

Let's Make Rotary a Priority!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Cortlandbreakfastrotary.org

Wednesday

Steve & Linda Foote: Providing medical equipment at no cost

McC H.E.L.P.

- **McLean Church Health Equipment Lending Program**
- **Have a donation? Contact Steve at 607-423-2220!**



In an inspiring display of community service, Steve and Linda Foote of the McLean/Dryden area have transformed an unused barn into a vital resource for those in need of medical equipment. The McLean Church Health Equipment Lending Program (McC HELP) began about a decade ago with a simple wheelchair that was "left in the church kitchen area, kind of in the way." With available storage space in a barn previously used for hay, the Footes decided to house the wheelchair there.

What started as a single item has now grown into an extensive inventory. "The word got out," Steve explained, "now everybody is on the lookout for items to add to the collection for public use at NO charge."

McC HELP's impressive collection can at any time include hospital beds, wheelchairs, rollators, commodes, power wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, knee scooters, walkers, Hoyer lifts, and numerous smaller items. As Steve puts it, "If there is an item that fits the words Hard Medical Equipment, we probably have it!"

While the program offers equipment at no cost, they do accept donations specifically for repairing items in their collection.

Serving individuals in at least three surrounding counties, the Footes' initiative demonstrates how a simple act of repurposing unwanted items can evolve into a valuable community service, providing essential medical equipment to those who might otherwise struggle to afford it.

President: Jackie Burke
Front Desk: Mike Catalano,
Bob Martin
Thought of the day:
Sophie Clough
Birthdays:
None
Anniversaries:
Mike Catalano (2011)

Announcements:

- Second announcement of the pending new membership of Laurie Comfort
- Youth Exchange committee: Karen DeWitt is seeking someone willing to be trained to take over as chair. Responsibilities include seeking outbound students, and finding host families.
- Ride for Rotary committee meeting held immediately following this week's meeting.
- Spring Clean-Up sign-ups.
- No morning meeting March 26th- join us at the Elks for a three-club special dinner event!

Attendance: 17 (3 via Zoom)

Guests:

Steve Foote
Linda Foote
Doug Withey
Laurie Comfort
Robert Pitman

Raffle winner:

Conrad Janke

Happy Dollars

Bob Martin: For Doug Withey, and in memory of his good friend, Nick Renzi.

Dianne Higgins: Welcome to our two new members.

Laurie Comfort: For making new friends, and on becoming a new member.

Jeremy Boylan: Congrats & welcome to our new members; the sap is running and he can see grass; Homer High is putting on a production of "Into the Woods" Friday and Saturday.

Steve Cinquanti: See the "Homer Brass," Chief Pitman has joined us.

Doug Withey: Pleased to be a part of the group, hope to be an effective member.

Conrad Janke: Congrats to our new members, and for Steve, our speaker, and other guests.

Pat Clune: For our guest, Chief Pitman; Rotary Hockey League ice is down, but the good news is the water polo group is starting!

Ed Finkbeiner: For our new members, and potential future member, Chief Pitman.

Mike Catalano: Welcome Chief Pitman, and in memory of a brother lost last Thursday.

Don Richards: For new members and guests

Mike Shafer: New members; received a call from Nick Renzi the day before he passed, he's remembered for his generosity; would have been his mother's 101st birthday.

Jackie Burke: Rotary is like extended family; happy to see so many guests!



Feeling creative?

We are looking to update our banner and want YOUR design suggestions!



Dear Cortland Rotary,
Sorry this is so late but we wanted to thank you for your gift to our food giveaway program. We have been averaging 35-40 families each month. Your gift helps to purchase the needed supplies to make the program run.
Sincerely,
Linda Forte
McLean Comm. Church Food Giveaway Program

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Laurie Comfort
& Doug Withey



Spring Cleanup

Sign up for a
team!



CBRC members head out as soon as the snow is off to assist local senior citizens with spring yard work.



CORTLAND BREAKFAST & NOON,
AND TULLY ROTARY CLUBS

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 26TH
MEETING**

**AT THE CORTLAND ELKS
COCKTAILS @5:45PM**

\$20 per person
Non-spouse guests:
Free

Speaker:
CNY President
Lizzy Martin



Wednesday, March 26th

No Morning Meeting!

Join us at the Cortland Elks for a three-club special meeting!

\$20 per person, non-spouse guests are free!

Bring prospective members to learn about what Rotary is all about!

Menu: House salad, chicken parm,
roasted potatoes, stuffed shells, apple crisp.