

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

Together We Serve, Together We Make a Difference



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Front Desk:

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Jim Dempsey

Thought for the Day:

Jeremy Boylan

Raffle Winner: Conrad Janke

Attendance: 23

Zoom: 0

Guests:

Anna McGraw

Frank Kelly

"Whose voice is being heard?" Kim Cameron & the League of Women Voters



This week, the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club heard from member Kim Cameron about the latest project undertaken by the League of Women Voters of Cortland County! Active since the 1970s, Cortland's League has lately focused on getting more people to the polls, and for the next year will be working on the 'Cortland Votes' campaign.

In 2023-2024, the League partnered with the SUNY Cortland Community Innovation Lab to conduct a demographic study of voters in Cortland county and compare to other counties. Findings indicated that 75% of eligible voters in Cortland county are actually registered as active voters (meaning they have voted within the last two years), with only 3% of those aged 20-29 years old registered as active voters, compared to 11% in the group between 60-69 years old. (continued on page 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meals of Hope

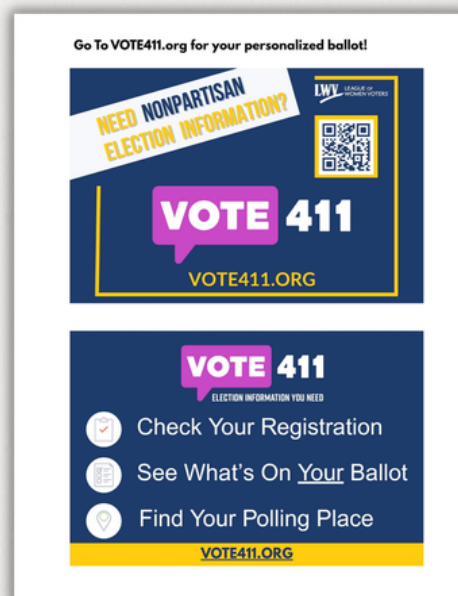
* July 31
& August 1, 2026

SHP Bed-Building

* August 8, 2026

Summer Picnic

* August 12, 2026



League of Women Voters continued...



Kim Cameron emphasized that “those people who do vote, their voices are louder....we need young people who are focused on the future [to vote].”

In order to amplify the idea that we can all vote, the League is pursuing a goal: “Let’s get everybody in Cortland voting!” Throughout the year, members of the League will be engaging in “lightning tabling,” where they are able to set up a table with informational materials within five minutes. The idea is to “be everywhere,” not just at the usual events like PorchFest, but in businesses too. They’re also looking for collaborators to help share the same voice spreading the message that “It’s important to vote!”

With this being a midterm election year, the League wants to see people engaged and voting, but perhaps even more important is boosting engagement with local elections- “Fewer people voting in local elections means our community suffers.”

**[CHECK YOUR
REGISTRATION HERE!](#)**



**Jim Anderson (7/26)
Dick Kroot (7/27)
Corrine Hayes (8/1)**

Anniversaries

Cindy Stoker (7/28/2021)
Ed Finkbeiner (7/31/2008)



**August 8th–
more info coming soon!**

Happy Dollars

Mark Roberts: Saw Karen DeWitt signed up to bring her cheesy potatoes for the upcoming picnic, he'll bring a to-go container.

Sophie Welburn: Took a nice trip to North Carolina where husband, Joseph, participated in a mountain bike race. He had a blast even though he came in last after his younger brother and dad.

Kim Cameron: Kids coming to visit from California, going to the Adirondacks for a family vacation.

Chuck Feiszli: Taking a trip to the Adirondacks, then to his son's wedding in Maine.

Doug Withey: Grandson, Cooper, just inducted into the sheriff's department; going on a trip to Sri Lanka with his wife.

Frank Kelly: Spent ten days in Canada; glad to see granddaughter, Anna McGraw, heading off to Switzerland but will miss her.

Bob Martin: Celebrating wedding anniversary this Sunday!

Conrad Janke: For Kim Cameron being our guest speaker; for Anna, to the best year ever in Switzerland.

Rosie Taravella: Celebrating 17th wedding anniversary with Scott Goodrich!

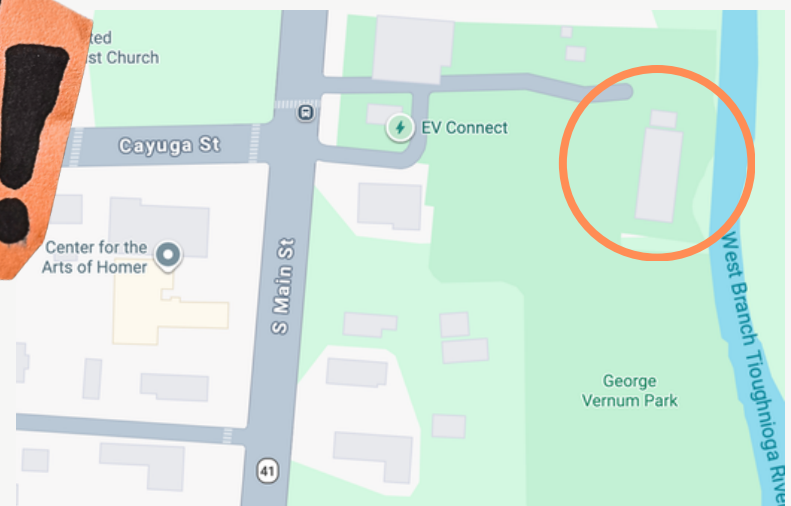
Scott Goodrich: Might be looking a little less happy about the wedding anniversary considering he ran into a nest of yellow jackets this morning.

Laurie Comfort: This Sunday is her own anniversary of thirty-six years!

Joanne Sautter: Happy to be back.

Mike Catalano: Celebrating 45th wedding anniversary this Saturday!

NEXT WEEK AED Training



Meet at Homer Community Building

Summer Picnic



**August
12th
5PM**

BOB'S BBQ PROVIDED BY DON & LUANNE...BRING A DISH TO PASS, YOUR BEVERAGE, AND A SWIMSUIT IF YOU WANT TO SWIM. COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. AT DON RICHARDS' 692 HATCHERS RUN, CORTLAND



This week!

Meals of Hope

Set-up:

Friday July 31st (6-8pm)

Work day:

Saturday August 1st

Table Captains @ 8am

Packing volunteers @ 9am

Clean-up & transport @ 11am

