

The Friendliest Club in the District!

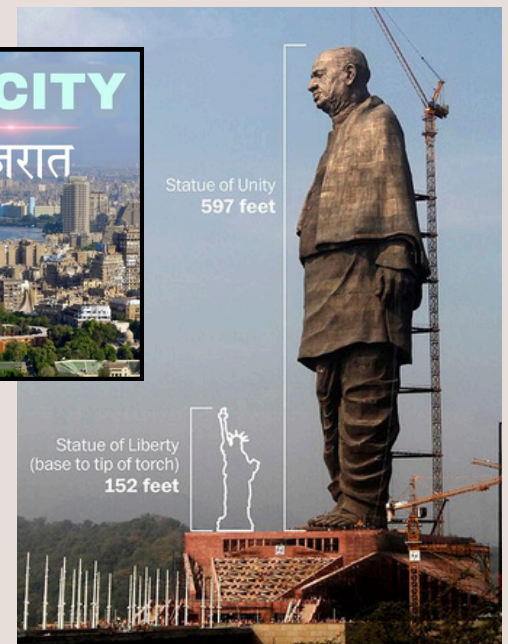
# CORTLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY

01.15.2025

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Wednesday

“India is the best example of  
unity & diversity”



Our club was delighted to welcome Nishi Kadvani, our current exchange student from Rajkot, Gujarat, India, to tell us a bit about herself and her hometown! She is called "Leapling Princess" by her family due to the fact that her birthday falls on February 29th. She enjoys traveling, badminton, and hiking.

Nishi shared with us about the geography, culture, festivals, and clothing in India and of her hometown, although didn't cover much of the history given that it's not really one of her best subjects!

The state of Gujarat, located in the western portion of India, features beautiful coastline and areas of desert. The Statue of Unity, located at the Sardar Sarovar Dam, is the tallest statue in the world with a height of 182 meters. Butter milk is a staple beverage, and regional foods include theplas, khakhras, dhokkas, and khandvi.

Nishi's dad belongs to the Rotary Club of Rajkot Mid-Town, which is incredibly active with 140 members, and involvement in projects that range from the building of a dam, earthquake relief efforts, to the development of a diabetes prevention and management center, and the creation of a doll museum that has connected Rotary Clubs from around the world who have donated ethnic dolls to outfit the museum.

**President:** Jackie Burke

**Front Desk:** Corrine Hayes,  
Mike May

**Thought of the day:**

Corrine Hayes

**Anniversaries:** Jackie Burke,  
Dianne Higgins, Glenn Reisweber

**Guests:**

Nishi Kadvani  
Matt Fendya

**Raffle winner: Mike Shafer**

**Attendance: 23 (2 via Zoom)**

## ***Announcements:***

- **Kathie O'Mara is on the mend from surgery!**
- **Congrats to Homer Mayor Pat Clune!**
- **Truck-full of mobility devices picked up to head to Ukraine.**
- **Don Richards has received recognition from the Paul Harris Foundation for his support, dedication, and passion for Rotary.**
- **The Membership Committee makes the first announcement of intention to invite Doug Withey to become a member.**
- **Save-a-lot has donated \$159 to go toward Loaves & Fishes groceries.**

**Ride for Rotary committee meeting to be held**

**Thurs. 1/16 via Zoom @ 7:30am.**

**Anyone invited to attend this brainstorming session!**

**Come with ideas based on the following:**

- Why are we doing the Ride For Rotary?
- What does the Ride For Rotary look like without Don?
- What is a reasonable cost to charge?
- What should we do with the funds we raise?
- What ways can the Ride For Rotary support the needs in our community?  
Examples: Hunger, Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Mental Health.
- What are the expectations needed from our members?
- How many people do we need to make the Ride successful?
- What ways can we partner with other organizations?
- What is a realistic expectation moving forward?

## You'll be missed Regina!



**Regina Grantham, Cortland Breakfast Rotary member since 2012, was a remarkable woman who will be missed not only by those in Rotary, but by all those whose lives she touched at SUNY Cortland and throughout the community.**

[Message from SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum available here](#)



## Happy Dollars



**Don Richards:** In memory of Regina, congratulations to Mayor Pat Clune, looking forward to going to Sarasota on Saturday, will see "old friends."

**Mike Shafer:** Congrats to Don Richards, grateful for gift from Jeremy Boylan of a True Value Christmas album, and in memory of Regina and her service to Loaves & Fishes and at SUNY Cortland.

**Bob Martin:** Daughter in Santa Monica is safe, but son-in-law has family affected by the fires.

**Kurt Behrenfeld:** Good memories of Regina.

**Joanne Sautter:** Congrats to Don & Pat.

**Pat Clune:** Sad \$ for Regina, he was inspired by her optimism. Also for not be decimated at the Rotary hockey league this morning.

**Ed Finkbeiner:** For Pat having to work with him, and in memory of Regina.

**Mark Roberts:** For Regina and Bob, has memories of taking his prescriptions over and spending quality time with them.

**Matt Banazek:** In memory of Regina. And to Mayor Pat joining the hockey league- had more saves than the other team's goalie.

**Glenn Reisweber:** For Regina, and congrats to Don. Also for Pat who was out shoveling the ice rink prior to the 6:00am hockey league (join on Wednesdays!)

**Conrad Janke:** In memory of Regina, and for our speaker, Nishi. Currently enjoying the beautiful weather in Nicaragua.

**Jackie Burke:** For Nishi, our speaker.



CORTLAND BREAKFAST & NOON,  
TULLY, AND WHITNEY POINT  
ROTARY CLUBS

# WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH MEETING

AT THE CORTLAND ELKS @ 6PM

\$20 per person  
Non-spouse guests:  
Free

Speaker:  
CNY President  
Lizzy Martin

