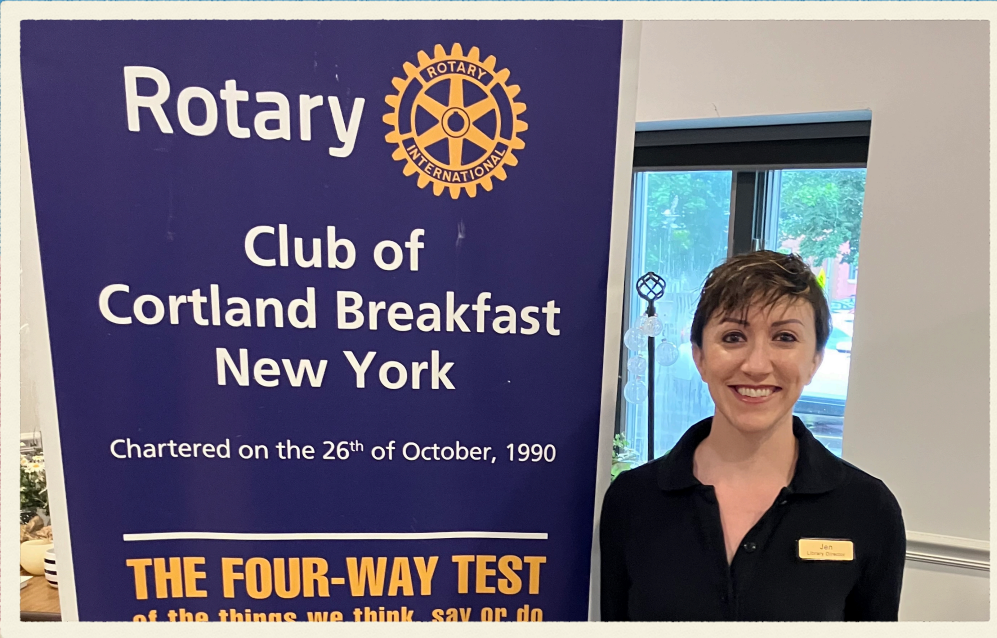


# Cortland Breakfast Rotary

*"The Friendliest Club in District 7170, and the soon to be CNY Rotary!"*



*Jen Graney and Vivian Bosch receive the "Big Check" from President Conrad Janke.*

Jen Graney Vivian Bosch

Dolly Parton Imagination Library/ Cortland Free Library

A graduate of St. John Fisher College, Jen Graney took a circuitous route that led her to a leadership role at Cortland Free Library.

Jen's points were:

- Books are just the beginning of what libraries have to offer.
- Libraries provide access to information, including access to computers and Wi-Fi, and allows faxing, scanning, and newspapers.
- Libraries are connections, including working with community partners Access to Independence, CACTC, Capco, Lime Hollow, the Mental Health Association, and more.
- Libraries are about discovery ;
- A library is a welcoming and inspiring place!

Vivian Bosch told us about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and its positive impact on the community. Started in 2015, it has benefitted 1800 children to date!

Kids are excited to receive a book every month, and it is never too early to read to a child. Families that read together bond more easily, which brings children to read by themselves. It is believed that children who read books for three years do better when they enter school.

Vivian especially is moved by the testimonials from parents. "We LOVE LOVE LOVE getting her book each month. Books are a very special gift". "It's amazing the bonding that has happened just from this simple act of kindness." "Please don't ever stop doing it and thank you so much for the opportunity to be able to read these books to and reading at that age." Thank you, Jen and Vivian, for the important work you do!

## **President**

**Conrad Janke**

## **Front Desk**

**Eden Harrington-  
Hall, Jackie Burke**

## **Thought for the Day**

**Eden Harrington-  
Hall**

## **Visitors and Guests**

**Jen Graney, Vivian  
Bosch**

## **Rotary Anniversary**

**Bob Martin,  
Tyler Krowiak, Terry  
Cahill**

## **SYDKAM**

**Maria Gimma.**

Gave us the lowdown on the travails of her first teaching position, and that she studied karate. This is her last meeting with us, so we presented her with a bouquet and a card signed by the Club members.

## **Raffle.**

**Patrick Clune**

## **Attendance**

**25 plus 2 Zoom**

## **Announcements**

Conrad, Matt, and Kurt would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the St. Anthony's Italian Festival, and for everyone who attended.

Tomorrow, June 15, is our McGruff Golf Tournament at Elm Tree Golf Course. Blue skies and plenty of birdies is the forecast.

This Saturday, June 17, the Noon Rotary Club is having the Little York Swim at 9am at Dwyer Park. If you can volunteer, contact Chuck Feiszli.

Also this Saturday is Juneteenth, held at Courthouse Park, at 11am.

Mike Shafer reported that it is Rotary Foundation Month, every Rotarian is asked to donate every year.

There will be no meeting on Wednesday, June 28; instead we will have our Pass the Gavel/Paul Harris Award at 530pm on June 29, at the Center for the Arts. If you haven't signed up you don't want to miss this!

We will also not have a meeting on July 5, but will schedule our monthly Board meeting at 7am on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Karen Dewitt reported that she is looking for a host family for our inbound Exchange student.

## **Happy Dollars**

**Andy Polley**—great to be here live, and for Maria;

**Jeremy Boylan**—for Maria and our guest Speakers;

**Conrad Janke**—for Maria;

**Glenn Reisweber**—for our guest Speakers and for Maria;

**Matt Banazek**—for Maria and for St. Anthony's Italian Festival;

**Mike Shafer**—for Maria, Jen and Vivian;

**Pat Clune**—for Maria;

**Karen Dewitt**—for Maria and visit to Alexandria Bay;

**Dick Kroot**—next Saturday is his and Nancy's 50th Anniversary;

**Lee Schaff**—like to thank Maria;

**Jackie Burke**—for Maria.



Jen Graney is the Library Director at Cortland Free Library. Originally from Rochester, NY, she holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University and a B.A. in Communications/ Journalism from St. John Fisher College. Her prior library experience was at Fayetteville Free Library, Central New York Library Resources Council, and Syracuse University. Jen also has a background in writing, as a musician, and as a record label co-founder. In addition to her role at CFL, she is an MFA candidate in Creative Nonfiction at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Jen has lived in Cortland since 2020.

The  
**Rotary**  
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**McGruff Golf Tournament 1st Place Team—Jamie Brown, Dan Nichols, Debbie Mitchell, Conrad Janke**

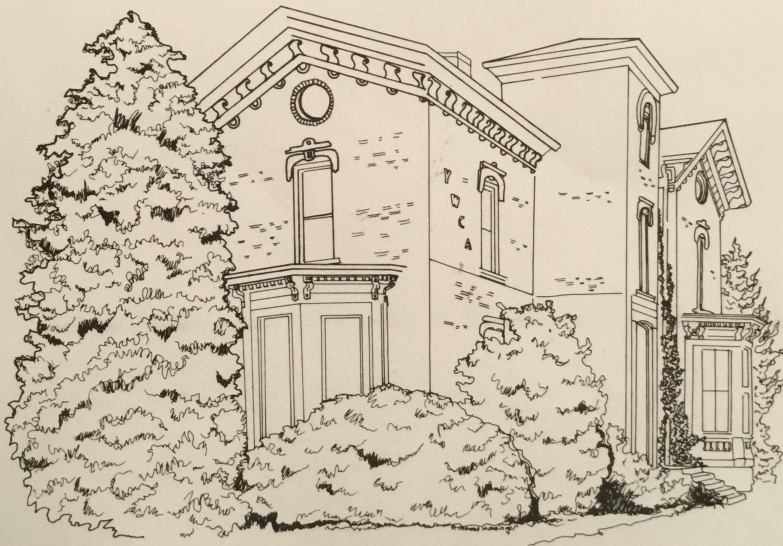


Best wishes for a golden couple.

To the Happy Couple on your Golden Anniversary.

**Happy 50th  
Anniversary, Dick  
and Nancy Kroot!**

Thank you  
letter from the  
YWCA for our  
donation.



Originally the Residence of W. P. Randall  
The Home of the Cortland Y.W.C.A.

Dear Breakfast Rotarians, May 2023  
On behalf of the Cortland  
YWCA, I want to thank  
you for your kind  
donation to our Summer  
Camp. These funds will  
help support fieldtrips that  
we offer to our children  
attending the YWCA. We  
appreciate this support, and  
it benefits over 100 children.

Summer Camp will be  
starting at the end of  
June, and we are so  
looking forward to a  
great summer and fun  
fieldtrips! Sincerely,  
Jami Bistocchi  
YWCA Child Care Dir.

## **NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 28!!**

Join us for the Pass the Gavel/  
Paul Harris Dinner on  
Thursday, June 29 at the  
Center for the Arts, 530pm  
cocktails, 630pm dinner.

## **NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 5!!**

Join us at 7am for our monthly  
Board of Directors meeting,  
via Zoom. All are welcome.