

Cortland Breakfast Rotary
New York

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Chris Cushman



Cortland **Breakfast** Rotary

EVERY other Club in the District says: "I could have been a contender....".

Learning Fiber Arts helps to empower people!

When living in Cleveland, Ohio, Chris Cushman was part of the local fiber community. When she and her husband moved to Dryden she missed this community. She put out feelers last October, and found an interest in fiber gathering.

In her social gatherings and classes, Chris has learned how interconnected we all are. Taking up a hand craft—knitting, crocheting, spinning—helps to boost a person's mental state. In empowering people to learn, Chris helps them to connect to the local farm community, and the world.

Chris is opening a brick and mortar store in Dryden, and is hoping to provide space for other work shops.

We thank Chris for taking the time to explain her interesting work to us, and appreciate her passion in her craft!



Squishing yarn and joining others in community are great passions of mine. I want to create a brave space locally where people can learn, build new skills, and connect over a shared love: yarn and fiber arts. I envision a space where everyone is welcome always, no matter your skill level, age, or demographic. Come have a seat at our fiber table!

I learned to knit when I was 5. My Nana tried her best to teach me, but my hole-ridden scarf just ended up in the toy chest. A few years later, my Mom and her best friend took a beginner's knitting class at a local yarn shop. The shop owner, Erin, (with much enthusiasm, patience, and kindness) taught me the basics of knitting again and I finished my first bookmark. It was thrilling to finish a project and use something I made with my own hands!

I took a deep dive into the knitting and fiber world in 2018 and haven't looked back. I am a seasoned test knitter for various designers and some of my favorite projects are sweaters and shawls. I love troubleshooting projects and learning new skills.

As the owner of Connected Stitches, I want every interaction to be positive, empowering, and loving. I want you to feel like you CAN DO IT, and to encourage you as you try. Come as you are and get connected. I can't wait to meet you!

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President.

Jackie Burke.

Front Desk.

Mike Shafer, Glenn Reisweber

Thought of the Day.

Mark Hahn

Guest.

Chris Cushman, Susan Cerretani

Happy Birthday.

Charlie Dellow

Raffle. Mark Roberts.

Attendance. 23 + 4 Zoom



Bob Martin reported on a successful weekend at Lime Hollow. The “Love Where You Play” park clean up had over 100 volunteers!

This Friday-Saturday-Sunday is CNY Rotary District Conference in Binghamton.

Kathie O’Mara was on a quest—to fill the slots for Front Desk and Thought for the Day. Quest accomplished!



Kurt Behrenfeld—life is good!
Budd Rigg is the proud owner of a fishing boat—Rigged Up.

Glenn Reisweber enjoyed Front Desk work with Mike Shafer, and finished Spring Clean Up.

Conrad Janke congratulated Bob Martin, Terry Cahill, and Teresa Gilbert for their Spring Clean Up team.

Valerie Kaiser welcomed our guests and the work at Lime Hollow. Matt Banazek appreciated Glenn’s work. Regina Grantham likes how good her yard looks after Spring Clean Up. Dianne Higgins zoomed in and told us she is enjoying 3 weeks in Cape Cod. Don Richards thanked Jackie Burke for filling in as Prez.

I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra, when the guy on triangle disappeared.

