

The Friendliest Club in the District!

CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Wednesday

“Determining the past, present, & future of popular culture”



Ann McClellan is Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at SUNY Cortland where she provides leadership and vision to the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Professional Studies. She manages offices including enrollment management, graduate studies, information resources, institutional research, international programs, multicultural and gender studies, outdoor and environmental education and sponsored programs.

A Michigan native, McClellan is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She earned a master's in literature and a Ph.D. in English from the University

of Cincinnati. McClellan began her teaching career at Eureka (Ill.) College and moved to the English Department at Plymouth (N.H.) State University, where she taught for 14 years before serving as Associate and then interim Provost.

Her areas of expertise include 20th century British Literature and culture, Sherlock Holmes and fan studies. McClellan is the author of *Sherlock's World: Fanfiction and the Reimagining of BBC's Sherlock*. She has presented on and published several chapters of an upcoming work on Black American adaptations of Sherlock Holmes in Broadway musicals, silent film, advertising, jazz music, fiction and graphic novels.

Ann's talk to the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club, titled "(Not So) Elementary My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes," described how a fictional character came to be so pervasive in global culture, to the point of the public coming to believe that Sherlock was a real person. The evolution of the story of Sherlock is representative of the concept of "living textuality," in which media begins to change and exist beyond the original creator's imagination. There are continuing studies on the "mystery of popularity" and how few particular things infiltrate our culture and endure.

Annual Loaves & Fishes Holiday Dinner & Food Basket event will be held on Friday, December 20th, from 3:00-5:00pm.



President: Jackie Burke
Front Desk: Kathie O'Mara,
Patrick Clune
Thought of the day:
Mark Roberts

Guests:
Ann McClellan
Nishi

Raffle winner: Jackie Burke
Attendance: 24 (3 via Zoom)

Happy Dollars



Jessie Farrell: Son is selling discount cards as fundraiser for basketball team, \$10 each

Lee Schaff: Has wrapped up visits to the Renzi Cancer Center

Maj. Corrine Hayes: Christmas is next Wednesday!

Mike May: Got next week off unexpectedly

Conrad Janke: For our speaker, Ann McClellan

Don Ferris: Took dogs to Cornell on Saturday

Mike Shafer: Food basket event on Friday, Sean Mack will fill the role of Santa

Regina Grantham: For our speaker

Jackie Burke: Welcome to our speaker



Five members selected to serve on the Board of Directors:

- Sophie Clough
- Valerie Kaiser
- Todd Curtis
- Jeremy Boylan
- Corrine Hayes

