

## Keynote Speaker



### **Drew Kessler RI Director Elect 2022-24**

Drew Kessler is a Vice President and Relationship Manager of the Commercial Real Estate division for M&T Bank. He currently is responsible for a portfolio of loan and deposit relationships with major businesses within the metro New York City area, while increasing the bank's business in established and developing markets. His leadership positions in the industry date back to 2003. Drew has built his career as one of the leading bankers in New York. Drew prides himself on his commitment to client service and his comprehensive knowledge of the real estate and financing industry as well as his dedication to community service.

Drew values the relationships he has built with other professionals in the real estate industry; particularly the Realtors with whom he works hand-in-hand to make sure that their clients have a great experience. In 2008 Drew obtained his Real Estate license and became a realtor to better serve the Realtor community. He was named **President to the Rockland County Board of Realtors** for the year of 2010 and served as the 2015 **President for the 10,000-member Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors** which covers Rockland, Westchester, Orange and Putnam counties in New York. As a sign of his stature in the real estate community, Drew regularly appeared on Fox Business News from 2008-2013 for his expertise on the finance industry and the real estate market.

A Rotarian since 2001 at the age of 20, Kessler has served the North Rockland Rotary club in all levels of leadership and at the time became the youngest president in their 91-year history at the age of 25. Drew is a past **District Governor of Rotary District 7210** which is made up of 1600 members in 50 clubs serving the 9 counties of the Hudson Valley New York . Most recently served as the District's Rotary Foundation Chair, an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 32 that encompasses NewEngland, General Chair for the Mid North-East President-Elect

Training and was 1 of 8 members internationally to serve on the Young Past District Governor's Committee that serves the Rotary International President. Currently serving as Zone 28/32's General Chair for the upcoming 2021 Virtual Summit. On December 1, 2020 Drew was nominated to join the **2022-24 Rotary International Board of Directors**. Rotary is an organization that fosters and encourages the idea of Service in both the local and worldwide community. He lives by the motto "Service above Self".

Drew resides in Hopewell Junction, New York with his wife Vicki and their five children Dilynn age 20, Joe age 19, Parker age 16, Jackson age 9 and Brandon age 6.