

WHAT'S NEWS



Rotary of Islip– Bay Shore

7-9-26
Chumline Newsletter

GIFT of LIFE child 9-year-old Maria came to the U.S. for her life-saving heart surgery. She had a 5cm hole in her heart. Dr. Levchuk fixed her heart at St. Francis Hospital, giving her a new chance at living a healthy life.

Islip Rotary members Bob Nathan, Dennis and Merri Ciano and Commack Rotarian Steve Catalano helped transfer Maria and her mom, Karen, back and forth to the hospital. Knights of Columbus member Paul & Annette Scanlon hosted Maria and Karen. Thank you to all who changed Maria's life!



Maria after heart surgery 7-1-26 Pictured with Dr. Levchuk and St. Francis Staff



Maria at Main Event

Gift of Life child Shayla, age 13, successfully received her life-saving heart surgery during her April visit and has now returned home.

Throughout her stay, Rotarians coordinated every step of her journey — arranging travel, providing host families, and transporting her to hospitals and doctors' appointments. Their dedication ensured Shayla received the care, comfort, and support she needed.

ROTARIANS SAVE LIVES!

**Rotary Gift of Life
has saved over
50,000 children
across the world.**

Join us for lunch:

Irish Coffee Pub 12:15

See our schedule

Visit us at: <https://isliprotary.com>



Gift of Life Child 13 year-old Shala before heart surgery April 30, 2026



Shayla after heart surgery May 6, 2026



Maria waiting for her post-surgery checkup



A healthy Maria going home. Pictured with mom, Karen and Host Paul Scanlon

ROTARY CLUB of ISLIP –BAY SHORE

We are building a **Bridge to the Future**—a pathway that connects **Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary** to meaningful **career training opportunities** for students across our communities.

Through the **East Islip Business Partnership, North Baylon High School Career Connections** and Rotary's expanding network of local employers, **Interact** students are discovering their passions while gaining real-world job training skills. These opportunities include:

- **Mentorships with business leaders.**
- **Career exploration workshops**
- **Leadership development through service.**

Our partners are stepping forward in remarkable ways. **Hofstra University** had sponsored the **Future Business Leaders of America Conference**, giving students the chance to compete, network, and grow. The **Meet the Partners Workshop** brings together educators, employers, and students to build connections that last.

The **Department of Labor** has helped to match students with employers who can offer hands-on experience, while the **Speakers Bureau** introduces students to professionals who inspire, challenge, and guide them. And through **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)** initiatives, students gain exposure to fields that are shaping the future.

Together, Rotary and our community partners are empowering **Interact** students to become confident leaders, skilled professionals, and engaged citizens. This is how we build a future where young people don't just imagine success—they step directly into it.

Make the connection to Rotaract.

Suffolk Community College

St. Joseph's University, Patchogue

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Rotary Club of Bay Shore has recently merged with the Rotary Club of Islip. Both clubs and have a proud history of promoting the ideal of "Service Above Self." Through our combined efforts, we will continue building a lasting legacy of service to our community.

We are now

"The Rotary Club of Islip—Bay Shore"

Welcome Kathy Howe, Bryan McManaway,

Bobby Herrick, Virginia Bull and Joe DelVecchio



Rotary Builds Friendships

TECHNOLOGY– STAY TUNED!

Rotary's ClubRunner is being updated, the new Nova interface is designed to help Rotarians manage records more efficiently, stay organized, and keep up with the latest tools and trends.

We will begin using Nova and sharing our experiences with it as we move forward. Nova represents the future for all Rotary clubs, and while improvements are still being made, embracing this technology will help support those who follow in our footsteps. We will keep you posted as we continue this transition. Thank you to Rich LaBella for your many years of dedicated website technology service.

Exciting changes are underway as we update our Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages to reflect our new name, The Rotary of Islip-Bay Shore. A special thank you to Denise Torino for her invaluable time, dedication, and support in helping make this transition a success

INTERACT HIGH SCHOOL ROTARIANS

High school students from our District 7255 Interact Clubs (From Brooklyn to Riverhead) recently came together for our first annual Interact Summit, bringing 152 students together for a day focused on service, leadership skills, and making a difference.

Interact gives students a fresh perspective on the impact they can have in their schools, communities, and the world.

Rotary Scholarships help support Interactors as they continue to grow as leaders and pursue their goals. Your support can make a meaningful difference in their lives.



More news to follow: Our Food Pantry Project at Shop & Stop in Bay Shore will take place in September, October, and November. Thank you to Rotarian Kathy Howe for taking the lead and for your dedication to this important effort.

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Gift of Life Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:30
pm at the Courtyard Marriott
Hotel in Central Islip (next to the LI
Ducks Stadium).

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

ZOOM IS AVAILABLE.

Help us save another
50,000 children

DATES TO FOLLOW:

July

7/23

Fellowship: Bayside Clam Bar & Grill
Music provided by Tom Cilmi 6 p.m.

7/30

Breakfast meeting: Islip Beach Key West Beach Front Bar &
Grill 8:30 a.m. (*Weather permitting*)

August

8/6

Board meeting *Irish Coffee Pub 11:15*

8/6

**Regular meeting (BRING YOUR BEST wholesome JOKE-
win a prize)** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15*

8/20

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk- EVENT: 4 P.M

September

9/3

Board meeting -Labor Day 9/7 *Irish Coffee Pub 11:15*

9/3

Regular meeting -Club Assembly *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15*

9/11

Snapper Derby on Friday, at Gilbert Park 4 pm - 7 pm
rain or shine

9/17

Regular meeting: Speaker *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15*

9/25

Breakfast meeting East Islip High School Business
Partnership—Rotary Meeting at 1 Craig B. Gariepy St East Islip
- back door entrance 8 a.m.

Join us for lunch:

Irish Coffee Pub 12:15

See our full schedule, visit us at: <https://isliprotary.com>

Rotarians know how to have fun!

Each week, we enjoy games, friendly competition, and the chance to win prizes.

July 9, 2026 Meeting Winners: Congratulations!

Guess: "Who Am I?"

Kathy Howe, answered correctly: Walt Disney was a Palm Springs Rotarian.

Phil Nolan, answered correctly, Dianne Feinstein was a San Francisco Rotarian.

Bryan McManaway won the chance to pick the 50-50 yellow Golf Ball—better luck next time.

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