



# Rotary Club of Islip

Meeting Date: 3/7/2024

Meeting- Irish Coffee Pub

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**Attendance:**

Jimmy Sutton, Ryan Gillies, Tom Jones, Billy Vavricka, Bob Nathan, Barbara Vouris, Dennis Ciano, Marianne Foti-Anello, Sam Hanafi, Liz Mayott, Karen Sobel, Sabrina Lacey, Dr. John Chinnici, Rick O'Neil, Karen Viola.

**Pledge:** Dennis Ciano

**Prayer:** Bob Nathan

**Guests:**

**Announcements:**

- **Community Service Dinner** Friday, March 22, 2024 Irish Coffee Pub, Community Service Dinner 6:30- 10:30 PM; **Honoree's: Jeanine Amato & Karla Waldron**
- **Day of Service- May 18, 2024** Stop & Shop E.I. (Both entrances-) Collecting Food Donations for three local food pantries; St. Marks, St. Mary's, and Trinity; Let us know if you are available to join us that day.
- **Gift of Life Gala May 22, 2024, \$150**.per person at Flower Fields, St. James. 50,000 lives saved to date! We usually fill two tables from Islip Rotary- please see Bob Nathan (Bob will be honored at Gift of Life Dinner)
- **See Ryan & Jimmy for Journal Ads ASAP!**
- **Collecting Items for CSD Raffle Baskets-** Let Barbara, Marianne, Jimmy or Ryan know if you have a raffle basket or an item for a basket.

**Member Highlights:** **Congratulations Bob Nathan Honoree at Gift of Life Dinner!**

**Important Dates:** ~Community Service Dinner-Friday, March 22, 2024 Irish Coffee Pub 6:30 -10:30 PM

**Happy Dollars:** \$27. Amount Collected

**Golf Ball Raffle:** \$80. Amount Collected

**Winner:** Rick O'Neil's raffle ticket was chosen

**Result:** "Better Luck next time!"

**Total in Pot:** \$1387 (As of 3/14/24)

## **GUEST SPEAKER-**

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Nathan & Barbara Vouris

**Topic:** Rotary Assembly- Bob spoke to our group about networking and recruiting new members to the club. Lots of great ideas shared about our club participation and highlights. Our Gift of Life hosts from our club were all recognized for their individual or family participation. The take away was everyone in our club participated and supported the host families in many different ways: cooking meals, entertaining guests at their pool, bringing them to local attractions, dining out at local restaurants, assisting with transportation and doctor appointments, taking them to Fire Island,... and the list goes on. Our club always makes a large donation each year and we usually have two tables for our club members to attend this great evening! Please join us in celebrating Bob's passion for the Gift of Life!

Barbara spoke about the correspondence received from the EI Interact Club and their latest projects. (Valentine friendship Messages for Momentum at South Bay Nursing Home, Bake sale for Red Cross funds-Humanitarian Aid to Yemen for hospital supplies, school repairs and clean drinking water.) The March Theme for our district and DG Crowley's highlights of the many projects happening in District 7255. March is "Water & Sanitation Month". Lots of projects happening locally and globally. We were asked for two members to join the District Community Service Committee which will have monthly zoom meetings to share success stories, field suggestions, help coordinate projects and share with our clubs district-wide. If you are interested in this committee let us know, we will pass your name on to DG Tom Crowley.

### **Speaker's Contact Information**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Rotary Website:** [www.isliprotary.com](http://www.isliprotary.com)

**Rotary District Grant:** [myrotary.org](http://myrotary.org)

**RYLA-Rotary Youth Leadership Awards:** [ryladistrict7255.com](http://ryladistrict7255.com)

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Vouris*