

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

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President Mark Roberts

Front Desk:

Kathie O'Mara
Laurie Comfort

Thought for the Day:

Doug Withey

Raffle Winner: Karen DeWitt

Attendance: 27
Zoom: 1
Guests:
Scott Goodrich
Leanne Bair
Officer Alexander Perkins
K9 Atti
Chief David Guerrero

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paul Harris/Pass the Gavel Dinner

✳️ June 24, 2026

Meals of Hope

✳️ August 1, 2026

Summer Picnic

✳️ August 12, 2026

“When it comes time, he can absolutely make the switch” Officer Alexander Perkins and K9 Atti



In honor of the McGruff Tournament held this Thursday, the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club was joined this week by City of Cortland Police Department’s Officer Alexander Perkins and K9 Atti.

Atti (short for Atomic Bomb of Amazing Charisma- what a name!) came to Cortland just a few weeks ago after forty hours of training with Officer Perkins at Bluestreak K9 in Arkansas. But Atti is not yet state certified, needing an additional one hundred hours of training in New York before he’s ready for his new job.

K9 Atti comes to the police department after the loss of K9 Max, who after receiving a cancer diagnosis went into early retirement and passed away peacefully at home in April.

After that experience, Officer Perkins explained that he preferred to avoid another German Shepherd, “they’re great dogs, but they’re prone to health issues.”



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K9 Atti continued...



K9 Atti gets pets from Sophie Welburn!

A Belgian Malinois, K9 Atti is fifteen months old and fits all the criteria that Officer Perkins was looking for, especially when it comes to socialization! While K9 Max was more “fickle when it came to people,” K9 Atti is super friendly. But don’t let this fool you—“He can absolutely make the switch, and he still has time to mature, become more jaded.” Like humans, police dogs can experience trauma from their work.

But this friendliness will come in handy as K9 Atti gets more opportunities to meet with the public, which helps encourage support and donations toward the K-9 program. This program is funded mostly through donations like those raised by the McGruff Tournament, which goes towards the purchase of the dog, supplies, medical care, and training. Food is fortunately provided free by Purina. Cortland’s police department currently has two K-9s, including K9 Kort who works with Officer Drake. But Chief Guerrero, who was also present, expressed an interest in developing a full K-9 Unit.



Chrissie Allen: 6/25
Kim Cameron: 6/30

Anniversaries

Bob Martin (6/22/2022)
 Mike May (6/26/2001)



Meals of Hope

Set-up:
Friday July 31st (6-8pm)

Work day:
Saturday August 1st
Table Captains @ 8am
Packing volunteers @ 9am
Clean-up & transport @ 11am

Happy Dollars

Jackie Burke: Ribbon cutting for the new playground at Dwyer Park today! Plaque will be unveiled with acknowledgement of CBR's donation. Ice cream truck & children's song artist will be there; and for Leanne Bair, Interact's advisor being here.

Chrissie Allen: Mom's 85th birthday is tomorrow; Happy Father's Day!

Bob Martin: Sign-ups open for Meals of Hope; he and Pam were on the front cover of the Cortland Standard, pictured dancing at St. Anthony's Festival- Fall Creek Brass Band were great; and WXHC article featured a few CBR volunteers at Dwyer Park.

Doug Withey: Wife's birthday is tomorrow, and celebrating 42 years of marriage.

Kurt Behrenfeld: For a successful festival, thank you to all the helpers and attendees.

Jeremy Boylan: Thank you to Jackie & Leanne for their work in Interact; for Mark's presidency; all are invited to Pino's graduation/bon voyage party.

Conrad Janke: Had a great time at St. Anthony's; daughter coming back from Guam.

Terry Cahill: Thanks for everything Mark!

Matt Banazek: For the Festival- thank you to workers and those who came. When the Old Timers Band got going, felt how much enjoyment comes from this event.

Steve Cinquanti: Thanks to Chuck for running Zoom last week.

Don Ferris: Thank you Mark for a great year; looking forward to Terry Cahill's year.

Rosie Taravella: Joke that she wouldn't join a club that would have her, but will join a club that will have her husband. Finally got an offer on their house in New Jersey.

Kathie O'Mara: Had a wonderful trip in Virginia visiting her sister; thank you to Chrissie and Jessie filling in on the front desk.

Laurie Comfort: For Mark and the board members that are going off their terms; Happy Father's Day!

Don Richards: It's amazing all the programs that have come to fruition in the club, really proud to be a part of this group, doing great things in this community.

Mark Roberts: Good luck to incoming president Terry Cahill; went to niece's wedding in DE- his daughter and family came out from Colorado Springs, and went through ordeal of six-hour layover in Denver.

McGruff Tournament





KIWANIS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND
Grand Opening!

YOU'RE INVITED!



Summer Picnic



August 12th
5PM

BOB'S BBQ PROVIDED BY DON & LUANNE...BRING A DISH TO PASS, YOUR BEVERAGE, AND A SWIMSUIT IF YOU WANT TO SWIM. COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. AT DON RICHARDS' 692 HATCHERS RUN, CORTLAND

CNY
Rotary 
 DAY AT THE BALLPARK
SUNDAY, JULY 19TH



**AKRON RUBBERDUCKS
 (AA-GUARDIANS)**

VS



**SOUTHERN TIER
 SCOOP SCOUNDRELS**

FIRST PITCH 1:00 P.M. | GATES OPEN 12:00 P.M.

**BARK IN THE PARK DAY
 FEATURING AN APPEARANCE BY
 MUTTS GONE NUTS DOG GROUP**



**TICKETS ARE \$9 PER PERSON
 ANY ROTARY YOUTH
 (PAST AND PRESENT) ARE FREE.**

OUR

**CATCH ON
 THE FIELD**
 ENTER THROUGH LEFT FIELD
 GATE, NEAR THE TARP
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