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THROUGH

DECEMBER 16, 17, 18
6:00-8:00 PM
ONLY \$3 PER CAR

DRIVE THROUGH THE MAGIC ✦
Enjoy a glowing trail of Christmas lights and festive inflatables all around the pond at the Country Music Park! Stay in your car, take in the sights, and soak up the holiday spirit.



★ **STOP AT THE OPRY BARN!**

- Photos with Cowboy Santa
- Hot Cocoa
- Holiday Cheer for All Ages

**COUNTRY MUSIC
PARK & CAMPGROUND**
1824 ROUTE 13 • CORTLAND, NY

A cozy, family-friendly holiday tradition.
Come celebrate the season — Cowboy style.

SAVE THE DATE!
THE STARLING'S YULE-IBRATION



21 DECEMBER 2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
AKE GALLERY - CRESCENT COMMONS

The shortest day of the year is near, and what better way to ward off seasonal blues than with the warmth of community?

YOU are invited to join the murmuration this Yule for:

- * Hot Cocoa Bar & Treats
- * Open Mic Music & Performances
- * Fun, Fine Art for Sale Throughout the Ake Gallery
- * New and Like-New Giftable Items Exchange (Give items you haven't used; Get items you totally could!)

FREE to all; Donations appreciated.