

*Let's Make Rotary a Priority!*

# CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

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Wednesday

## Adam Carlin: Combing Art and Gourmet Mushrooms



Cortland Breakfast Rotary was joined this week by Adam Carlin, who fascinated the group with the story behind his quickly growing business venture, Talkrot. What started as a hobby to occupy Adam during the winter months stuck indoors has literally bloomed into a business that includes combining displayable works of art with a kit that allows fungi-curious consumers to attempt to grow their own gourmet mushrooms at home. With a facility located in Tully, Talkrot also grows over ten varieties of gourmet mushrooms that are supplied to restaurants and grocery stores across Central New York. Talkrot also provides an innovative service installing mushroom farms at schools, non-profits, and residential properties. Look out for future programs about mushroom foraging in our own local forests!



[Learn more about  
Talkrot here](#)

Adam Carlin is an artist, educator, and entrepreneur who serves as Executive Director of Women of the Shoah, as well as Co-Director and Co-Founder of A Contemporary Jewish Museum. Previously, he served as Director of Learning & Engagement at the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, NY, and held dual positions at UNC Greensboro as Director of Community Engagement for the College of Visual and Performing Arts and Director of the off-campus contemporary art center, Greensboro Project Space. Carlin also co-founded and co-directed Creek Colleges, which created schools on the banks of watersheds undergoing active restoration, and Some Thing Spacious, an experimental project space in Oakland, CA that focused on participatory art practices. He holds a BFA in Sculpture from California College of the Arts and an MFA in Art and Social Practice from Portland State University.

**President:** Jackie Burke

**Front Desk:** Dianne Higgins,  
Jessie Farrell

**Thought of the day:**  
Mike Catalano

**Birthdays:**  
Jessie Farrell (2/24)

**Anniversaries:**  
None

**Attendance: 21** (2 via Zoom)

**Guests:**

Adam Carlin  
Doug Withey  
Laurie Comfort  
Nishi Kadvani

**Raffle winner:**  
Joanne Sautter

## Happy Dollars



**Glenn Reisweber:** Hollenbeck's Forbidden Pies-enjoyed the Chocolate Chess Pie. Also, by executive order have appointed Mark Roberts as commissioner of the pickle ball league, and will be forming a swim league with Chuck Feiszli as commissioner.

**Karen DeWitt:** Nishi has settled in with her new host family, Nishi's birthday (2/29) will be celebrated on Friday! And she'll be heading to Hawaii on Sunday.

**Valerie Kaiser:** Returned from Texas, enjoyed time with family & tacos. Finished a shawl during jury duty. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Lowe's. Holding a talk on weaving on Sat.

**Conrad Janke:** For our guest speaker, Adam Carlin, for the cookie delivery from Valerie, and looking forward to Glenn's pie.

**Mike May:** Happy to be here.

**Don Ferris:** Grandson will be playing in state hockey finals in Binghamton.

## Announcements:

- Register for the Conference of Champions by Tuesday, March 4th.
- Jackie Burke and Conrad Janke enjoyed the gathering in Ithaca for the Rotary Birthday Extravaganza last Sunday.
- March 26th is a special three-club meeting. **No morning meeting!** This is an opportunity to share the activities of our local Rotary clubs to prospective members. Bring a non-spouse guest for free!
- Updates to by-laws are in progress.
- Ride for Rotary committee to discuss the future of the event next Wednesday, following the regular meeting- all members welcome to join.
- RYLA currently have no sign-ups, may need to pivot to expand offer to other local students.
- First announcement of new member Laurie Comfort.



[Click here to register by March 4th](#)  
[for discount on hotel](#)

CORTLAND BREAKFAST & NOON,  
AND TULLY ROTARY CLUBS

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 26TH  
MEETING**

AT THE CORTLAND ELKS  
COCKTAILS @5:45PM

\$20 per person  
Non-spouse guests:  
Free

Speaker:  
CNY President  
Lizzy Martin



## Wednesday, March 26th

### No Morning Meeting!

Join us at the Cortland Elks for a three-club special meeting!

\$20 per person, non-spouse guests are free!  
Bring prospective members to learn about what Rotary is all about!

Menu: House salad, chicken parm, roasted potatoes, stuffed shells, apple crisp.