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CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

Together We Serve, Together We Make a Difference

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President Terry Cahill

Front Desk:
Chrissie Allen
Laurie Comfort
Thought for the Day:
Laurie Comfort
Raffle Winner: Conrad Janke

Attendence: 31
Zoom: 1
Guests:
Bob Balk
Julie Rogers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alzheimer's Walk
November 8- Syracuse

Area 13 & 17 Meeting- Hopshire
November 14, 2026

Mike Shafer and the Rotary Foundation





Our very own Mike Shafer, Chair of the Foundation Committee, was our featured speaker this week, informing and reminding the club of the important work of the Rotary Foundation and how Rotarians play a role in raising and using the funds to do good in the world.

Mike started by challenging the group with whether they knew what Rotary International President Yinka Babalola has set as an aspiration for the 2027-2028 year: *Better Than Your Best* (read the full message here).

The first donation of $26.50 was made in 1917, with the Foundation formally named in 1928. The Foundation currently has an endowment of over $2 billion, the earnings from which are used each year towards projects that address the Seven Areas of Focus, and has made more than $4 billion in grants over the years.

The Foundation challenges each member to give $100 a year to the foundation, with some members giving more to help offset those who might not be able to give as much. The idea is that it averages out to $100/member, or an annual total of $1.5 billion.

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Rotary Foundation continued...

The Polio Plus Fund was started in 1985, and the goal is to totally eradicate polio globally within the next decade. Once achieved, Rotary's next priority will be providing clean water and sanitation to communities around the world, along with electrification.

But the money is not just for our international neighbors; through district grants and other grants, projects can take place in our local communities as well, and these too can reflect Rotary International's goals.

Recognition for giving to the Foundation comes in the form of the Paul Harris Fellowship, received after $1000 of contributions. For every dollar given, you also receive recognition points that can be shared to give recognition to other Rotarians and even non-Rotarians.

Give today, set up recurring giving, or check on your giving status by heading to the My Rotary website.

GO TO MY ROTARY

Don Richards Recognized as Paul Harris Fellow Plus Ten!

With generosity, Don epitomizes "Service Above Self"







Bob Haight 11/2
Laurie Comfort 11/4

Anniversaries

Dorothy Fowler (11/1/1990)
Steve Cinquanti (11/1/1990)
Sandy Samson (11/1/1990)
Charie Dellow (11/1/1990)
Don Ferris (11/1/1990)
Karen DeWitt (11/1/1994)

NEXT WEEK'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
JACKIE BURKE

Updated website!

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

VISIT THE WEBSITE

Happy Dollars

Dianne Higgins: This marks the end of the political campaign season!
Kathie O'Mara: Had fun dressed as Matt Hollenbeck last Friday.
Matt Banazek: St. Anthony's election night spaghetti supper was a huge success, crowds were phenomenal and they sold out of everything. Thanks to those who helped and came.
Karen DeWitt: Passport Fair on 11/14- volunteers needed throughout the day, an hour or two conducting interviews; also for Julie Rogers, who serves as host family to our exchange students and is checking out the club considering membership!
Sophie Welburn: Had a whirlwind trip to Toronto with mom, did sightseeing and went to a Loreena McKennitt concert.
Laurie Comfort: Enjoying this beautiful weather.
Pat Clune: Bittersweet news that his grandmother passed away at the age of 104 3/4, surrounded by family at home.
Mike Shafer: This is when the obituary will say "died unexpectedly."
Terry Cahill: For the long list of anniversaries, and those that gave us a great club to join, and for the weather.
Rosie Taravella: Went to see doctor to finally get scheduled for knee surgery!

Chrissie Allen Shares a Meals of Hope Story



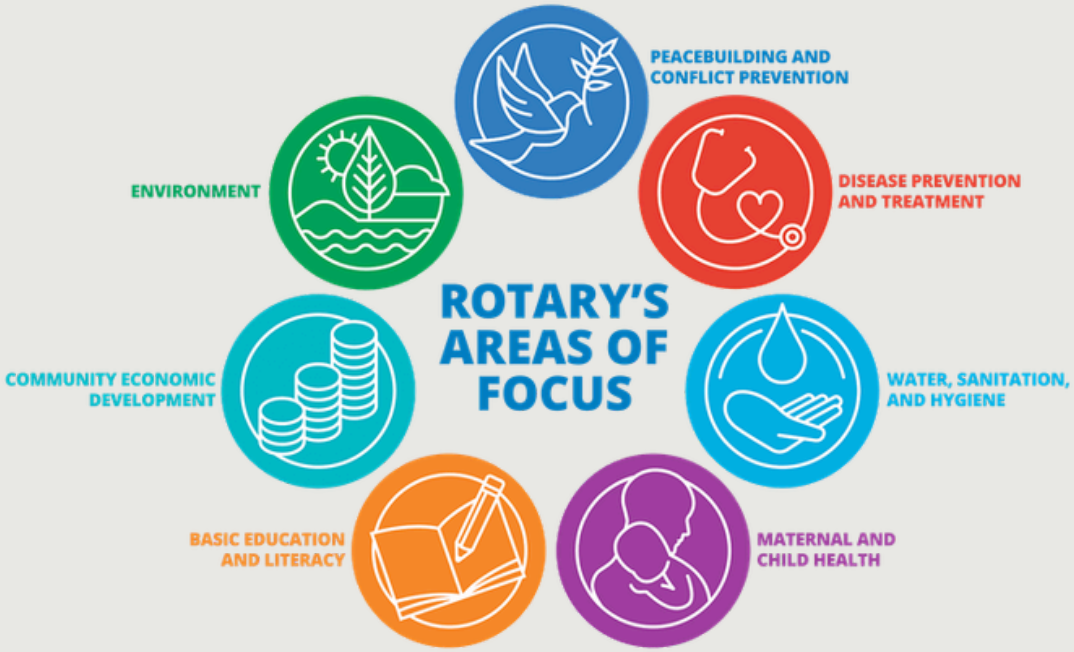
MEALS OF HOPE

Chrissie's daughter works in Moravia school district. The child she works with recieved his bag of food & was so excited he got the mac & cheese!
When she saw the rotary sticker she sent Chrissie a picture!
"It was so heart warming to see."

Rotary Revelations

What kinds of projects does our club do that matches with the Areas of Focus?

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



SHP
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

December 5

Looking for volunteers-
Gratifying experience of providing kids with beds!

TOYS FOR TOTS®

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