ROTARY CLUB OF ISLIP-BAY SHORE
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ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Islip - Bay Shore Rotary Club

WHAT'S NEWS

HAPPY VETERANS DAY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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Catch a Career Day

On Thursday, October 29, 2026, the East Islip School Business Partnership brought together 75 students and 40 local professionals for Catch a Career Day. Students had the opportunity to connect with professionals while practicing the communication and dining etiquette skills they can use at business lunches, networking events, and other professional gatherings.

Members of the Rotary Club of Islip-Bay Shore were on hand to share their experiences. Dennis Ciano spoke about his nearly 29-year career as a New York City homicide detective, Joe Perino talked about his work as a clinical psychologist, and Merri Ciano shared her experience as a Certified Financial Planner. Professionals from other fields also offered advice and answered students' questions, giving them a firsthand look at what different careers involve.

The students made a wonderful impression. They asked thoughtful questions, took an active part in the conversations, and carried themselves like young professionals. It was a pleasure to see them practice those skills while exploring where their interests might take them.

See page 4 of our special edition to learn more about the New York State Career Readiness Educators Association and Rotary.

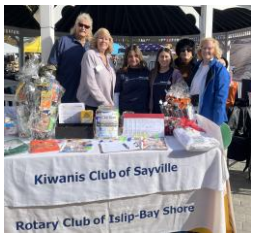


Catch a Career Day
Irish Coffee Pub

ISLIP APPLE FESTIVAL

The Rotary Club of Islip-Bay Shore spent a beautiful fall day with our neighbors at the Islip Apple Festival on October 24. We were delighted to have students from Bay Shore High School's Interact Club and St. Joseph's University's Rotaract Club join us.

It was our first time meeting Anai and Karla, two outgoing psychology students from St. Joseph's University. They jumped right in, greeted festivalgoers, and helped us raise $300 for our scholarship fund. We also had the pleasure of introducing them to Richard Scheinberg, owner of Sunrise Counseling Center, giving them a chance to connect with a local professional in field.



Thank you to all the students who volunteered with us. Anai and Karla showed what *Service Above Self* looks like by giving their time to help other students pursue their education.



East Islip School Business Partnership Events

MENTOR ME MOCKTAIL NETWORKING EVENT Thursday, December 3, 2026 I 12:30 p.m. - 1:40 PM, East Islip High School, 1 Redmen Street, Islip Terrace. The experience builds confidence and prepares students for their upcoming Mentor Me Job Shadow Day, where they visit a professional's workplace and learn directly on-site.

December 11, 2026 The next **East Islip School Business Partner-ship meeting** is at the East Islip school administration offices 1 Craig B. Gariepy St East Islip/ back door entrance 8 a.m.

STEAM CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT Tuesday, February 23, 2027 I 6:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2027 I 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, East Islip High School. Showcases the many opportunities connected to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

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Bay Shore & East Islip
Interact Clubs and St. Josephs
University Rotaract on 10/31/26
FOOD DRIVE at
Shop & Stop, Bay Shore
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The Irish Coffee Pub
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Students Visit Philadelphia





FOOD for HOPE
At the Bolton Center, Bay Shore Comedian Joey Kola, his cousin Marianne Anello and Merri Ciano.



Feeding our Neighbors
The cast and audience came together for a night of laughs. For a good cause.



November 11, 2026

Rotary Youth Exchange Visitors

District 7255 welcomed Knight from Thailand and Juana from Argentina for a weekend in Philadelphia with fellow Rotary Youth Exchange students hosted by Pennsylvania Districts 7430 and 7410.

Students explored historic Old City, saw the Liberty Bell, and stopped at LOVE Park and City Hall. They also visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the famous Rocky statue. That evening, they traded sightseeing for a few scares at a haunted house inside historic Eastern State Penitentiary!

The next morning, they carved pumpkins together before heading back to Long Island. These photos capture a weekend of exploring, laughing, and getting to know one another. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. Learn more at Rotary.org.



Rotary promotes peace through the Youth Exchange around the world.

Get your Peace Pole Pin before they are all gone.

Scan the QR Code >



Thank You, Food for Hope!

The Rotary Club of Islip-Bay Shore extends a heartfelt thank-you to Islip Food for Hope for providing 30 food boxes for local families in the Central Islip, East Islip, and Islip school communities. At a time when many nonprofits are working hard to raise funds and meet growing needs, we're especially grateful for your partnership in putting food on our neighbors' tables.

For more than 40 years, Islip Food for Hope has fought hunger and advocated for neighbors facing hardship. Guided by the belief that access to food is a basic human right, the organization welcomes people with compassion and respect, helping our neighbors thrive one meal at a time.

Giving + Hope = Love

Thank you to Eddie Frazer, president of Islip Food for Hope, and to fellow Rotarians Liz Mayott and Marianne Anello, who serve on its board. A special thank-you also goes to Joey Kola and his fellow comedians for bringing us together for a night of laughter and helping us raise funds to support local families.

Joey Kola is also performing at the American Legion Rusy Bohm Post 411 hall, located at 39 Nassau Ave., Islip on January 9, 2027 (8pm) to raise money for veterans. Service above Self.

ROTARY CLUB OF
ISLIP-BAY SHORE

Gift of Life Long Island
Board Meeting

Wednesday, **November 18, 2026** at 6:30 pm at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Central Islip (next to the LI Ducks Stadium).

ZOOM IS AVAILABLE.

Help us
save another 50,000 children

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

DATES TO FOLLOW

November

11/2	**Islip Chamber of Commerce** 7-8 pm Islip Public Library71 Monell Avenue Islip.
11/5	**Board meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 11:00*
11/5	**Regular meeting - Dennis running meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Matt Memories Fundraising Co, Rudy Saviano*
11/12	**Regular meeting -** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Richard Scheinberg, Sunrise Counseling Center The Top Twenty Stress Management Techniques"*
11/17	**East Islip School Business Partnership** LinkedIn workshop 3-5 pm East Islip Library
11/18	**Gift of Life Borad meeting-** in person and available by Zoom. at 6:30 pm at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Central Islip (next to the LI Ducks Stadium).
11/19	**Regular meeting:** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Blair Darcey, Chick-fil-A, Bohemia*
11/23	**Monday- Thanksgiving Food Boxes** pickup

December

12/3	**Board meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 11:00*
12/3	**Regular meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Speaker Matt Memories Fundraising Co, Rudy Saviano*
12/3	**Fundraiser Football boxes**
12/5	**Rotary Regional Meeting Eastern Region:** Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck | 8:30–11:00 AM
12/5	**District Happenings Meeting** 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Holiday Inn Sunnyside Bld Plainview
12/7	**Islip Chamber of Commerce** 6-7pm Islip Public Library71 Monell Avenue Islip.
12/10	**Regular meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15* Speaker: Sandra Encarnacion, Lisc NY Life Insurance
12/11	**Breakfast meeting** East Islip/2027 School Business Partnership at East Islip School Administration offices 1 Craig B. Gariepy St East Islip/ back door entrance 8 a.m.

January 2027

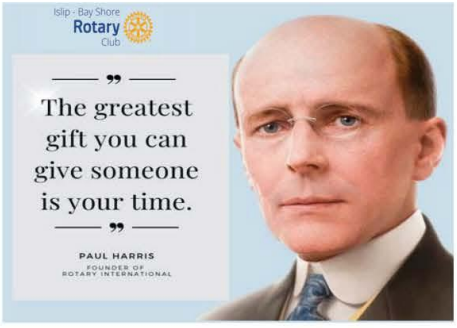
1/7	**Regular meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15* **speaker:** Merri Ciano, Family Succession Planning.
1/9	**Regional Happenings meeting Camp-Pa-Tuk** 8:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
1/14	**Board meeting- DISTRICT GOV. Rose Quaranta visit**
1/14	**Regular meeting -** Club Assembly budget review & goals with members
1/21	**Regular meeting** *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15* **speaker:** to be announced

JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip | Thursdays at 12:15 pm
Full meeting and event schedule: IslipRotary.com

ROTARY CLUB OF ISLIP-BAY SHORE

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CATCH A CAREER DAY 2026
One Conversation Can Start a Career



Medical and teaching field



Joe Perono and Richard *Scheinberg Psychologists*



Bridget Lopiccolo and guest speaker Michael Landesberg



Finance & Investment field

SPECIAL ADDITION

Connecting Students to Careers

A conversation with a mentor or a day spent shadowing a local professional can help a student picture a career they may never have considered. **The Rotary Club of Islip-Bay Shore is proud to work with the New York State Career Readiness Educators Association (NYSCREA) to create more opportunities for students to connect what they learn in the classroom with what happens in the workplace.** These experiences give students a chance to ask questions, learn how professionals got their start, and see how their own interests and skills might fit into different careers.

At a recent NYSCREA meeting, **club president Merri Ciano** spoke about the role Rotary can play in helping young people prepare for life after graduation. She highlighted the Interact Summit, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and the nearly 60 high school Interact clubs across Long Island, Queens, and Brooklyn as well as college Rotaract clubs. Through these programs, young people practice public speaking, teamwork, and problem-solving while putting Rotary's motto, *Service Above Self*, into action.

Serving as a club president, vice president, or committee member gives students hands-on leadership experience. They learn how to run a meeting, plan a service project, share responsibilities, and follow through on commitments. Students are also invited to attend Gift of Life of Long Island board meetings, where they can observe how Rotarians discuss priorities, make decisions, and guide a nonprofit organization.

Closer to home, the **East Islip School Business Partnership** has been helping students prepare for careers for more than 30 years. Through *Catch a Career*, *Mentor Me Mocktail*, *STEAM Career Exploration*, and its regular partnership meetings, it brings educators, students, and local professionals together. At the recent Catch a Career Day, 75 students and 40 professionals came together, giving students the chance to practice professional communication and dining etiquette. Our Rotary club is proud to support the partnership and help with events that give students opportunities to meet people working in different fields.

High school advisory boards across New York State are already in place, and local professionals can help turn their plans into experiences students can learn from. **Rotary clubs can introduce educators to members and local employers willing to talk about their career paths, mentor a student, or open their workplace for a job-shadowing visit.** Even a short visit can help a student understand what a typical workday looks like and what steps they might take to enter that field.

Founded in 2016, **NYSCREA brings educators, community organizations, and employers together to expand equitable access to career-connected learning**. By sharing resources and working with local, state, and national partners, the association helps students make informed choices about their next steps. If you're a local professional who would like to mentor a student or host a job-shadowing visit, we'd love to hear from you.

Learn more about NYSCREA at nyscrea.org.