

Let's Make Rotary a Priority!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Cortlandbreakfastrotary.org

Edited by Sophie Welburn

CATHY SCOTT & THE PREBLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



The Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club was joined this week by fellow Rotarian Cathy Scott who spoke on the Preble Community Food Pantry. Serving local families since 2009, the Food Pantry is open the third Thursday of every month. The Food Pantry operates out of the Preble Congregational Church and is totally reliant on donations, with some individuals “adopting” certain items to donate each month. During COVID, the Food Pantry developed a drive-thru system that is still currently in use, giving out two bags: one containing the most-needed hygiene products, and the other non-perishable food items. When available, visitors also receive produce from local farmers and gardeners, and a free produce stand has been erected to make extra produce available through the summer months. Additionally, a 24/7 cupboard makes food available beyond the the once-a-month pick-up day.

On the day that the Food Pantry is open there is also a free meal offered by the church, and during the summer features a hot dog BBQ put on by the Food Pantry volunteers. Cathy described the meal time as an opportunity that pantry customers, volunteers, and community members look forward to as a time to socialize.

For those that don't need a full two bags of food and supplies but could just use a meal or two, there is a Knapp Sack available- the idea originated from June Knapp, and consists of a recipe and the items needed to make up the meal.

Cathy expressed that those that donate to the Preble Food Pantry can be confident that their donation goes directly to the Pantry, given that there is no overhead costs. Serving between 40-50 families each month, this is indeed an invaluable resource to Preble and the surrounding communities.

Announcements:

- November 1st- Rotary Radio Day- Mark Roberts, Terry Cahill, Kathy O'Mara, Mike Eves, Pino will be speaking.
- This Sunday, November 2nd, clocks go back one hour!
- November 5th- Meeting held @ 7:30am at the Cortland Elks Club for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-off. No meeting at the Center for the Arts.
- November 8- Youth Exchange Passport Fair- sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- The Cortland (Noon) Rotary Club is seeking a family in the Cortland school district to host Oswin from Paraguay.

President: Mark Roberts
Front Desk: Matt Banazek
Thought of the day:
Sophie Welburn
Raffle winner:
Jeremy Boylan

Birthdays:

Bob Haight (11/2)

Laurie Comfort (11/4)

Anniversaries:

Jeremy Boylan (10/31/2007)

Karen DeWitt (11/1/1994)

Attendance: 24

Zoom: 2

Guests:

Cathy Scott

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EXCHANGE WITH FELLOW ROTARIAN

CATHY SCOTT



Happy Dollars



Ed Finkbeiner: Campaign season is almost over!

Laurie Comfort: Yesterday was son's birthday; this weekend will be going to watch the Buffalo Bills beat Kansas City.

Conrad Janke: For Cathy, our speaker; this afternoon at 4:00 will attend historic marker dedication at Chuck's.

Jeremy Boylan: For eighteen years in the club, and for his sponsor, Jim Dempsey.

Steve Cinquanti: Made it here with his phone, after previously driving off with it on top of his car.

Terry Cahill: For our speaker, and for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Don Ferris: For our charter members.

Mark Roberts: Ed Finkbeiner's scholarly look with his new glasses.

Mike Shafer: Welcome to our speaker, Cathy; for our charter members.

Matt Banazek: Charter members; were we officially chartered November 26th? (Steve Cinquanti added further clarification that while the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club began to meet around November of 1990, but officially chartered in February of 1991).

Dinner & A Discussion!

Everyone is welcome to join us!
The first MONDAY of EVERY Month

Monday, Nov 3rd, 5:00 p.m., CNY Living History Museum

Join us for dinner (\$18/person) at 5 p.m.
and/or a discussion (free) at 6 p.m.!

Healthcare in Cortland County
A Panel Discussion on the current state of affairs
with Dr. Bonni Hodges and Dr. Anthony DiGiovanna
Dinner: Chef's Surprise (and always delish!)
PLEASE JOIN US!



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The Rotary Club of Cortland presents
Rotary Radio Day November 1, 2025
Broadcast on Always Classic X101.5 FM

- 9:00am-10:00am Introduction to Rotary
Guests: Ginger Dudgeon, President, Rotary Club of Cortland
Mark Roberts, President, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
Host: Thomas Turck
- 10:00am-11:00am Rotary Foundation
Guests: Clint Brooks, Rotary Club of Cortland
Doug Larison, Rotary Club of Cortland
Terence Cahill, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
Host: Thomas Turck
- 11:00am-12:00pm Music Venues of Cortland County
Guests: Ty Marshall, Executive Director, Center for the Arts in Homer
Cornerstone
Chris Merkle, Creative Director, Rose Hall in Cortland
Host: Thomas Turck
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Rotary Youth Exchange
Guests: Ron and Marie Walsh, Host Family
Oswin, Exchange Student from Paraguay, Rotary Club of Cortland
Pino, Exchange Student from Spain, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
Host: Thomas Turck
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Serving the Needs of Youth
Guests: ReBecca Main, Executive Director, Cortland Youth Bureau
Youth Council Members
Host: Matt Whitman, Rotary Club of Cortland
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Making School Home Connections
Guests: Jeffery Evener, Superintendent, Homer Central School
Amanda Hudson, Family Community Liaison, Elementary
Lisa Matijas, Family Community Liaison, Intermediate
Susan Williams, Family Community Liaison, Junior High
Alicia Maroney, Family Community Liaison, Senior High
Host: Matt Whitman, Rotary Club of Cortland
- 3:00pm-4:00pm Rotary Community Service
Guests: Kimberly Allen, Chair, Community Services Committee
Rotary Club of Cortland
Clayton Moore, Past chair, Committee Member
Rotary Club of Cortland
Kathie O'Mara, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
Host: Matt Whitman, Rotary Club of Cortland
- 4:00pm-5:00pm Housing and Homelessness Coalition
Guest: Matt Whitman, Executive Director, Rural Health Institute of NY
Host: Mike Eves, Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
General Manager/Co-owner of Eves Broadcasting