



# Rotary Club of Islip

Meeting Date: 11/2/2023 Updated Chumline

**Attendance:**

Jimmy Sutton, Billy Vavricka, Ryan Gillies, Barbara Vouris, Sam Hanafi, Gary Rosenfeld, Liz Mayott, Karen Sobel, Rick O'Neil, Bob Nathan, Sabrina Lacy, John Chinicci, Denise Torino, Teresa Rosario, Jenn Fink, Sherri Cruz, Jim Sutton, Marianne Foti-Anello, Clay Hart, Lynda Moran, Phyllis Ozarin, Astrid Fidelia, Lynda Moran, Rick O'Neil, Tom Jones, Kerriane Zeiner, Steve Flotteron, Fred Billings,

**Pledge:** Billy Vavricka

**Prayer:** Bob Nathan

**Guests:** Florence Nathan, Nat Ozarin, Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal (B'Nai Israel Reform Temple), Joel Rodriguez, Brittany Nunziata- Marriott Sales Coordinator, LeeAnne Kulik-Mariott Sales Manager: Steve Flotteron, Kathy Howe, Ed Centanni,

**Announcements:**

- Rotary "Feed The Hungry" Thanksgiving Baskets- Nov. 20, 2023; Islip Terrace Fire Dept. Boxes night before, trucks pickup 9AM at Stop & Shop; Rotary Members Pack the boxes at the I.T. Fire Dept.
- Basket of Cheer Fundraiser for November- cash donations for purchase of cheer see Jimmy. Raffle Tickets are being printed and sold for \$20 each.
- Bob Nathan spoke about the Gift of Life Child arriving Nov. 27th and the need for a host family. Sabrina Lacy will accompany him to the airport
- **Community Service Dinner- 3/22/23 at Irish Coffee Pub. "Save the Date"**
- Liz announced Islip Interact is selling pens for the Alzheimer Campaign.

**Member Highlights:**

- Karen Sobel announced: Seeking donations from club members for holiday gifts to distribute to all three school districts: CI, EI, & Islip. Suggested donation of \$25 to assist 30 families with

family gifts. (Target Gift Cards) This replaces the personal shopping for holiday gifts.

- Astrid announced “Stand Up for Poverty” medical mission trip 5/16-5/27/24 Email Astrid for more details: [astridfidelia@gmail.com](mailto:astridfidelia@gmail.com)

**Important Dates:**

- Holiday Party: 12/1/23 from 6-10pm at Clay Hart’s House-
- Community Service Dinner (CSD) March 22, 2024 at Irish Coffee Pub

**Happy Dollars:** \$.137- Amount Collected- **Net amount \$75;** (\$42 donated to Bay Shore Rotary, \$20 lunch for Guest DG Tom Crowley)

**Golf Ball Raffle-** N/A -Amount Collected

**Winner:** N/A

**Result:** N/A

**Total in Pot:** \$195. (As of 10/26/23)

**Guest Speaker:** Assistant Governor, Bob Draffin, introduced the District Governor, Tom Crowley.

**Topic:** “Do More Rotary” - Create Hope In The World!

**Summary:**

Every month has a theme; Nov. is “Foundation” **Three Important Sub-committees:** Looking for Volunteers for all of these sub-committees 1) “Break the Stigma” Posts for Mental Health- Social Media Campaign- Stop Bottling Up! 2) Youth/Student Outreach-Mental Health- cyberbullying, self-image, asking students to help with social media. Bring Mental Health Clinicians into the Interact Clubs; 3) Veteran’s, Law Enforcement & First Responders (zoom call once a month) What can we do to have an impact? **Upcoming Regional meetings-** Sept. 9th, Dec. 9th, Camp Paquatuck 9AM, & March 9th. Club presidents are encouraged to attend. What are we doing? Small fundraisers, getting new members,...How to get more new members and how do we keep them engaged? Think about the three areas of Rotary that made you join Rotary: fellowship, professional and leadership development, Service- challenge all clubs to have one service project per month. Getting out in the community and wearing our Rotary Gear. [thomasjohncrowley@gmail.com](mailto:thomasjohncrowley@gmail.com)

**Guest Speaker:** Phyllis Ozarin, “**Stop Polio Campaign**”- Phyllis spoke about growing up with parents and then she had polio back in the 50’s. We learned about the three types of Polio. The treatment and her experience with polio as a young girl. She spoke about the treatments and the toll it took on the emotional and physical health of her family. What Phyllis learned- it was a blessing for her family and she was able to use dancing to keep her physical and emotional strength to accomplish her educational goals. Rotary has been a great support because of the opportunities to share her experience and her family’s experience. She gained the spirit to never give up! **Speaker’s Contact Info:** Phyllis Ozarin  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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