

# CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

*We Have Fun, And We Get Things Done!*

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**President Mark Roberts**

**Front Desk:**

Pat Clune  
Jessie Farrell

**Thought for the Day:**

Sophie Welburn

**Raffle Winner:** Chuck Feiszli

**Attendance: 20**  
**Zoom: 1**  
**Guests:**  
 Teresa Baker  
 Frank Kelly  
 Sandi Holland  
 Anna McGraw  
 Erin Kelly  
 Pino Alarco Hernandez

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Area 17 Social Gathering**

 April 2, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Join us at Vespar Hills Golf Club in Tully for an evening of fun and fellowship!

**Ride for Rotary**

 May 31, 2026

**McGruff Tournament**

 June 18, 2026

## “Truly About Community”

Teresa Baker & the Virgil Community Living Center



Teresa Baker was guest speaker this week at the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club! After the Virgil School closed, Baker was one of many in the community concerned about the fate of the building. It was purchased by Steve Terwilliger in November of 2023, and Terwilliger put out a call via Facebook to get a sense of the community's interest in activities for kids.

When Baker saw the post, her life's path had taken her from the work as a stay-at-home mom to being a teacher's assistant, but she realized she had yet to find her true passion. Something about the post called to her, and she knew she had to be the one to run the community center.

Baker wrote up a resume and cover letter, and submitted it to Terwilliger. They met and ended up discussing ideas for three hours, and Baker was tasked with compiling a formal proposal; by April of 2024 she had the job of Event Coordinator, and in May the Virgil Community Living Center hosted its first event!

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## Teresa Baker continued...



The Center is now residence to a massage therapist, hair dresser, and fabric shop, and the kitchen is undergoing upgrades to host a pizza shop. Baker expressed that “these leaders bring education & joy to the community” through the services and workshops they provide. The Center is also host to craft fairs, farmers markets, a Halloween fair, tree-lighting event, and much more!

In addition to the space available for community events, including for booking private parties, the Virgil Community Living Center has twenty-three 1-2 bedroom, newly renovated 55+ apartments.

Baker is proud to call the Center a “place both residents and community members alike can call home,” and this includes not just members of the Virgil community, but those from the entire surrounding area. It is a gathering place where everyone can “make meaningful connections regardless of age,” and “continue on the path of learning and fellowship in this great tiny town.”

[VISIT THE VIRGIL  
COMMUNITY LIVING  
CENTER WEBSITE HERE](#)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
None

**CONFERENCE 2026**  
*Strength in Every Ability*

- Service Without Limits
- Fellowship Without Barriers
- A Public Image That Reflects All of Us

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
SYRACUSE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

CNY **Rotary**

More info at [CNYRotary.org](http://CNYRotary.org)

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Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club members venture out into our community to help Senior citizen who need a hand, raking leaves, collecting brush, trimming hedges, cleaning gutters, etc.!

[SIGN UP FOR A TEAM  
HERE](#)

## Happy Dollars

**Doug Withey:** Have a great bunch of members, and for our great community; Women's History Month- for the women that make us the success that we are; Cortland County Community of Color (C4) is partnering with YWCA to collection donations of women's hygiene products.

**Laurie Comfort:** For the upcoming first day of Spring!

**Frank Kelly:** Thank you to CBR for hosting a little "family reunion"; found a third host family for Oswin.

**Conrad Janke:** For our guests; dropped off his daughter's dog at JFK airport, on his way to Guam.

**Kim Cameron:** For Conrad- social connections starting to overlap; for Jackie Burke and cooperation between Interact and the League of Women Voters on a project to talk to young people about the importance of voting, will be giving a presentation at Seven Valleys New Tech.

**Terry Cahill:** Attended the PELS conference this last weekend, rode up with Brian Tobin who is the incoming president for the Rotary Club of Cortland; met a great many people and had good conversations; discovered our club is in pretty good shape membership-wise compared to some!

**Mark Roberts:** In support of Terry, glad he got to go to the PELS conference.

# Banners





“I’M LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING SKIING IN THE SWISS ALPS!”

-ANNA MCGRAW,  
OUTBOUND  
EXCHANGE STUDENT



# Cortland ReUse



Volunteers needed to help them get settled in their new location on Port Watson Street; help with setting up shelves and possibly painting. Give what time you can!





*Four Club  
Social Gathering!*

*Fun and Hospitality!*

*Hors' d'oeuvres! \$15*

*Thursday, April 2*  
*530-730pm*

*Vesper Hills,  
4589 Octagon Rd., Tully*

*First 55 people to send  
Conrad Janke \$15 are in!*