

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

“WE’RE HERE, WE’RE THERE, WE’RE THE FRIENDLIEST CLUB
EVERYWHERE!”



Donovan Garcia

Here's the bottom line up front: Clear Path exists to support veterans and their families—no matter what.

Clear Path, on Salt Springs Rd. in Chittenango, helps veterans with their transition to civilian life. Donovan explained to us that he is a peer mentor, a friend. You can walk a mile in my shoes, a mile in my boots.

Clear Path is one of the few organizations that take a holistic approach to help veterans reconnect with others. It does this by means of different programs and events. Some of the programs include: canine, peer and family, career services, culinary, wellness, and enrichment.

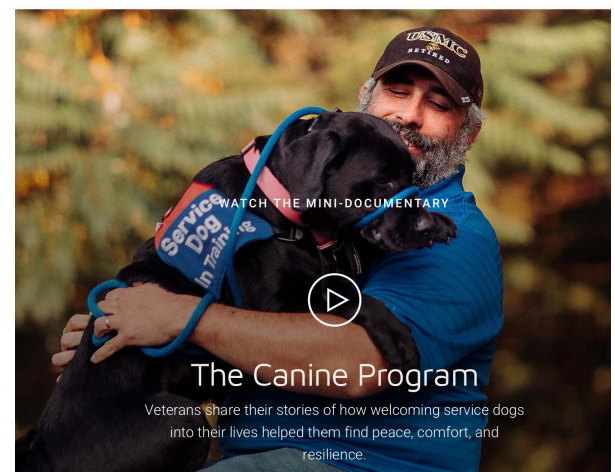
They hold a mobile canteen on Wednesdays, where all are invited to share a meal, laugh, and enjoy. The Friday Nite Fire is an opportunity for veterans to bond, and this month is geared to military connected kids.

Donovan explained that the Wellness Program helps veterans and families to take a break; it is easy to forget about the needs of military families. Clear Path has a way for them to reconnect.

The Canine Program is key in helping veterans, as while people let us down, dogs never do! To properly train a dog for this work takes over a year and between \$60,000 to \$80,000, and the work they do for a veteran is life supporting and affirming.

The Career Services doesn't just try to help veterans find a job, but one that is right for that veteran. They find not tinkly work but a renewed purpose.

We thank Donovan not only for his service with the Air Force and the Marines, but for the wonderful work that he and Clear Path for Veterans is doing!



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CONRAD JANKE PRESIDENT
MARK HAHN, GLENN REISWEBER. FRONT DESK
PETER WILLIAMS. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
DONOVAN GARCIA. VISITORS/GUESTS

SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME. DON RICHARDS—MANY YEARS AGO BOUGHT
A CESSNA, WAS DIGITALLY FLIGHT RATED, FLEW A HELICOPTER, BOUGHT COULDN'T GET
INSURANCE WHEN HIS DAUGHTER WAS BORN—STOPPED HIS FLYING CAREER

BOB MARTIN. RAFFLE
ATTENDANCE. 18 + 4 ZOOM



We had a Board of Directors meeting yesterday, and voted to have our own Zoom account .**Steve Cinquanti** sent everyone an email on how to access it. Congrats to **Glenn Reisweber** on being named to the Board of the Cortland Free Library.

Interact Invocation will be on Tuesday, April 25, 1130am at the BOCES McEvoy Center.

The Interact Club will also have a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Burnet Park Zoo on Friday, May 5, at 11am. Kudos to **Bob Martin** for participating in last weekend's Habitat for Humanity in Danby.

Jeremy Boyland said that he received his requests for Spring Clean Up, and will divvy it up to the teams.

Don Richards announced that the Ride for Rotary will be June 3; the proceeds will go to local first responders; and the McGruff golf tournament will be June 15.

Ed Finkbeiner—in recognition of our Speaker;
Don Richards—having a birthday lunch with his daughter, son, and Charlie Dellow;
Donovan Garcia—every day is a blessing!
Peter Williams—moving tom Liverpool in May, will miss this Club;
Jeremy Boylan was in Ocean City, DE with the Homer baseball team, toured the Air Force station;
Conrad Janke—appreciate Donovan as our Speaker.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Which is the fastest bear. Black, Polar, Brown, Panda, or Chicago Bear (Justin Fields not Refrigerator Perry). **Mark Roberts** won a ticket for the Corn Ducky Derby by correctly naming the Brown Bear, which can run 35MPH!

The queue for the toilet when you're desperate for a pee





*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
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