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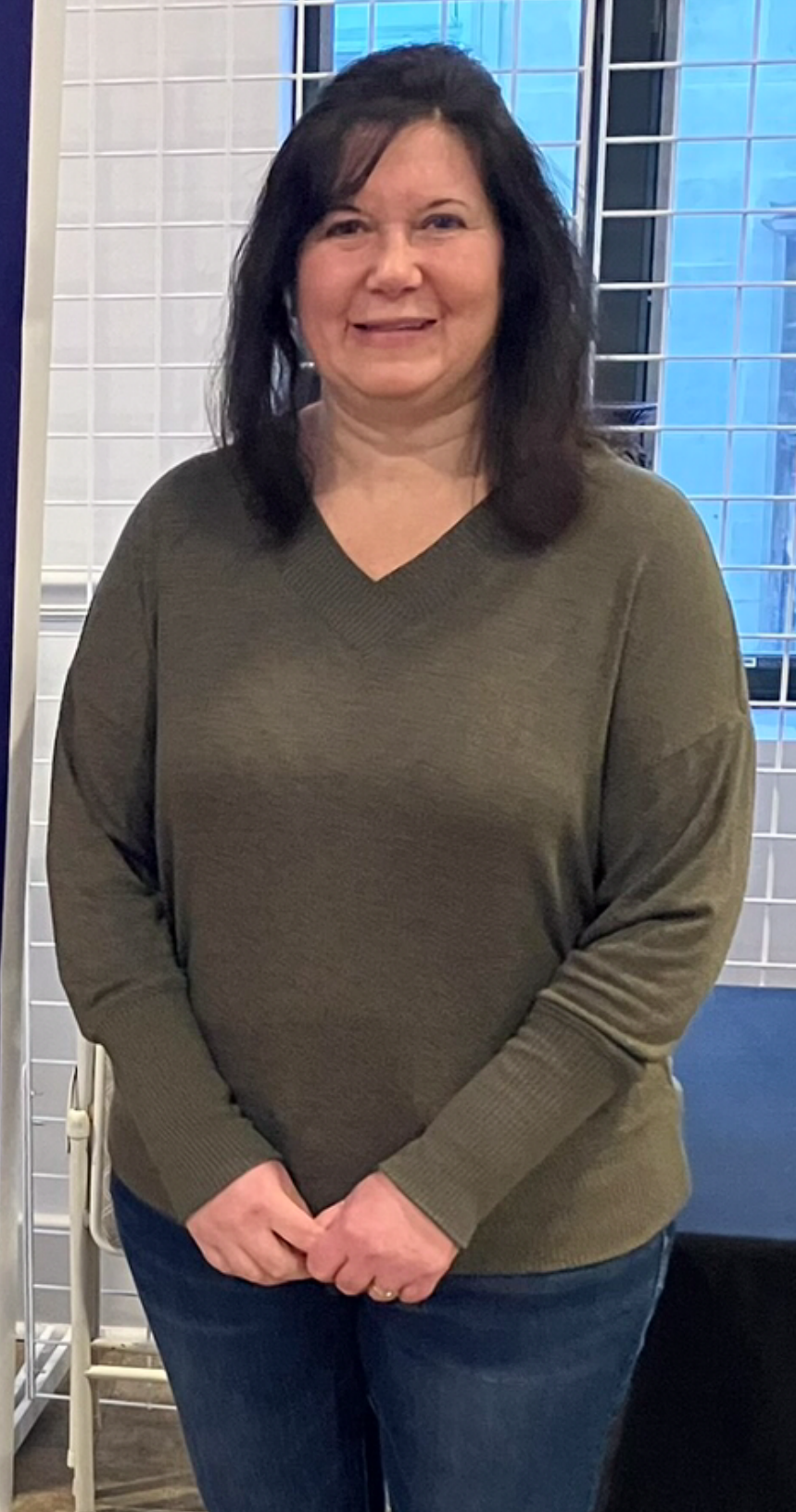
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21 February, 2024

We may be nearing the end of the shortest month of the year, but we're still The Friendliest Club in the District!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

Kristen Beard

Cortland County Child
Advocacy

WHO ARE TRAFFICKERS? ANYONE WHO ARE SURVIVORS? ANYONE

makes the work of the Child Advocacy Center essential for the community, Kris Beard explained that 1 out of 10 children are abused by their 18th birthday and that a child knows the abuser 90% of the time. Kris had statistics that boggle the mind; such as: there are 1.6 million runaways every year, 10% are sex trafficked, 77% end up in foster homes. The Child Advocacy Center is a community organization dedicated to the prevention, education, and investigation of child abuse (including exploitation and trafficking). The Cortland County Safe Harbour Program provides supports and services to children up to age 21 years old, who are at-risk for being exploited and trafficked, as well as victims. Kris is rightly proud of the Safe Harbour Program and shared with us the red flags of child exploitation and trafficking, and advised that we should call [911](tel:911) if we suspect a child is being trafficked. We appreciate Kris for taking the time to share with us the important work that they do.

Cortland County Child Advocacy Center



A community organization dedicated to the prevention, education, and investigation of child abuse (including exploitation and trafficking).

President.	Don Richards
Front Desk.	Karen Dewitt, Ariel Corl
TOTD.	Conrad Janke
Guests.	Kristen Beard, Laura Spencer, Teresa Gilbert, Noah Bech
Happy Birthday.	Jeremy Boylan
Raffle.	Mark Hahn
Attendance.	23 + 3 Zoom

Announcements

President **Don Richards** reminded us that this year's Ride for Rotary will be on June 1. He will soon be organizing it and reaching out to donors.

Conrad Janke revealed that it will soon be the favorite time of the year in Cortland—**Corn Ducky Derby** time! On May 4 the Corn Ducky Derby will held at Suggett Park; if any organization needs help raising funds, contact **Bob Martin, Budd Rigg**, or **Conrad Janke**.

Happy Dollars

Mark Hahn announced that a part-time position has opened at Visions Credit Union, and as a Board member o the Child Advocacy Center he is glad to have **Kris Beard** as our Speaker;

Valerie Kaiser took her 3 year old bowling;

Conrad Janke celebrated a tremendous trip to Nicaragua, and welcomed his friends **Laura Spencer** and **Teresa Gilbert** to our meeting;

Steve Cinquanti was happy to have a foot of snow at camp;

Jeremy Boylan congratulated **Noah Bech** for raising out of bed even though there is no school today;

Don Richards appreciated all the work done on his behalf as President while he is in Florida, and he appreciates our Zoom.



Every week we try to highlight a few of the hundreds of Rotary banners we receive when our members visit other clubs, or when other Rotarians visit our Club.

This week we feature Sanibel-Captiva, Florida (Lee Schaff's home away from home), the Bursil Rotary club from Turkey, and the Buffalo Rotary Club.

From Past District Governor, Rocky Martinez

Follow-up E-Mail Scam

Dear Club Leadership,

Back in November we shared an email scam where people are using tools to send emails that appear to come from Rotary District Governors. This email is requesting your support for a cause and asking you for digital gift cards. Well, this scam has now reached our District. Please note, **DG will never ask for donations by via gift cards.**

If you receive an email from following address:

From: WENDY DEIS <rotarydistrictsdg@gmail.com>

Please ignore and block this email address from any further communication.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

Rocky Martinez, IPDG

It is getting closer to our annual Ride for Rotary, and we will be asking these businesses to support us again.

Remember them when you need goods and services!

Adhan Piping Company, Inc.
Anderson's Farm Market
Andrew Polley / Wells Fargo
Bailey Place Insurance, Jeremy Boylan
B&B Floor Coverings Inc.
Beard Electric LLC
Benson Davis Insurance
Cayuga Radio Group
Center for The Arts Board of Directors
Chuck Feiszli
CNY Farm Supply
C&M Excavation Company
Complete Construction
Concepts, LLC
Contento's Demolition and Recycling
Cortland County Chamber of Commerce
Cortland Diner
Cortland Floorcraft & Kitchen
Cortland Self Storage
CP Cash & Carry
Dasher's Corner Pub
DiFulvio Family

Don Armstrong & Bill Pomeroy
Edward Jones/ Tyler Krowiak
First National Bank of Dryden
Genson Overhead Door
Geologic
Halco Energy
Homer Iron Works
Homer Men & Boys
Jack Mc Nerney Chevrolet
Joe Cortese & Molly Lane
K&B Plumbing & Heating / McNeil
K&H Motorsports
Mike Shafer & Kathleen
Hennessy
Morey Towing & Recovery
Murdock Excavation Inc.
NBT Bank
Osborne Flooring
Paul & Peggy Dennis
Peter & Susan Grimm
Plan First Technologies Inc.
Randolph Paving Inc.
Randolph Well Drilling
Royal Motor Company

Sherbrook Apartments
Siegle Foundation
Steven Dafoe Tree Company
The Homer News
Therm Inc. / Leo McGrattan
Tompkins Community Bank
Wright Nutrition & Wellness Center
WXHC X101.5
Yaman Real Estate / Steve Cinquanti

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