

Cortland Breakfast Rotary  
April 27, 2022



## Cortland Police Chief Paul Sandy

Chief Sandy thanked our Club for holding the McGruff Golf Tournament for over 30 years; in that period of time, we have raised over \$120,000!

Chief Sandy and the Police Department have used these funds for the K-9 Department, which has functioned without any taxpayer money.

He explained the challenges and rewards of having a K-9 unit, and asked if he could use the funds for the training of a new member of the K-9 unit, as his current canine, Lummell, is retiring.

Steve Cinquanti, who started the McGruff Tournament many years ago, asked the Club to approve this measure; Mike Shafer seconded it, it was approved unanimously.

# Announcements

**President Pete Williams** received two Paul Harris Awards for Kim Walsh and Ernie Dodge.

**Eric Comtois**—this Friday at noon the Interact Club will induct six new members at the BOCES Auditorium on Route 13. All are invited to attend.

Our Rotary District is having a **Foundation Reception** on Wednesday, May 11, from 5-7pm at **Ommegang Brewery** in Cooperstown. Registration is due by May 4.

**Eden Harrington-Hall**—returned from a trip to Warri, Nigeria, and will be proposing an International Project with the Warri Rotary Club.

**Jeremy Boylan** stated that our annual Spring Clean Up is underway.

# Happy Dollars.

**Don Richards**—for Spring and for our guests;

**Pete Williams**—for our guests;

**Eden Harrington-Hall**—for **Terry Cahill** being our guest, and for her trip to Nigeria;

**Mike Shafer**—for spending three weeks with his wife visiting their daughter in Puerto Rico;

**Conrad Janke**—working with the Spring Clean Up Team, working with **Don Richards** at The Center for the Arts on Saturday, and for our guests;

**Mike May**—for being on the “Happy Hoe” Spring Clean Up team;

**Don Ferris**—was interviewed on Channel 9 while shoveling snow;

**Jeremy Boylan**—for our guests; chaperoned his son’s baseball team to Washington D.C. where they saw a Nationals game;

**Steve Cinquanti**—feeling safe with both the Police Chief and the County Sheriff in the room!

President.  
Front Desk.  
Invocation.  
Raffle

Peter Williams  
Matt Banazek, Eden Harrington-Hall  
Mike Shafer  
Patrick Clune

**Birthdays**—Ed Finkbeiner, Greg Richards, Charlie Dellow

**Visitors and Guests:** Chief Paul Sandy, Mark Hahn, Dan Nichols, Terry Cahill

Chief Paul A. Sandy was appointed as a Patrolman for the City of Cortland Police Department on November 19, 1985, where he later became one of the founding members of the department's Tactical Response Unit and later initiated the Bicycle Patrol Unit. Chief Sandy was promoted to the rank of Uniform Sergeant in 1993, where he supervised a platoon of uniform patrol officers, and was later reassigned to the Detective Bureau in 1995, as the department's first full-time member of the Cortland County Drug Task Force. As a member of the Detective Bureau, Chief Sandy received specialized training in Narcotic Investigation through the DEA, Hostage Negotiations through the FBI and Arson Investigation through NYS Fire Academy. In 2003 he was promoted to Detective Lieutenant, where he became the agency's Public Information Officer and Field Information Officer within Counter Terrorism Zone 6. On August 28, 2009, he was promoted to Deputy Chief, where he actively served with the Counter Terrorism Zone 6. Chief Sandy received his final promotion as head of the Cortland City Police Department on March 20, 2021.

Throughout his law enforcement career Chief Sandy has received a number of awards, letters, and commendations from local, state, and federal agencies., including 2001 Lawman of the Year award and 2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year from Baden Powell.

He has been a lifelong resident of Cortland County, graduating in 1980 from McGraw Central School and attending Oswego State University, where he received his BA in Criminal Justice, with a Minor in Forensic Science, in 1984. Later, he received his Master Degree in Labor Policy Studies in 2002 from SUNY Empire State College. In 2005, Chief Sandy graduated the 220<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

The Chief is a member of the FBINAA, where he has held various positions on the Executive Board of the New York State/Eastern Canada Chapter, including President in 2013. He remains very active with chapter business, was one of the Co-Chairs for the 2018 FBINAA National Conference in Quebec City, Canada and is presently the chapter Treasurer. Chief Sandy has also served as the Section IV representative for the FBINAA National Youth Leadership Program and one of the Co-Chairs of Counter Terrorism Zone 6, which covers several counties in NYS. He is also a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators and Past President of the Blue Knights International motorcycle club, New York Chapter XXIX. Chief Sandy is a member of FBI-LEEDA, International Association of Chiefs of Police, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and Central New York Chiefs.

Chief Sandy is also a former member of the Board of Directors for 7 Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Board of Directors for Catholic Charities as well as a past Adjunct Instructor at Tompkins Cortland Community College, where he taught Criminal Investigations and Criminology for several years. In 2018, Chief Sandy was one of the founders of the Cortland 9/11 Memorial Foundation, which erected a memorial in Courthouse Park to honor those who sacrificed on 09/11/2001.

Chief Sandy enjoys spending time at his farm with his wife, Susan, and their horses and their beloved dog Hunter. Paul and Susan have two sons, Kyle, who is a Police Sergeant with Cornell University Police and Cody, who is a County Police Officer with the Cortland County Sheriff Department.





**Chief Sandy** receives a \$4000 check from **Don Richards** and **Steve Cinquanti** with the proceeds from last years's McGruff Golf Tournament.



**Don Richards, Mike May, and Conrad Janke** admire the Golden Hoe Award, in recognition of their team (including **Luann Hopkins** and **Mike Eves**) being the first team to complete the Spring Clean Up. This prestigious award was presented by **Jeremy Boylan**.