**CONNOR BURKE STARTED AT BESTWAY ENTERPRISES AS A FORKLIFT DRIVER IN HIGH** SCHOOL, AND IS NOW THE **OPERATIONS MANAGER.** 

son, Connor, as our Featured Speaker. Clarence Ochs started Bestway in 1962 in Marcellus, before moving to Cortland a few years later. His son Karl started distribution in 1978. Bestway covers the states of NY, NJ, PA, and all of New England; they also have a plant in NC.

CBR Rotarian Jackie Burke introduced her

Bestway focuses on two types of business: distribution and treating service only (TSD).

Distribution provides a wide variety of products and services, including pressure treated lumber, fire retardants, kiln drying, PVC, composites, insulation, and steel.

TSO pressure treats lumber for customers; these customers includes Home Depot, Lowes, 84 Lumber, and Bestway pressure treats this lumber in Cortland and at its plants in Cresco, PA and Stony Point, NC.

Bestway currently has 150 employee across six locations along with 30 trucks and 65 trailers.

Connor also showed us two videos, one of which was about Bestway Enterprises. We'd like to thank Connor for his very interesting presentation, and for helping us to better understand an important local business.

## Cortland Breakfast Rotary 26 January, 2022

Prez. Peter Williams Dianne Higgins Front Desk.

Don Ferris

Mike Shafer Invocation. 50/50. Kathie O'Mara

## **Announcements**

Happy Birthday Jackie Burke! Board Meeting-next Tuesday, February 1, on

Jim Anderson and Jackie Burke are new Board members—congratulations!

Dianne Higgins announced that we received a thank you note from the Hospice Foundation for our contribution.

Mike May had surgery last week, we sent him a card hoping for his quick recovery.

Suicide Prevention is benefitting from the SUNY Hockey game this Friday, 7PM.

## Happy Dollars

Mike Shafer—Tully Rotary has a campaign named TREES, which will plant 1000 trees this year.

Kathie O'Mara—going back to work at Hollenbeck's today.

Conrad Janke—found \$8.32 when fixing his clothes dryer, had to pay a service call to get dryer back into balance.

**Jackie Burke**—for our Featured Speaker. Steve Cinquanti—for our Featured Speaker.



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