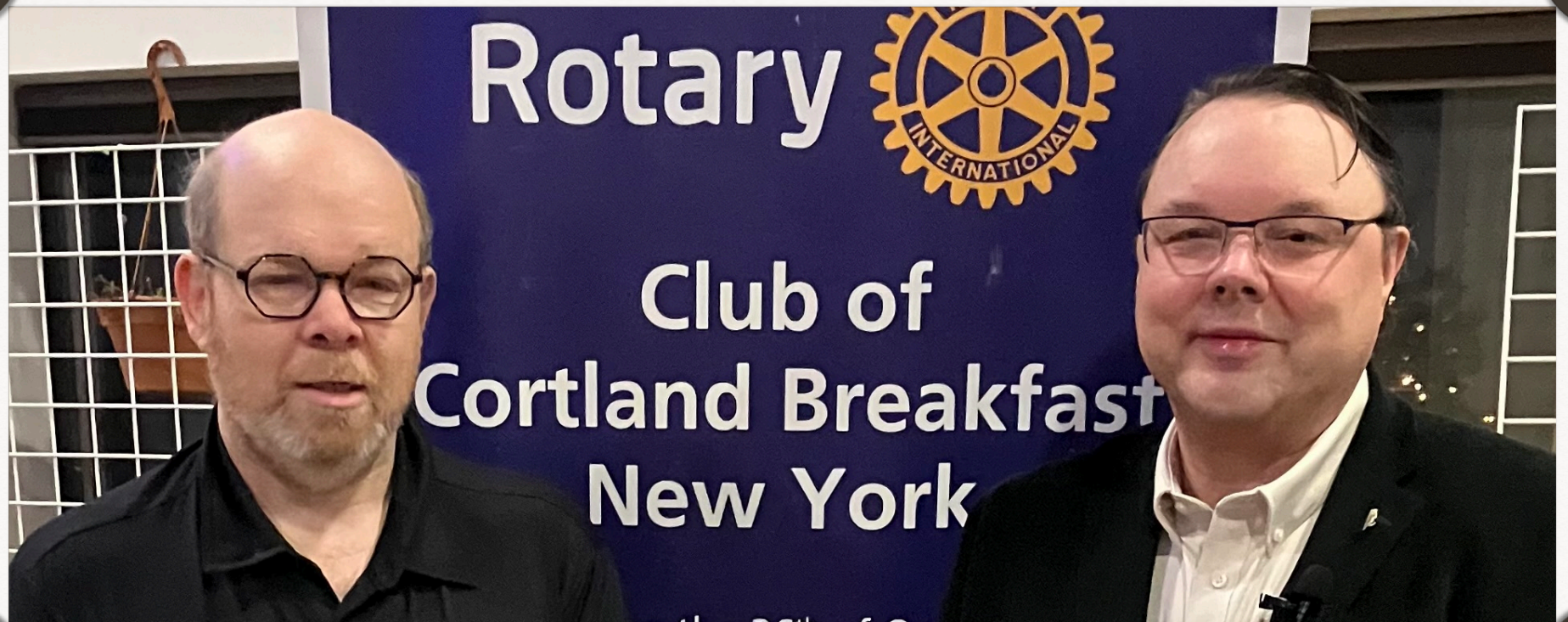


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Leonard's Vacuum started in Ithaca in 1959; Kristopher Buchan and Edward Brewer bought it and moved it to Cortland, behind Footie's Freeze on McLean Rd.. Since there was a lack of hobby shops in Cortland, they turned it into Leonard's Vacuum and Hobby.

They not only sell several different lines of vacuums, repair all makes of vacuums, and even have 3D printers for parts that are no longer made. A vacuum museum is being developed at the store.

The hobby shop is reaching out to the community. It has both a Model Railroad Club and a Model Club that meet at the store monthly. The store carries models of trains, planes, cars, doll houses, and rockets. Kris explained the different gauges of trains and how they cater to the needs of their customers. They even stock items like room deodorizers and restaurant supplies, to help improve the image of businesses in the area.

We appreciate the time that Kristopher and Edward spent with us, and thank them for their work with our community.

Edward Brewer, Jr moved to the Groton area almost 20 years ago from Utica. He spent most of his career working as an executive for Scouts BSA before leaving that career to purchase Leonard's Vacuum with Kristopher Buchan,

Kristopher has been in the area for most of his life with the exception of a 5 year stint in Orlando, Florida. Kris owns Tompkins Cortland Real Estate, is the past president of the Cortland County Board of Realtors and is the current president of the Groton Community and Business Association.

Kris and Ed bought Leonard's Vacuum, a store that has been in business in Ithaca since the late 1950s. They moved the store to Cortland last year and expanded to have both the vacuum, vacuum repair, cleaning supplies, and rentals portion of the business as well as to add a full hobby shop that includes model trains, plastic models, doll house miniatures, and more.

Kris and Ed are looking forward to speaking with the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club!

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<b>President.</b>	<b>Jackie Burke.</b>	<b>Front Desk.</b>	<b>Kathie O'Mara, Patrick Clune.</b>
<b>Thought of the Day.</b>	<b>Bob Martin.</b>	<b>Raffle.</b>	<b>Don Richards.</b>
<b>Guests.</b>		<b>Kristopher Buchan, Edward Brewer, Jr.,</b>	<b>Nishi Kadvani.</b>
<b>Happy Birthday.</b>	<b>Regina Grantham.</b>	<b>Rotary Anniversary.</b>	<b>Jami Bistocchi.</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>21 + 1 Zoom</b>		

*Pinch hitting for Don Richards, Nishi Kadvani pulled the Queen of Hearts—\$100 to the charity of Don's choice!*

Bob Martin and Major Corinne Hayes thanked the members of our Club who helped with last Friday's Dollar Drop. The Club contributed \$500 to the the work of the Salvation Army.

The second ballot for the Board of Directors will be emailed today.

On each table are survey forms about travel with our Club; please fill out and return.

Loaves and Fishes has five volunteers from our Club and ten from the Interact Club for Holiday Baskets on December 20 at 3pm; 46 families will be served this year.

Tully Rotary is having a Winter Carnival at The Loft at Vesper Hills on February 16, our Club will be participating with a booth.



Mike Shafer thanked Bob Martin for coordinating the Salvation Army Dollar Drop, thanked school bus drivers and the Board of Realtors for their contribution to Loaves and Fishes.

Ed Finkbeiner congratulated Pat Clune for being named the new Homer Mayor.

Don Richards is sponsoring the Delaney Bris. Christmas Concert at the Center for the Arts on December 22.

Bob Martin was happy to help with the Dollar Drop and sold Christmas trees at Lime Hollow.

Conrad Janke celebrated his daughter's wedding in Raleigh, NC.

Matt Banazek and Glenn Reisweber celebrated the Mayorship of Patrick Clune.

Jackie Burke donated a dollar for each of our Speakers.

Terry Cahill was happy to join us on Zoom.



Contact Don Richards ([rotaryrichards@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryrichards@gmail.com)) for free tickets and refreshments to this wonderful event!

The Delaney Brothers Bluegrass Christmas  
Matinee Show! 2:00pm  
December 22... See more



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**The Delaney Brothers Bluegrass Christmas  
tickets by Center for the Arts Homer**

Congratulations to the new Mayor of Homer.....



**Patrick Clune**

Let's have some fun and man a booth at the Tully Rotary Winter Carnival on Febtuary 16th! Watch for further details!

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**@ THE LOFT AT VESPER HILLS...**

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**BRING A NON PERISHABLE ITEM FOR DONATION IF YOUR ABLE.**

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▶ DRESS-UP TO WIN A PRIZE  
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For each Rotary year, the President Of Rotary International presents us with a theme.

This year's theme is "The Magic of Rotary".



Here are banners and themes of four of Rotary International's Past-Presidents.

Matt Banazek recollected that Tears for Fears also were "Sowing the Seeds of Love!"





*“O.K., now no one bother me. This is the one night a year I get the house to myself.”*