

WHAT'S NEWS

Islip - Bay Shore
Rotary
Club



Rotary of Club Islip– Bay Shore

8-24-26
Chumline Newsletter

Service Above Self in its truest form. Members of the Rotary Club of Islip–Bay Shore spent the evening serving dinner to campers at **Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk**, a place that has touched countless lives. This remarkable camp — dedicated to supporting individuals with special needs from Long Island and beyond — stands today because of the unwavering commitment of many Rotary clubs throughout District 7255. It is a testament to what can happen when service-minded people unite behind a shared purpose.

Our club has been serving meals at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk for over thirty years, a tradition that reminds us how blessed we are to contribute to such a meaningful cause. Each visit reinforces the heart of Rotary: showing up, lending a hand, and making life a little brighter for others.



Our Rotary Volunteers



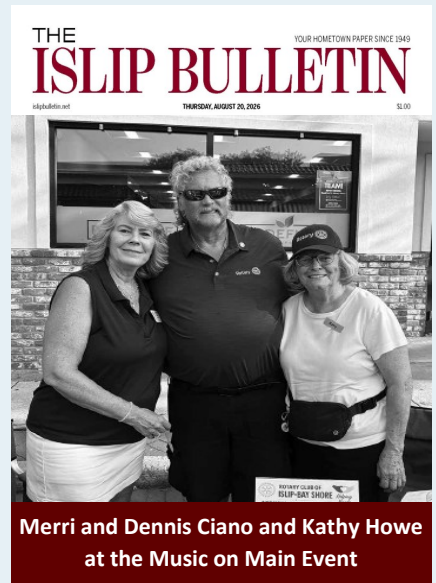
The Rotary Club of Islip–Bay Shore and the Islip Chamber of Commerce make outstanding partners in service. The Chamber's sponsorship of **Music on Main Street on August 13th** brought our Islip neighbors together for an evening of good food, good music, and good company — a wonderful reminder of what strong community collaboration can achieve.

Our club is dedicated to making a difference locally just as much as we are committed to making a difference worldwide. For more than **50 years**, our members have worked tirelessly to support students from **Bay Shore, East Islip, and Islip High Schools**, investing in the next generation of leaders.

Working with our Interact students has been one of the true highlights of our Rotary experience. It is our privilege to invest in their future by raising funds for **college and trade school scholarships**, supporting students who have excelled academically and demonstrated genuine *Service Above Self*. Their leadership, compassion, and commitment inspire us every day, and we are proud to help them take the next step toward bright and meaningful futures.

At our core, we are friends and neighbors united by Service Above Self — always striving to help, always striving to uplift, and always striving to strengthen our corner of Long Island. As members of the **Islip Chamber of Commerce**, the **East Islip Chamber of Commerce**, and the **East Islip School Business Partnership**, we remain committed to sharing our time, talents, and treasure to support the community we proudly call home.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in our community, come join us.



Merri and Dennis Ciano and Kathy Howe
at the Music on Main Event

Join us for lunch:

The Irish Coffee Pub

See our schedule

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

Or call

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Our Newest
Rotary Friend
Chrissy Koppel

Meeting new friends at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk



"Mikey" and his new friends



It's all thumbs up



Serving others can be Fun

Fellowship is Friendship

Getting to know Chrissy Koppel has been a wonderful Rotary experience. Although Chrissy is not a member of our club, she went out of her way to support our mission by helping raise money for our college and trade school scholarships which benefits students from Bay Shore, East Islip, and Islip High Schools at the Islip Chamber of Commerce **Music on Main** event on August 13, 2026.

Chrissy also joined us on August 20 at **Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk**, where she helped our Rotarians serve dinner and spend time with our young neighbors with disabilities.

We are grateful for Chrissy's generosity, kindness, and commitment to **Service Above Self**. It is wonderful to make new friends through Rotary and see the difference we can make when we work together!

THANK YOU CHRISSY, you are truly an Earth Angel.

"Humans become angels on earth, not in Heaven"

- Paramahansa Yogananda

INTERACT HIGH SCHOOL ROTARIANS

District 7255 Interact Youth Committee Vice-President Michael DeMassi was on hand at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuk on August 20, 2026, to lend a helping hand. For many years, the Rotary Club of Islip–Bay Shore has proudly served dinner to our young neighbors with disabilities at the camp. This year, "Mikey" had the opportunity to experience firsthand what it truly means to serve your neighbor and uphold our motto, **"Service Above Self."**

He is also very busy with preparing for our next Interact Summit:

I'm so excited that our **Interact Summit** is only a few months away, and I've really been encouraging the youth committee to start planning for our exciting day. The youth committee has decided on a common theme for the day: **"Service starts with youth."** This is such a fantastic starting point to guide our keynote speakers, activities, and the entire summit experience.

We are currently set on **Saturday, November 7th, 2026**, and are working to secure a centrally located venue. We are committed to ensuring strong diversity of students from all four corners of our district, with 2–4 students from each school participating to help fill out the day. While we are still finalizing an event space, we are actively working to ensure it fits both our budget and criteria as best as possible.

One of the key events I want to highlight is a new event we are organizing to happen during the day that we call **"The Service Project; Shark Tank."** During The Service Project Shark Tank, students will pitch an idea they create that will have a positive impact on their community. The best idea will win. We are so excited to make this year's summit as hands-on and interactive as possible.

Additionally, we are finishing up our elections with a vote by the committee in alignment with Rotary values. We are looking forward to the future.

Michael DeMasi-11th grade
Interact District 7255 Y.C Vice-President

Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

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**Gift of Life Long Island
Board Meeting**

Wednesday, September, 16 2026 at
6:30 pm at the Courtyard Marriott
Hotel in Central Islip (next to the LI
Ducks Stadium).

ZOOM IS AVAILABLE.

Save the Date:
GIFT of LIFE GALA
April 29, 2027 @ 6:30
FlowerFields, Saint James

Help us save another 50,000 children

Rotarians know how to have fun!

This week's Winner's Circle

Thank you for joining the fun and
participating in our game, *Who Am I*.

**James
Sutton**

**Jean
Freeman**

*Guessing Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harland Sanders
(KFC founder) were both Rotarians.*

DATES TO FOLLOW:

September

- 9/3 **Board meeting—Irish Coffee Pub 11:15**
9/3 **Regular meeting -Club Assembly Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
9/3 **Fundraiser – Lotto board for Thanksgiving baskets/ gift cards**
9/5 **Food Collection at Shop and Stop in Bay Shore. need volunteers**
9:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m Food donated to St Peter's by the Sea
9/10 **Regular meeting: Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
9/11 **Snapper Derby on Friday, at Gilbert Park 4 pm - 7 pm rain or shine**
9/14 **Islip Chamber of Commerce 6-7pm Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave Islip.**
9/17 **Regular meeting: Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Speaker**
9/25 **Breakfast meeting East Islip School Business Partnership at 1 Craig B.**
Garipey St East Islip – back door entrance 8 a.m.
9/29 **East Islip Chamber of Commerce 7-8 pm American Legion Hall East Islip**

October

- 10/1 **Board meeting Irish Coffee Pub 11:15**
10/1 **Regular meeting Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
10/3 **Food Collection at Shop and Stop in Bay Shore 9:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.**
Food donated to Veterans Beacon House,
10/5 **Islip Chamber of Commerce 6-7pm Islip Public Library 71 Monell Ave Islip.**
10/8 **Regular meeting Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
10/15 **Regular meeting Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
10/22 **Regular meeting Irish Coffee Pub 12:15**
10/23 **Breakfast meeting East Islip School Business Partnership at 1 Craig B.**
Garipey St East Islip – back door entrance 8 a.m.
10/24 **Apple Festival for families** sharing a table with the Kiwanis Club of Sayville.
Location: The Islip Grange - Montauk Highway & Broadway Ave, Sayville, NY
10/27 **East Islip Chamber of Commerce 7-8 pm American Legion Hall East Islip**
10/29 **East Islip School Business Partnership Catch a Career Breakfast 8-10 am**
(Irish Coffee Pub) Students network with local business professionals.
10/29 **Fundraiser – Comedy Club in Bohemia tickets \$25.00 each-**
doors open 6:30 show starts 8:00 Come join us for a laugh.
10/31 **Food Collection at Shop and Stop in Bay Shore.**
9:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m donated to Bay Shore Emergency Food Pantry

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