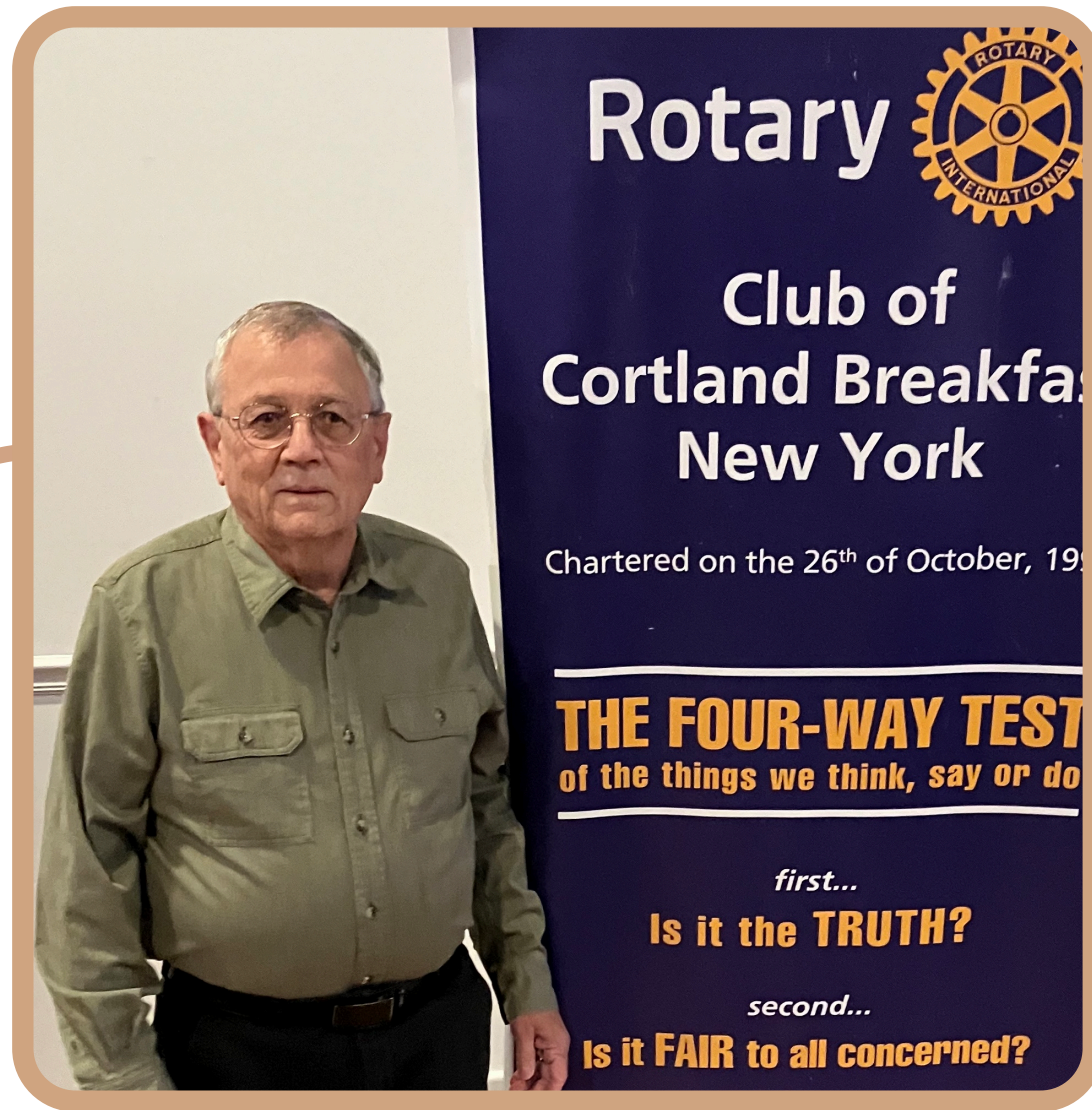


Cortland Breakfast *Rotary*



Ralph Dudgeon talks Spiegle Willcox

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Of the rich musical tradition in Cortland, no one stands higher than Spiegle Willcox.

Ralph Dudgeon and Bill Lane shared the life and legacy of Spiegle Willcox; he was born in 1903 in Sherburne, and moved with his family to Cortland in 1911. Cortland County has had an active musical background since the 1840's, and Spiegle joined the YMCA band with his father, who was also a trombonist, when he was 12.

Spiegle soloed for the first time when he was 12 years old in New York City at the Hotel Breslin (29th and Broadway), and worked with many of the legends of jazz. After a stint with the California Ramblers, he worked with Tommy Dorsey, Paul Whiteman, Jean Goldkette, Bix Beiderbecke, Joe Venuti, and others. Spiegle first recorded in 1923, and his first solo was on the song "I Cried for You." Spiegle recorded with the best musicians; however, he married Irene or "Pidgeon" in 1925, and retired in 1927 to run his father's coal business in Cortland.

While he continued to play in bands in Cortland and Syracuse, Spiegle was rediscovered with the Jazz Revival in 1974. Joe Venuti was a Goldkette band mate of Spiegle's, and was largely responsible for bringing Spiegle out of retirement. He toured in the US and Europe at traditional jazz band festivals and concerts. Spiegle holds the distinction of being the oldest trombonist to record, and for having the longest recording career, 76 years, of any musician.

Ralph and Bill shared their appreciation of Spiegle Willcox, and a clip of Spiegle on the Tonight Show:

<https://youtu.be/5oTYDGARiow?si=rwMZWhqAZXI9Y7mC>

Ralph Dudgeon is a versatile musician/scholar who is known for performance on period instruments as well as his performances of contemporary repertoire. Dudgeon received his Ph.D. in musicology from the University of California, San Diego. He earned a Master of Arts degree in trumpet performance and a Bachelor of Arts in music education from San Diego State University.

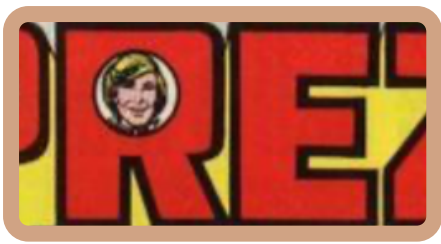


Dudgeon has appeared throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico and China as a trumpet soloist and conductor. His debut solo album, *Music for Keyed Bugle*, was the first full-length recording devoted to the keyed bugle. His keyed bugle research and performances were influential in the twentieth century revival of that instrument. He has recorded for Musical Heritage Society, Music Masters, Newport Classic, Nimbus, Hyperion, Innova, and Spring Tree labels.

Dudgeon began his career in California as a high school music teacher in 1970. From 1981 to 1985, he was on the music faculty of the University of Texas, Dallas. He is Professor of Music, Emeritus at State University of New York, Cortland, where he taught music history and trumpet from 1985 to 2012. He teaches trumpet at Colgate University and Cornell University. From 1996 to 2011, he was a research consultant for Instrumentenmuseum, Schloß Kremsegg in Kremsmünster, Upper Austria.

Dudgeon contributed to the *Continuum Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World*, *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, the *New Grove Dictionary of Musical Instruments*, the *New Grove Dictionary of American Music*, the *American Musical Instrument Society Journal*, the *International Trumpet Guild Journal*, *Ovation*, and the *Historic Brass Society Journal*. Dudgeon contributed two chapters to the *Cambridge Companion to Brass Instruments*. His 1993 book, *The Keyed Bugle* (Scarecrow Press), is considered the definitive research on that instrument. The second, expanded edition of *The Keyed Bugle* was released in 2004. Dudgeon's *Das Flügelhorn* (2003) is published by PPVMEDIEN GmbH in German and English. The work is a history of the flugelhorn and features over a hundred color photos of instruments housed in the Instrumentenmuseum, Schloß Kremsegg, Upper Austria. In 2006, Dudgeon received the *Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities* from the State University of New York.

Dudgeon remains an active trumpet performer and teacher and lives in Homer, New York. He is principal trumpet in the Catskill Symphony, the Clinton Symphony Orchestra of the Mohawk Valley, Colgate University Orchestra, and The Arcadia Chorale Festival



Don Richards



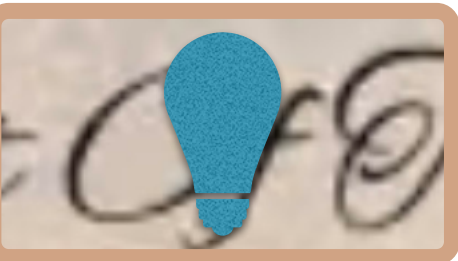
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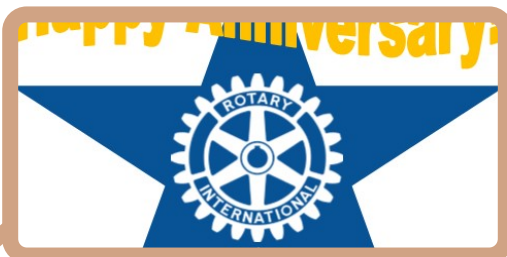
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Bob Haight



Glenn Reisweber reminded us that on November 15 we will be helping to clean the Center for the Arts, a work detail to thank the Center for hosting us every week of the year. All are asked to help out for however long they can.

Conrad Janke announced that the annual Salvation Army Dollar Drop is tentatively scheduled for December 16; our Club's own **Major Corinne Hayes** will keep us informed.

Jeremy Boylan noted that next Thursday is the special Ric Mixer Zoom presentation of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, 630pm at the Living History Center. Many thanks to **Matt Banazek** and **Cindy Stoker** for setting this up, hopefully all can attend.



DON RICHARDS FOR **TODD CURTIS** JOINING OUR CLUB AND FOR SEEING **CHARLIE DELLOW**; **CONRAD JANKE** FOR **TODD** AND FOR EMPTY BOWLS; **MIKE SHAFER** FOR SEEING **RALPH DUDGEON**, **CHARLIE DELLOW**, AND EMPTY BOWLS; **GLENN REISWEBER** FOR **TODD**, **CHARLIE**, AND THE RISING OF OLD MAN WINTER; **JOANNE SAUTTER** FOR **TODD**; **JEREMY BOYLAN** FOR **TODD** AND CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN; **DON FERRIS** FOR HIS DOCTOR'S MEMORY TEST; **STEVE CINQUANTI** FOR **TODD** AND **ARIEL CORL** ATTENDING OUR MEETING; **JACKIE BURKE** FOR **TODD**, **CHARLIE**, AND **ARIEL**; **DIANNE HIGGINS** FOR **CHARLIE** AND THE CHARTER MEMBERS; **CHARLIE DELLOW** ENJOYED SEEING OLD FRIENDS; **REGINA GRANTHAM** FOR THE SUCCESSFUL EMPTY BOWLS AT LOAVES AND FISHES.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB, TODD CURTIS!



President-Elect Jackie Burke sponsored Todd Curtis



Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club presents



The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

With Ric Mixer



Living History Center
4386 US Route 11
Cortland, NY

Thursday November 9 @ 6:30PM

Nationally recognized Shipwreck Historian Ric Mixer is one of only a handful of people who have visited the wreck personally, diving 550 feet down in a tiny submarine to explore the site will be ZOOMING in with his energetic and entertaining lecture on the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Let us know you are attending with email to:
cortland.breakfast.rotary@gmail.com
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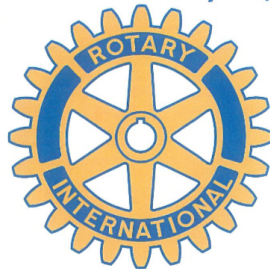
Help those who help us!

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Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club's Ride for Rotary June 3rd 2023

Motorcycles, Classic Vehicles, Bicycles, Runners, Walkers, etc.

For questions call Don Richards Office 607-749-7770, Cell 607-745-7779



This year we have paired with the

**Cortland NY Law Enforcement Agencies,
Homer Center For the Arts &
The CNY Living History Center,** to bring awareness and help raise funds for their programs!

Registration at 10:00am. Sponsors of the Ride for Rotary at the \$300.00 level have their names listed on T-shirts, all advertising and formal announcements. Also includes two participants to the day's event. **Lunch is included after the ride. Registration on the back of this flyer.>**

**All Participants meet at the CNY Living History Center 4386 US-11
Cortland, NY 13045. @ 10:00 am. Thank You 2023 Sponsors!**

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