

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

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President Mark Roberts

Front Desk:

Glenn Reisweber
Jim Dempsey

Thought for the Day:

Laurie Comfort

Raffle Winner: Laurie Comfort

Attendance: 24
Zoom: 1
Guests:
 Kenny Bush
 Michael Ragsdale
 Rosie Taravella
 Pino Alarco Hernandez

UPCOMING EVENTS

EPIC Day of Service

* May 16, 2026

Ride for Rotary

* May 31, 2026

McGruff Tournament

* June 18, 2026

“Safe, Secure, & Clean”

Kenny Bush and the Laundry Lounge



Kenny Bush was guest speaker this week at the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club!

After retiring from the City of Cortland Police Department, Bush enjoyed his time off for a while, then started helping friends with providing maintenance for their properties. But he grew tired of the 2AM calls and cast around for the next thing.

While doing laundry one day at a local laundromat, Bush noticed the lackluster conditions and had the thought that “we can do better than this.”

Bush spent six to eight months researching, and initially hoped to take over an existing business, but nothing came up available in his desired area- so he started on the task of building from the ground up. Settling on a Main Street location that would land in the middle between laundromats located on opposite ends of the city, Bush got The Laundry Lounge up and running in February 2025.

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The Laundry Lounge continued...



Image from The Laundry Lounge Facebook page.

The laundromat features twelve brand new washing machines, and fourteen dryers, with the capability to wash and dry a set of laundry in less than an hour. The Laundry Lounge also offers a wash and fold service, with various pricing options dependent on weight, including an option for those 65 and older with less than 10 pounds of laundry a week. This service can also include pick-up and delivery. An app allows customers to set up the service as well as track the progress of their laundry. They are also able to provide dry cleaning via a partnership with Angelo Dry Cleaners in Ithaca.

While the laundromat is open daily from 8am-5pm, membership is available to allow for 24/7 access via a key fob.

Bush emphasized their dedication to keeping the space safe, secure, and clean, and there are a total of twelve cameras on the premises.

With twenty-five subscribers to the wash and fold service, and over one hundred members, Bush says that The Laundry Lounge is "taking off pretty good."

He thinks that with more education, he can get more of the community on board with the wash and fold service.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LAUNDRY LOUNGE HERE](#)



4/5- Don Richards
4/11- Glenn Reisweber

Anniversaries

None



Announcement of winning team next week!



Team Burke with Interact students!



Happy Dollars

Kathie O'Mara: Spent two weeks in Florida, one week on the beach and the other with her sister; wish the weeks were flipped because it was freezing on the beach!

Steve Cinquanti: Sophie Welburn got the club front-page press in the Cortland Standard.

Conrad Janke: For Ken, our speaker; Rosie & Michael, future members; Michael plays pickleball with him and has gotten pretty good!

Ed Finkbeiner: Brother visited over the weekend; went to Lock 25 on the Erie Canal and discovered his relatives ran the lock back around 1900.

Glenn Reisweber: Back from Texas; for his grandsons; for the two inches of snow on the car at the Syracuse Airport upon their return.

Jeremy Boylan: For Conrad and his work putting together the social gathering; cannot reveal the status of Team Boylan and the Spring Cleanup, but a thank you to his teammates Sophie Welburn, Jim Anderson, daughter Katie, and Pino Alarco Hernandez.

Mark Roberts: Rosie Taravella and Michael Ragsdale have been approved to become new members.

Interact Update

Seven Valleys New Tech Academy is unfortunately slated for closure, meaning the Interact club too will be no more.

But we hope those students from the club that might be headed to Cortland High will have the opportunity to help lend their experience and leadership to a new Interact club that is looking to get off the ground!



May 16th

Together, we elevate Rotary's impact, empower communities, and create a ripple effect of kindness. Be part of a global movement to make a difference!

How might our club get involved?

Share ideas!

GUEST CHEF DINNER SERIES

Presented by the Salvation Army of Cortland

- MAY 5** Gator's Tavern
- JUNE 2** Gorgers
- JULY 7** DVCC
- AUGUST 4** Brix
- SEPTEMBER 1** Nanu's Hot Chicken
- OCTOBER 6** CP Cash & Carry

Dinners available for pickup only from 4:30 - 6 pm at the Salvation Army - 138 Main Street.

\$15 PER DINNER

OR

BUY ALL 6 DINNERS & SAVE

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://give.salvationarmy.org/event/use-emp-cortland-chef-dinners-2026/e774622>



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30TH ANNUAL CORN-DUCKY DERBY

MAY 2, SUGGETT PARK, CORTLAND
DUCKS RACE AT 11:00AM



HUMANS RACE AT 9:00AM!
SPONSORED BY THE CORTLAND YMCA

WIN \$2500

- 2ND - 10TH PLACE \$100 EACH
- 11TH - 15TH PLACE \$50 EACH
- 16TH - 20TH PLACE \$25 EACH

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