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CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY NEWS

Together We Serve, Together We Make a Difference

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President Terry Cahill

Front Desk:
Chrissie Allen
Laurie Comfort
Thought for the Day:
Jackie Burke
Raffle Winner: Jim Anderson

Attendence: 27
Zoom: 1
Guests:
None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Area 13 & 17 Meeting- Hopshire
November 14, 2026

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery
December 5, 2026

Pat Clune & Veterans Day





Pat Clune (left)

With this week's meeting falling on Veterans Day, we had a special presentation by our own member, Pat Clune, Army veteran and current mayor for the village of Homer.

Veterans Day started as Armistice Day, marking the end of WWI with a ceasefire called at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. In 1954 it officially became the national holiday celebrated as Veterans Day, commemorating all who have served, no matter when or for how long. The U.S. has had an all-volunteer force since the draft ended in 1973.

"We all signed an oath to defend our constitution," Pat explained, "this is a blank check, up to and including my life."

Pat described the military like being one giant squabbling family- they might tease amongst themselves, but will always protect each other.

There are approximately 15.8-17.6 million veterans today, about 6% of the adult population that includes five of our own club members, including Pat.

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Other Veterans in the Club



Scott Goodrich- Air Force


Ed Finkbeiner- Army


Glenn Reisweber (right)- Army



Mike May- Army

Anniversaries

Dick Kroot (11/11/1998)
Kurt Behrenfeld (11/16/2016)
Valerie Kaiser (11/16/2022)

NEXT WEEK'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
SOPHIE WELBURN



Exchange Student Update!

Conrad: What food have you eaten in Switzerland that you don't eat here?





Happy Dollars

Bob Martin: For the recent good weather, and for the gorgeous sunrise coming in this AM.
Leanne Bair: Interact Club has ten members, elected officers, and are ready to volunteer!
Mark Roberts: For seeing all the veterans in our club.
Ed Finkbeiner: Thanking all other veterans.
Mike Shafer: His sister, Sue, had been struggling to find a place to rent, but confirmed that she will have a place on Song Lake.
Chrissie Allen: For all the veterans; thank you Conrad for organizing the team for the Alzheimer's walk; and for this morning's sunrise.
Glenn Reisweber: Was a great fall this year, but there's snow in the forecast this Friday!
Chuck Feiszli: Thanks to our veterans.
Kathie O'Mara: Taking pie orders at Hollenbeck's for Thanksgiving- don't wait!
Terry Cahill: For all our veterans, and in memory of his parents who were both vets.
Pat Clune: For the opportunity to be here and to speak.
Conrad Janke: For our veterans.

Rotary Revelations

We can be inspired by the good work being done by other clubs in our area! Check out news from the CNY Rotary News Network:

CNY Rotary NEWS NETWORK News from all across our region

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Email Sophie and provide one way our club performs service that meets one of the Seven Areas of Focus for a chance to win a prize!



LAURIE COMFORT, ROSIE TARAVELLA, SOPHIE WELBURN, CONRAD JANKE, CHRISSIE ALLEN





KARA SPRINGSTEAD, DEBBY SPRINGSTEAD, GERALDINE SINCERBEAUX, CHRISSIE ALLEN, REAGAN ALLEN



LAURIE COMFORT & ROSIE TARAVELLA

The Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club was well-represented at the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Syracuse this past weekend! Conrad Janke, Chrissie Allen & family, Laurie Comfort, Rosie Taravella, and Sophie Welburn were joined by fellow Rotarians from other CNY Rotary clubs to help raise money and bring awareness to a disease that impacts so many lives.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

December 5

Looking for volunteers-
Gratifying experience of providing kids with beds!

ALSO- Thurs. Nov. 19th
Bed Building Event → **SIGN UP TO HELP**

TOYS FOR TOTS®

Distribution this year will take place on **Saturday December 19th** at 206 South Main Street Homer (The Hub)- there will be setup and take down work as well as funneling the families through a few at a time on the day. There are all kinds of jobs to fill, from building the tent for the parents to shop in, to restocking, being a shopping assistant, checking families in, and more.

SIGN UP TO HELP!

TOYS FOR TOTS WAIVER FORM

