

**You Are Invited to Attend  
The 2022 Cortland County Family YMCA Annual Meeting**

May 19, 2022 at 6:30pm | Rotary Pavilion at Suggett Park

Please join us to:

- Hear about what's new at the Cortland YMCA
- Recognize members of our dedicated staff and volunteers
- Mingle with some old friends and meet some new ones
- Say "Goodbye" to our outgoing members of the Board of Directors
- Vote on our incoming slate of new board members (bios on the back)

The Board asks that since we are still in a pandemic, people not attend the meeting in person if they have had covid infection within the prior 10 days or any lingering covid symptoms. All participants are invited to wear masks.

*Refreshments Will Be Served! Come and Have a Good Time!*

Please note: as a Membership Organization, we are legally required to achieve a quorum of our membership in order to vote on our slate of new board members. We value your input and participation! To cast your vote, you may attend the meeting in person, or cast your vote via proxy. Please fill out the form below and let us know your preferences. We thank you in advance for your participation.

*Paula Moore, President YMCA Board of Directors*

*Noah Beck, Chief Executive Officer*

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If you cannot attend the annual meeting and prefer to cast your vote by proxy, please complete the form below.

**PROXY FORM**

As a member of the Cortland County Family YMCA, 16 years or older, I hereby appoint:

Lynn Cunningham, Secretary, Cortland County Family YMCA Board of Directors as my proxy with full power to cast my vote:

\_\_\_\_\_ **FOR** the new slate of Board Members                      \_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** the new slate of Board Members

at the annual meeting to be held May 19, 6:30 to 7:30.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*You may, even if you have provided a proxy, attend the meeting, revoke the proxy, and vote in person. All proxies must be received by The Cortland County Family YMCA before the start of the meeting.*

## **Meet Our Slate of New Board Members:**

### **Mike May**

Mike has been in Cortland for over 50 years. He is a graduate of SUNY Cortland. He owned his own construction business from 1973 until 2014, now works with Crown construction and is considered an expert in his field.

Mike has been a member of the YMCA for many years. His past board experience includes two terms for the Chamber of Commerce, including time as its president. He has also served on the Cortland Repertory Theater board and is a member of the Rotary breakfast club. Mike views the YMCA as a valuable community center. He is eager to share his knowledge and expertise with the Cortland YMCA.

### **Jamie W. Dening**

Jamie is a new member of the Cortland community and YMCA. In 2021, he moved from Syracuse to Cortland and opened a law practice. As an independent attorney Jamie is, contracted as a Public Defender in Cortland County. Jamie is interested in connecting to the Cortland area and meeting new people. He believes it is important to be an engaged community member and feels he can begin by serving on the YMCA Board of Directors.

Jamie is already an active volunteer at the YMCA. He has also been a member at YMCAs in Syracuse and Colorado. He appreciates how each YMCA is different, like the communities they serve. Specific to the Cortland YMCA he is excited about the work being done to address food insecurity and the growing focus on collaboration with other community organizations.

### **Jim Dempsey**

Jim received his graduate degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from SUNY Cortland. After graduation he worked at the Syracuse YMCA as the Director of Member Services for several years. While at the Syracuse YMCA, he earned his YMCA Director's Certificate. From there, he served as the Tourism Director for Cortland County, a position he held for 27 years until his recent retirement.

Throughout his career, Jim has been an active member of the Cortland Community. He has served on many local boards including as treasurer for the Rotary Breakfast Club Board, an original member of the Lime Hollow Board and 2 previous terms with the Cortland YMCA. He is also the founder of the Cortland Pumpkin Fest and the Cortland Regional Sports Council, serving on the Board for 15+ years. Most recently, he fulfilled 2 terms on the JM Murray Board.

Jim envisions his role as a board member with a focus on the macro level i.e. long term planning, fiduciary oversight, protecting assets, while allowing the Chief Executive Officer to focus on day to day operations. Jim sees opportunities to foster relationships with other agencies in the community and work collaboratively to develop new programs and opportunities for YMCA members and others in the community.

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### **ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING**

a) Any member sixteen (16) years of age or over who assents to the following declaration shall be an elector: "I am in sympathy with the purpose of the YMCA of Cortland and desire to cooperate with others in its achievement and understand that privileges of membership carry responsibilities for payment of dues, individual services and moral standards."