

Let's Make Rotary a Priority!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Wednesday

Spreading awareness & combating the stigma surrounding Alzheimer's disease



**ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**

Central New York Chapter

[Alzheimer's Association
website](#)

This week, Pamela Baker Gratton, presented to CBR about the Alzheimer's Association CNY Chapter, which is working hard to spread awareness about Alzheimer's and other dementia to communities in Central New York, and provide services to those individuals either living with the disease or to the caregivers of loved ones with it. There are 440,000 people in New York (7 Million Nationally) living with some form of dementia. Dementia is merely a symptom with many potential diseases that may cause it, one of which is Alzheimer's, a disease for which there are currently more questions than answers about the cause or cure. We are entering the treatment phase with promising advancement in research and new medications. Pamela emphasized the importance of bringing education to communities to help increase the rate of early, correct diagnoses that can help lead to these treatments sooner. The Alzheimer's Association CNY Chapter is seeking Volunteers to assist with the mission in many ways, contact Pamela for more information.

"Pamela Baker Gratton- a native of Rochester, NY, has devoted her career to creating meaningful change in the non-profit sector. Armed with a Bachelor of Science in Education-Communication from SUNY Fredonia and a Master of Science in Education-Administration from SUNY Buffalo, Pamela has been a passionate advocate for education and community engagement.

As a Non-profit Manager, Pamela has contributed significantly to several esteemed organizations, including Upstate Medical University, the American Red Cross of Cayuga County, Junior Achievement of NY, and the Alzheimer's Association of CNY, where she has been a key leader for the past five years. Her dedication to collaborating with volunteers has made a lasting impact, strengthening programs that support and uplift communities.

Pamela's dedication extends beyond her professional roles through her active involvement in the Auburn Rotary Club. Over the past decade, her leadership roles have included serving as Club Program Chair since 2014, Club Vice President from 2021-2022, and Club President during the 2022-2023 term. Looking ahead, Pamela is excited to take on the role of CNY Rotary President in 2026-2027."

President: Jackie Burke

Front Desk: Dianne Higgins,
Jessie Farrell

Thought of the day:

Jessie Farrell

Birthdays:

Don Ferris (2/7)

Mike Eves (2/8)

Anniversaries:

Joanne Sautter (2/8/2006)

Announcements:

- (2/15) Regina Grantham memorial service at Grace and Holy Spirit Church @ 1pm.
- (2/23) Rotary Birthday Extravaganza- celebrating 120 years. Pick a party near you! Register by 2/17.
- (3/1) Rotary Leadership Institute in Johnson City, meals provided by Owego Kitchen. Opportunity to carpool with Conrad Janke and Mark Roberts!
- CNY Rotary Conference April 4-6
- Ride for Rotary- forthcoming meeting to further discuss future direction.
- Looking for members to join the Youth Exchange committee. Contact Karen DeWitt or Jackie Burke if interested.

Attendance: 19 (3 via Zoom)

Guests:

Pamela Gratton

Vivian Bosch

Raffle winner: Mike May

Happy Dollars



Mark Roberts: Going for the next level at RLI, enjoys the opportunity to hear what other clubs are accomplishing. Encourages others to join to fill up the car!

Conrad Janke: Looking forward to the March 26th meeting at Cortland Elks.

Matt Banazek: Rotary Hockey League.

Pat Clune: For surviving the Rotary Hockey League.

Glenn Reisweber: Thank you to Vivian Bosch, the army of one, for the work she is putting into the Imagination Library.

Joanne Sautter: Happy for the Imagination Library program.

Don Ferris: Remembered the name of Homer's five & dime: Clarke Bros. and happy for Homer Men & Boys braces (twinning with Mayor Pat!)

Mike May: Hoping to hear about a Rotary Bowling League soon!


Vivian Bosch: Happy to be here, even though it meant getting up early.

Mike Shafer: For Sophie's work on the newsletter, and contribute \$100 on behalf of Rotary to the Imagination Library.

Jackie Burke: For the newsletter, and for Don remembering Clarke Bros.



Update from Vivian Bosch on Cortland's Dollywood Imagination Library!



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Local Program Partner: Cortland Free Library
Local Territory: Zip Code 13045

Fostering a love of reading and learning by mailing a monthly, age-appropriate book to children from newborn until their 5th birthday.

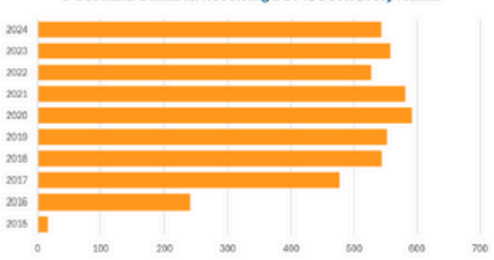
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Books gifted in 2024

158
new kids registered

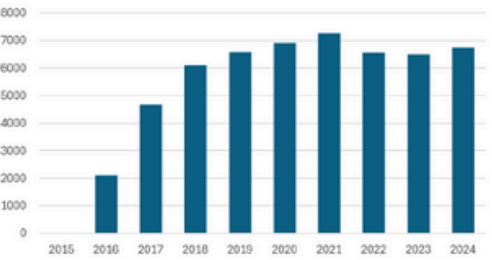
539 - 580
kids who received a book each month

\$2.20
Average Cost/Book

Cortland Children Receiving a DPIL Book Every Month



Books Gifted to Cortland Children



Since starting DPIL in Cortland, a total of 52,856 books have been gifted to 2,129 children living in Cortland.

2024 FUNDS RAISED: \$20,156

Individuals : \$11,182

Businesses : \$ 1,500

Orgs/Clubs : \$ 7,474

2024 EXPENSES : \$14,733

Books & Postage: \$14,645

Supplies : \$ 88

Salaries : \$ 0

67
Donors in 2024

100%
All DPIL funds are raised through donations and grants.
All donations are tax-deductible.

Cortland's Imagination Library is run by volunteers.
NO EXTRA OVERHEAD!

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New Donors

The Dollywood Foundation helps keep our local costs down by providing the program's infrastructure: age-appropriate book selection, partnering with publishers, monthly mailings, and secure online registration and book ordering systems.

Dream More, Learn More, Care More, Be More™



celebrating the life of

REGINA B. GRANTHAM

December 11, 1940-January 13, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

February 15, 2025 | 1pm

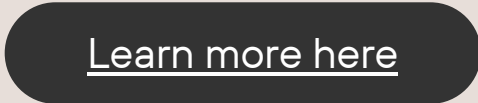
Grace & Holy Spirit Church

13 Court St., Cortland, NY 13045

Gifts to the Regina B. Grantham Scholarship
in Communication Disorders & Sciences
at SUNY Cortland.



Pick a party near you! Register by 2/17.





CORTLAND BREAKFAST & NOON,
TULLY, AND WHITNEY POINT
ROTARY CLUBS

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 26TH
MEETING**

AT THE CORTLAND ELKS @ 6PM

\$20 per person
Non-spouse guests:
Free

Speaker:
CNY President
Lizzy Martin

