

WHAT'S NEWS

Rotary of Club Islip– Bay Shore

Islip - Bay Shore
Rotary
Club



9-15-26

The Community Connection Rotary Newsletter

FOOD DRIVE REPORT: The Pantry at St. Peter's by the Sea sent a heartfelt thank you for the generous food, gift cards, and cash donated by our neighbors shopping at Stop & Shop in Bay Shore on 9/3/26. Our Rotarians and Bay Shore High School Rotary Interact students volunteered their time to help collect the food, and the pantry staff expressed deep appreciation for our support.

The Pantry serves approximately 25–30 individuals and families every Saturday. Many patrons have relied on this resource since it opened four years ago, and the number of families in need continues to grow.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a meaningful impact. And thank you, Kathy Howe, for coordinating this project, and Marianne Anello for all your help with Stop & Shop!



Our Rotary Volunteers

Our next food drives will be held on
10/3 & 10/31

Stop & Shop in Bay Shore
from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m..

Rotary & Kiwanis Working Together for Our Community

Rotary and Kiwanis joined together to make a difference in our community! This year's Snapper Derby was a beautiful day filled with fishing, fellowship, and family fun. We welcomed 175 attendees, not including our volunteers, with 75 children participating in the fishing fun. Together, they caught an impressive 70 fish!

The day also brought an exciting milestone—a 15-inch, 21-ounce fish, the largest fish caught to date at the Snapper Derby!

A special thank-you to Al & Fern Lowenberg of the Kiwanis Club for donating the award trophies and to Kathy & Don Howe of Kiwanis and Rotary for donating the certificates. We were also proud to have Bay Shore Interact students volunteering and lending their helping hands throughout the event. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping make the day such a success!

Our sincere appreciation goes to The Village of Brightwaters for the use of beautiful Gilbert Park. It was the perfect setting for a family fishing event, and we could not have asked for more.

Thank you also to Burnett Bait & Tackle of Bay Shore, Red Panther Fishing Lures for generously donating 100 fishing lures for the participants, Chiddy's Food Truck, and the Soft Serve Ice Cream Truck for helping make the day even more enjoyable.

When community organizations work together, great things happen. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Snapper Derby a wonderful day for our children, families, and community!



Kathy Howe and Friends



Making Friends & Fishing



Ryan Gillies and sons

Join us for lunch:
The Irish Coffee Pub
See our schedule
Visit us at: <https://isliprotary.com>
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Phyllis Ozarin, our Rotary District 7255 Director of the Polio Plus Society, continues to champion Rotary's fight against polio.

Since July 1st, our club has contributed **\$192.** toward this vital effort.

**JOIN US
 FOR THE EAST ISLIP BUSINESS
 PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

SPEED CAREER EVENT Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM, East Islip High School. Students discover what professionals do, how they entered their careers, the education and skills required, and what students can expect in the workplace

CATCH A CAREER EVENT Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 8:00 - 10:00 AM, Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip. Students practice the communication and dining etiquette skills needed in a business setting.

MENTOR ME MOCKTAIL NETWORKING EVENT Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 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.

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

A Personal Story of Breast Cancer

Michel Lansberg, founder of Jackson Hall, who spoke at our lunch meeting about breast cancer and his powerful message: **"All Boobs Matter."**

Mike shared his personal journey with **male breast cancer**, including the difficult decision to have his breast removed and the challenging rounds of chemotherapy that he described as even harder than the surgery itself. Today, he is **cancer free** and deeply committed to helping others facing breast cancer.

For the past several years, Mike has hosted an annual fundraiser at Jackson Hall in East Islip to raise awareness and provide support to both organizations and individuals affected by breast cancer.



Mike's **2026 fundraiser** will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Jackson Hall in East Islip.**

Rotary Is Helping Interact & Rotaract Students

Rotarians recognize that **Interact and Rotaract students and graduates can make outstanding employees.** These young people embrace Rotary's commitment to **"Service Above Self"** and understand the value of hard work, responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and dedication in achieving their goals.

High School Interact students are developing into tomorrow's leaders. Through community service projects, leadership opportunities, teamwork, and hands-on experiences, they build valuable skills that can help prepare them for college, careers, and the workplace.

College Rotaract students and graduates bring together young adults ages 18 and older who are committed to service and personal growth. Through their involvement, Rotaractors connect with community and business leaders, develop professional and leadership skills, build relationships, and gain valuable real-world experience.

Interact and Rotaract members share something special: they want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They understand the importance of giving back, working together, and making a positive difference in their communities and throughout the world. Their dedication, focus, and work ethic are exactly why they grow into exceptional employees, future employers, and high-performing teammates.

Help Us Make the Connection

If you or someone you know is an employer looking for motivated, responsible, and service-minded young people, please consider connecting with our local Interact and Rotaract programs.

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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.

Help us save another 50,000 children

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

Rotarians know how to have fun!

WHO AM I?

*Phil Nolan guessed Ronald Reagan and
 Chrissy Koppel guessed Joyce Clyde Hall-
 mark were famous Rotarians.*

QUIRKY QUESTION

*Eric Buehler and Nat Ozarin answered
 correctly: The original four Rotary mem-
 bers were an attorney, a coal merchant,
 mining engineer and a tailor.*

*Other Famous Rotarians include Diane
 Feinstein, Harland Sanders (KFC), FDR,
 and Walt Disney.*

DATES TO FOLLOW:

September

9/14

Islip Chamber of Commerce Islip Public Library 7 pm

9/17

Regular meeting: *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Speaker: Beatrice Hass with JC's
 Kids. They raise money for kids with cancer*

9/24

Regular meeting: *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15*

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 Rotarian Kevin Mann RE: Rotary
 Peace Polls and Hope Children's Fund.*

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,

10/8

Regular meeting *Irish Coffee Pub 12:15 Speaker: Nanci Deutsch The Suc-
 cess Mindset: Three Keys to Stronger Leadership,
 Membership, and Fundraising*

10/15

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10/22

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10/23

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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

Welcome Jean Freeman, our newest Rotarian.

Jean, a retired educator, has been involved in our community for many years and is also a
 member of the Islip Historical Society. In fact, she lives in an historical home in Islip.
 We were happy to induct our newest member. Welcome Jean!!!

Join us for lunch at the Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip Thursdays 12:15 pm

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

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