

Jen Rafferty
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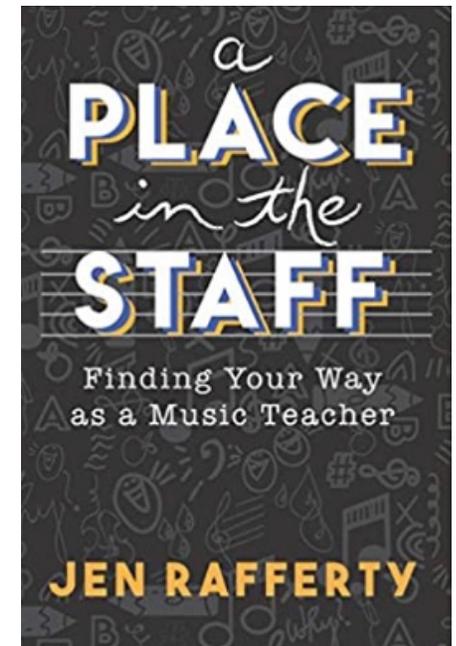
Cortland
Breakfast Rotary
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As a veteran music teacher in the Cortland School System, Jen Rafferty realized that teaching is hard, and turnover is high.

After writing a book, *A Place in the Staff*, and starting her own company, COVID hit. In her case, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

While homeschooling her kids, she used the time to re-evaluate her purpose was to help other people to discover their sound. Making music with others feeds her soul, and the vibrations we feel help to feed psychological change. She provided a platform to for people to sing over Zoom—**Sing Together**, that was picked up as an Air BnB Experience,

Jen's purpose is to: 1) provide private music lessons all over the world;
2). Sing Together classes;
3) teacher education classes.



In helping to empower educators, Jen Rafferty

is striving to fill the gaps in teacher education.. She is helping teachers to develop their mission, create reflective practices, and to understand emotional intelligence. She has learned that the teachers need to develop their own professional mission and vision to help with their longevity in their career. In her podcast, [Take Notes](#), Jen highlights the intersection between music education and the social sciences..

Announcements

President Pete Williams announced that **Conrad Janke** is Vice-President.

Also, that the Front Desk will be manned by **Chuck Feiszli** and **Matt Banazek**.

Matt Banazek is bolstering the Membership Committee with **Jim Hopkins** and **Steve Cinquanti**.

Happy Dollars

Matt Banazek—he hopes Pastor Pete does not give up his day job.

Chuck Feiszli—his daughter has kind a house and moving out o his.

Conrad Janke—a successful Reunion or the Ages over the weekend.

Karen Dewitt—grandson turned 15, flying up to see her.

Mike Shafer—sister is in town or 2 weeks.

Mike May— being here.

President & Invocation

Peter Williams

Front Desk

Jim Dempsey,
Dianne
Higgins

50-50

Jeremy Boylan

Visitors and Guests

Andy Chernow,
Jen Rafferty



“Jen’s style makes you feel like you’re sitting down discussing music education over coffee with her – she’s approachable, laid back, and fun all the while packed with great advice.”



Presenter and author, Jen Rafferty began her career as a middle school music teacher in Central New York. Jen brings her energy, humor, and expertise to all professional development workshops. She is known for her practical ideas and passion in her presentations while inspiring teachers to stay connected to their “why.” Her new program, The Empowered Educator guides teachers to create whoever texts Conrad Janke first at 315-460-0258 will get a free breakfast at the 8/11/21 CBR meeting their professional mission and vision, while gaining insights into emotional intelligence, cognitive psychology, advocacy, neuro-education and overall wellbeing. Jen currently serves as the Co-chair of the New York State School Music Association’s (NYSSMA) Secondary Classroom Committee, and is an active member of advocacy committee. She earned a B.M. in music education and vocal performance, a M.M. in music education from Ithaca College and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in educational psychology. Her most recent publication is A Place in the Staff available at J.W. Pepper. She is also the executive producer and host of the podcast Take Notes which highlights the intersection between music education and the social sciences