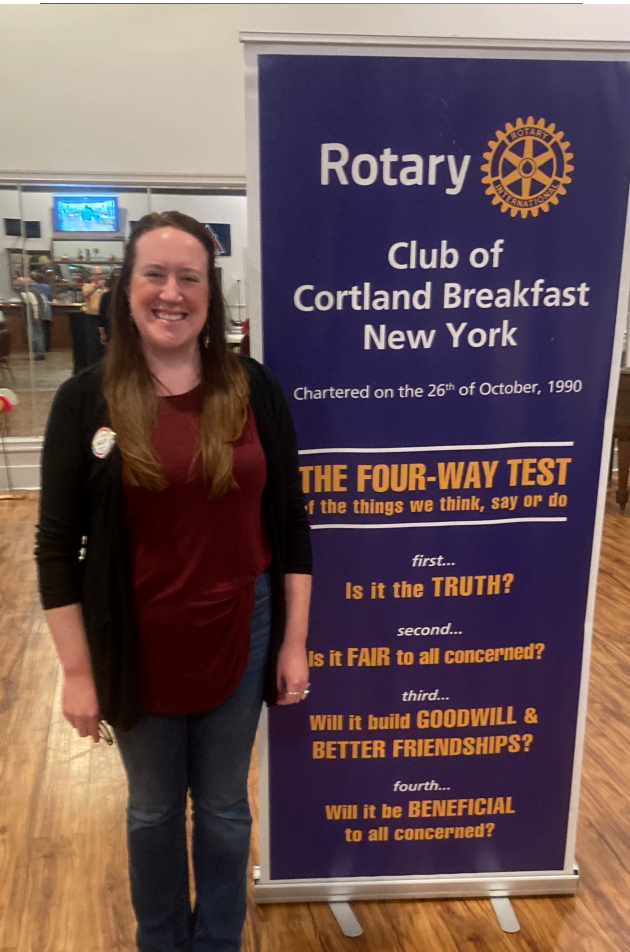




# Cortland Breakfast Rotary

October 26, 2022

*The Friendliest Club in the District!*



## **Ally has been in the field of**

Independent Living for twelve years. Independent living is empowering, gives people an informed choice. She explained to us the dignity of risk, giving people the chance to fail. ATI teaches people skills, lets them know their rights, and advocates for them.

## **Ally McCabe Access to Independence**

Mission: help empower people to lead independent lives.

Vision: lead the community to an all-inclusive future.

Values: everybody who has a disability has the right to control their life.

ATI has sponsorship and lounge opportunities. They have an ADA Celebration in July, an accessible run for all in October, and a Holiday Wrap Up—help others wrap Christmas presents.

**Thank you, Ally, for your work in our community!**

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## **Access To Independence Staff Bio: Ally McCabe**



Alison (Ally) McCabe serves as Director of Community Impact for Access To Independence. Ally oversees all aspects of the agency's outreach, fundraising, and marketing efforts and assists with data tracking & reporting. With more than 10 years of experience in Independent Living and nonprofit development, Ally also provides public education to people with disabilities and their families, community organizations, businesses, and government entities.

**President.** *Conrad Janke.*  
**Front Desk.** *Jim Anderson,*  
*Eden Harrington-Hall.*  
**Invocation.** *Conrad Janke*  
**Guests.** *Ally McCabe,,*  
*Valerie Kaiser, Amparo Lopez.*  
**Raffle.** *Karen Dewitt.*  
**Rotary 1/2 Minute.** *Matt*  
*Banazek.* 1). Joined Rotary in  
1999. 2) Sponsor was Ken  
Murray. 3). Memorable  
Moment was that he sponsored  
two Rotarians who became Paul  
Harris Fellows, and the General  
fun he has each week.

**Attendance.** 27 + 4 Zoom



Board Meeting next Tuesday, 7am, on Zoom link on the Website. All are invited to attend.

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for work this Saturday in Danby (p. 5).

The Annual Dollar Drop for the Salvation Army will be Friday, December 2, volunteers are needed, sign-up sheet is on the web site.

On December 16 we will have the Annual Holiday Food Baskets at Loaves and Fishes, Grace Episcopal Church, volunteers will also be needed

Maria Gimma—Interact Club starting SPCA Drive, will need dog/cat food and supplies (p. 5).

**Ed Finkbeiner—needs help with hot rod;**

**Patrick Clune—great to see Ed back from camp;**

**Karen Dewitt—flew to Florida last week and cleaned up house ;**

**Joanne Sautter—glad to be here;**

**Mike Shafer—has first TC3 Yearbook, finished his last litigation case;**

**Conrad Janke—had 18 stitches removed from shin still bad at running, swimming, and golf;**

**Maria Gimma—brought her mother to the meeting;**

**Steve Cinquanti—happy for Mike and jealous!**





Steve Cinquanti and Don Richards present Rotarian Cindy Stoker a plaque and a \$4000 check to the Living History Center for their work with the Ride for Rotary.

To all Rotarians in Tompkins & Cortland Counties

Dear Conrad,

Rotarians from the seven Rotary clubs of Cortland & Tompkins Counties are invited to support Tompkins-Cortland Habitat's latest home build at the White Hawk Eco Village, near Danby, on **Saturday, 29 October, 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.**

To sign up go to: <https://signup.com/go/MyzJMcY>

**THERE ARE ONLY 10 SLOTS** and this invitation will be opened to the rest of the District on 01 October so sign up before then!

The work will likely involve framing interior walls and maybe setting roof trusses. Tools and basic safety equipment will be provided if needed but feel free to bring your own if preferred.

Habitat International is a formal Rotary Partner (<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/partners>) and this will be our fourth "Rotary Builds with Habitat" event with TCHH.

If you have questions please contact me, IPDG Evan Kurtz, at [emkurtz56@gmail.com](mailto:emkurtz56@gmail.com)

For more about White Hawk Eco village go to: <https://whitehawkecovillage.org/>

**Location**

White Hawk Eco Village  
12 White Hawk Lane  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Rt 96B, just north of Danby on the west side of the road

Regards,

IPDG Evan

Rotary District 7170 is proud to present world-renowned pianist and composer Emmanuel Sikora in a uniquely intimate performance setting. Experience beautiful music and bid on wonderful works of art from Emmanuel's brother Robert Sikora at this one-time fundraising event that is not to be missed!

**Emmanuel Sikora**, an [American music composer](#) and [pianist](#) who grew up in the Cortland, NY area, will be performing a fundraiser concert for Ukraine on November 19, 2022 at Phelps Mansion (191 Court Street) in Binghamton, NY at 4:00pm with doors opening at 3:30pm. Sponsored by Rotary District 7170, tickets for this event will be \$21.00 and offer an exclusive opportunity to hear one of our country's best young pianist / composers in an intimate environment. There will also be an auction of a limited number of original artworks donated by Emmanuel's brother Robert Sikora. Rotary is a worldwide service organization that has dedicated itself to "Service Above Self" for over 100 years, with over 1.4 million members in 200 countries or geographic regions of the world.

Sikora still lives in Cortland and is the son of Peruvian and American parents. He began studying the piano when he was 6 and started composing at 9 years of age. He graduated from Queens College in 2012 and was then invited to attend Samuel Adler's summer semester for young composers at the Free University of Berlin. He graduated from Binghamton University with a Masters in Music in 2014.

At 16, Sikora won a national prize for his art song "The Shadow Rose" and was invited to attend a performance of his work at the National Association for Music Education's National Conference in Milwaukee (Wisconsin). While in Milwaukee, he met Maurice Peress, who later became his conducting and composition teacher at Queens College.

During his studies and through his 20's, Sikora's career was largely a private one. In late 2020, he started a YouTube channel, and within a year, his videos had received over 300,000 views. Sikora then began playing the piano in public more regularly, with programs consisting of his own work, as well as pieces by colleagues and improvisations.

Sikora made his professional performance debut with the Ukrainian Festival Orchestra at the Lviv Organ Hall. Sikora continues to perform in recitals and with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe.

For tickets, contact Phelps Mansion at [\(607\) 722-4873](tel:6077224873) or by visiting [www.phelpsmansion.org](http://www.phelpsmansion.org).

