



CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

Geared up to be The Friendliest Club in CNY Rotary!

Evan Kurtz

CNY Rotary

February 14, 2024

Evan Kurtz explained to us the reasoning behind CNY Rotary.

While our District, 7170, is still strong, it has been growing smaller. Two other Districts, 7150 based in Syracuse, and 7190 out of Albany, are in the same predicament. After July 1 of 2024, all three Districts will form District 7180. Because it is easier to identify a District by its geography, it will be known as CNY Rotary.

Instead of a District Governor, CNY Rotary will have a President; instead of Assistant Governors it will have Area Representatives. There will be 2800 members in 113 Clubs in 22 counties, far too many for one President to visit by herself. Thus there will be 22 Area Representatives, responsible for six Clubs each. Lizzy Martin will be the first President of CNY Rotary, and will do a great job in that role. There is a CNY Rotary website; besides that, nothing will change at the Club level.

We thank Evan for spending time with us today, for his dedication to our District, and for his unwavering support of Rotary.

Evan helped Charter the Rotary Club of Dryden in 2006, where he has served as President twice, and cannot manage to permanently hand-off the job of treasurer. (there have been six others...). In our District he served as Assistant Governor and was DG for 21-22. That journey required serving on several District committees such as finance and grants. Evan and his Rotarian wife Tracy have attended every District Conference since joining as well as 4 Rotary International Conventions, 6 if you count virtual ones!

In the fall of 2019, while at a DG training session in Niagara Falls, Canada, Evan became engaged in a discussion with 7170 leadership regarding the probable merger of our 2 neighboring Districts (7150 Syracuse area and 7190 the Albany region). This evolved into the development of Central New York Rotary (District 7180) with 7170 as part of this venture.

Evan participated in the initial planning retreat in July 2022. There, goals and broad plans for the new District were outlined and the path forward established. Since then Evan has been serving on the Steering Committee and it's Executive group as well as leading a couple of Transition Action Groups to establish CNY Rotary.

PRESIDENT. *JACKIE BURKE*
FRONT DESK. *KAREN DEWITT, ARIEL CORL*
THOUGHT OF THE DAY. *BOB MARTIN*
HAPPY BIRTHDAY. *MIKE CATALANO, TODD CURTIS*
(1-31)
GUESTS. *EVAN KURTZ, NOAH BECH, ALANA*
AUCHMOODY
RAFFLE. *MARK ROBERTS*
ATTENDANCE. *25 + 6 ZOOM*

Announcements

Bob Martin informed us that it is Corn Ducky Derby time, and that tickets can be purchased from him, **Budd Rigg**, or **Conrad Janke**. Also, Lime Hollow is looking for volunteers for Earth Day.

Dianne Higgins shared a thank you card from the Kiwanis Club for our contribution to their PBJ250 drive. She also detailed how we are experimenting with our weekly breakfast menu.

Kathie O'Mara stated that she would lock the door and no one could leave the Center for the Arts until the Front Desk and Thought of the Day rosters are filled.

Happy Dollars

Ed Finkbeiner enjoyed celebrating Fat Tuesday so much that he continued today, Ash Wednesday (p.6); **Glenn Reisweber** thanked **Evan Kurtz** for being our Speaker; **Evan** was glad to be here; **Mark Roberts** celebrated the SU basketball win and the squid on **Ed Finkbeiner's** head; **Matt Banazek, Conrad Janke**, and **Andy Polley**, congratulated **Budd Rigg** and **Sophie Clough** for their membership; **Budd Rigg** and **Sophie Clough** are glad to be members; **Jackie Burke** and **Karen Dewitt** noted the new members and the presence of **Alana Auchmoody**, **Karen** also added that she returned from a wonderful trip to Florida.



Welcome to the Club!

Budd Rigg is sponsored by Kathie O'Mara, Sophie Clough
by Jeremy Boylan.



Noah Bech is our current inbound Exchange Student, from the Faroe Islands. He attends Homer High School.

Alana Auchmoody was our outbound Exchange Student in 2018 to Taiwan. She told us about her experiences in Taiwan, that she is studying International Study and Law at Syracuse University, and is fluent in Mandarin.



How did Ed Finkbeiner get all of those Mardi Gras beads?
Don't Ask — Don't Tell!

Rotary International is a worldwide organization,. Past-Prez Conrad Janke is standing next to a monument recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Granada, Nicaragua.



