

How does the *Friendliest Club in the District* get friendlier? When you share the cannoli!

June 7,
2023

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

Stephanie Passeri-Densmore

explained how the St. Anthony's Italian Festival marries past traditions with present culture.

The Italian community started coming to Cortland in the late 1800's; people came here because of politics and poverty, and wanted to keep their traditions alive.

They worked at Wickwire, Brockway, Cortland Line, Crescent Corset, and other factories in the area. They also took on boarders, as Italians were not used to live on their own, but with a family.

Nationally over 4 million Italians emigrated to the United States between 1880 and 1924, and are the fifth largest ethnic group in the country. They were different from the people who lived in the US by their language, dress, and idea of family. Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson both spoke against the notion of "hyphenated Americans". Stephanie lauded "The Cortland Standard" for helping to tone down prejudice against Italians; it posted articles starting in 1906 about the Festival, and in 1910 named the Festival as a bridge between populations.

Stephanie explained how the Festival has changed in each decade. She stressed the importance of music in Italian families; in 1911 the Mascagni Band formed, which became the St. Anthony's Band in 1925 and the Old Timers in 1967.

Thank you Stephanie for your wonderful presentation about a great tradition!



St. Anthony's Italian Festival started in 1905—12 years before St. Anthony's Church!



ST. ANTHONY'S BAND, 1929

PRESIDENT. CONRAD JANKE
FRONT DESK. EDEN HARRINGTON-HALL,
JACKIE BURKE
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. MATT BANAZEK
GUESTS. STEPHANIE PASSERI-
DENSMORE, BOB DENSMORE
SYDKAM. PAT CLUNE. AS A YOUTH PAT VISITED
HYDE PARK, AND MET RICHARD NIXON! NOW, PAT IS DEPUTY MAYOR!
ATTENDANCE. 26 + 2 ZOOM
RAFFLE. PATRICK CLUNE

Happy Dollars

Mike Shafer was grateful for 2 weeks in Italy, and for the job Steve Cinquanti and Don Richards are doing;
Karen Dewitt thanked Prez Conrad for his term, and for her granddaughter exhibiting at Carnegie Hall;
Conrad Janke was glad to have Stephanie and Bob as Speakers;
Steve Cinquanti was happy for Corn Ducky Derby earnings and for the Ride for Rotary;
Don Richards applauded Prez Conrad;
Dianne Higgins had a sad dollar for Maria Gimma's last meeting next week;
Chuck Feiszli showed gratitude to Glenn Reisweber for taking over the Bike for Rotary, and for spending 1 1/2 weeks with his son in Colorado;
Jeremy Boylan cited the Ride for Rotary;
Matt Banazek donated for the Ride for Rotary and St. Anthony's Church;
Maria Gimma lauded Prez Conrad and his attempts at Spanish;
Kurt Behrenfeld donated \$5 for Stephanie and Bob.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ride for Rotary was a success on June 3, with a fine turnout and nice weather.

The McGruff Golf Tournament is June 15 at Elm Tree Golf Course, 9am. Don Richards reported that we have 20 teams signed up. The winning team is invited to our meeting on June 21.

Mike Shafer relayed that June is Rotary Foundation Month, and that every Rotarian is asked to contribute \$100 every year.

The Noon Rotary Club is holding its Little York Open Swim on June 17, contact Chuck Feiszli if you can help.

Also on June 17 is Juneteenth, held at 11am at Courthouse Park.

St. Anthony's Italian Festival is June 10 from 4-10pm, and June 11 from 1230-7pm. Many of our members will be working, and hopefully the rest of our Club can stop by and partake in the festivities!

June 10 is a big day! The Center for the Arts has Center Fest from 11am-4pm—vendors, music, and a pancake breakfast.

Another very big day is our Club's Pass the Gavel and Paul Harris Fellow Dinner on June 29, 5:30pm cocktails at the Center for the Arts. Scratch Farmhouse is providing a tremendous dinner for \$30 per person, and there will be an open bar. As of press time 38 people have signed up!

Seven Valleys has its graduation on June 23 at 6pm at BOCES on Route 13. Mike Catalano will present the Grantham Scholarship Award.

There will not be a meeting on July 5, instead there will be a Zoom Board meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Cortland Rotary
Breakfast Club



33rd Annual
Charity Golf
Tournament
for McGruff
and
Other Local Charities

St. Anthony's Italian Festival

June 10 and 11, 2023

St. Anthony's Church
50 Pomeroy St. , Cortland

Saturday

4 to 10 PM

Spaghetti Supper (4 to 7)

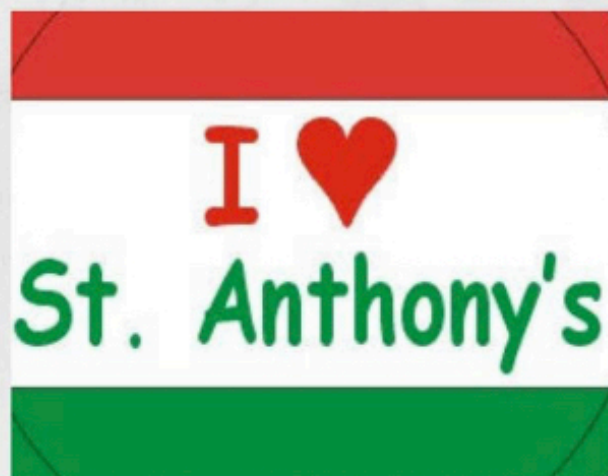
Italian food

Raffle

Live music

Italian novelties

Fireworks (9:30)



Sunday

9:30 Mass followed by a procession

12:30 to 6

Italian Food

Live Music

Raffle

Children's games

Cake wheel

Basket raffle

Italian novelties



Swim

Rotary
CLUB OF CORTLAND



Little Gork



OPEN WATER SWIM

JUNE 17th, 2023 8:15 AM

Proceeds to benefit

Community Programs in Cortland County

Register to Swim or Donate



.6 Mile, 1.2 Mile & 2.4 Mile Swim Events

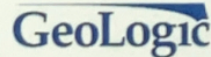
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3rd Annual

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

CELEBRATE THE END OF SLAVERY

SATURDAY | JUNE 17 | 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

FOOD - MUSIC - SPEECHES

LAWN GAMES - GIVEAWAYS

37 Court House Park Cortland, New York 13045

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CenterFEST!



The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the
Center for the Arts of Homer!
**FREE TO ATTEND! ALL AGES! RAIN OR
SHINE!**

NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 28!!

Join us for the Pass the Gavel/
Paul Harris Dinner on
Thursday, June 29 at the
Center for the Arts, 530pm
cocktails, 630pm dinner.

NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 5!!

Join us at 7am for our monthly
Board of Directors meeting,
via Zoom. All are welcome.