



# CORTLAND BREAKFAST Rotary



### *It's a Brave New World.....*

### PAUL SUITS SR. AND JR. OUTLINED THEIR PLANS FOR THEIR RETAIL, DISPENSARY —LAKEHOUSE CANNABIS.

While they have been hard at work at their dispensary, at the end of P&C Fresh on Clinton Ave., the Suits have been adept at overcoming obstacles. They are about 3 months out before they can legally sell cannabis, and hope to have 30-40 employees when they open. The first legal sale in the state happened last week in Brooklyn, supplied by local merchant Alan Gandelman. The Office of Cannabis Management has a track and trace system, to insure a safe and quality product—all of the product is tested three times. They will have more cameras than banks do, and explained the

additional taxes they will have to pay: 1% of sales to the County, 3% to the City, and 2% to the State. They also are creating partnerships to prop up programs that organization perform in the community. Currently, Lakehouse is the only applicant for a dispensary in the County, and told us of their challenges with Native American cannabis sales. We hope that the challenges bring the rewards that these gentlemen strive so strongly for, and we appreciate the work you are doing for our community!





**PAUL SUITS**

PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

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Paul has over 30 years of experience running a multi-million dollar corporation. Using his cumulative experience and strategic guidance, Paul helps the LakeHouse Cannabis team navigate important business decisions and deliver solutions.



**PAUL SUITS, JR.**

CO-FOUNDER & CEO

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After spending almost four years in New York City, Paul decided to make the move back to Central New York and reinvest in his community by starting a business. With a background in project management and commercial real estate, his job is to create and implement a successful business strategy.



**MAUREEN MCDERMOTT-MULHERIN**

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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A life long educator and Cortland resident for over 34 years, Maureen is in charge of establishing positive relationships between LHC and the community. She is a volunteer for the Lions Club, Foundation of Courage, Walden Oaks Homeowners Social Committee, Homer Center for the Arts and the Cortland Repertory Theater.

President.	Conrad Janke	Front Desk.	Terry Cahill, Valerie Kaiser
Guests.	Paul Suits Sr., Paul	Suits Jr., Pete Rogati	
Visiting Rotarian.	Irene Radigan	Towanda, PA	
Birthdays.	Tiffany Martinez,	Dottie Fowler. (93 years young!)	
Rotary Anniversary.	Jim Dempsey, Mark	Roberts (30 years for each).	
Rotary 1/2 Minute.	Steve Cinquanti	1). Joined in 1991 (original member);	
		2). Sponsor was Tony Bonarti; 3).	
		Memorable Excitement that Dave Gerard	
		had for the first CBR meeting, and the	
		highs and lows in planning the first	
		McGruff Golf Tournament.	
Raffle.	Matt Banazek		
Attendance.	26 + 5 Zoom		



At the Board meeting yesterday, it was announced the four new Board members starting July 1, 2023: **Patrick Clune, Jim Dempsey, Karen Dewitt, and Kathie O'Mara.** Congratulations!

We received cards of thanks from **Dr. Amy Kremenek** of **TC3**, **Sheila Ossit** of **Cortland Memorial Foundation**, and **Seven Valleys Coalition.**

**President Conrad** and **President-Elect Don** will be out of town for two weeks in February; we need two volunteers to run one meeting each.

Our Club was mentioned twice in the District Newsletter; the monthly Rotary Magazine has several interesting articles.



**Mike Shafer's** daughter was home for 2 weeks;

**Mark Hahn** is happy for the New Year; **Matt Banazek** had a great time over the holidays; **Chuck Feiszli** had his kids home for the holidays; **Terry Cahill** was with family over the holidays; **Tom Turck** was happy to be back with friends and grateful for the Speakers; **Don Richards** was happy for the Speakers, as was **Conrad Janke**; while **Jackie Burke** was in a marvelous mood for having Irene Radigan vesting us, and for her two week vacation in Arizona and California starting tomorrow.





Visiting Rotarian Irene Radigan, Secretary of the Towanda, PA Rotary Club, is flanked by our Speakers, Paul Suits Jr. and Paul Suits Sr.

