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### Lynne Azarchi



**10/7/2022** -Our speaker was Lynne Azarchi. She is the Founder and Executive Director of the Kidsbridge Youth Center. The Center is an immersive 'small group discussion' learning lab for youth and teachers.

Lynne has spent the last 20 years creating programs and interactive experiences for more than 30,000 children dealing with bullying prevention, empathy, empowerment, respect and anti-bias, anti-racism.

Her book "The Empathy Advantage: Coaching Children to be Kind, Respectful and Successful" was published by Rowman & Littlefield. The title of her talk was "WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW: MORE EMPATHY" which I think we can all agree with. Thanks for visiting our club, Lynne.

### Jim Kilduff



**10/14/2022** -Our speaker on Friday was our President, Jim Kilduff. Jim spoke to our club about the legal issues arising as businesses move back to the office.

Many businesses have attempted to get back in person while others remain either virtual or in a hybrid mode. Usually reflecting the views of management or ownership about what will serve the business best. Many issues arise from these decisions, among them effective management, retention of your workshop and productivity. Jim gave us his observations based on client experiences. There is also a generational component. Many younger workers prefer a virtual office where old workers tend to prefer an in-person approach.

We also talked about our Thanksgiving basket project with HomeFront, which will happen on November 18. Our member Mike Pine gave us some of the details. Homefront is also doing a fundraising run/walk event on October 30.

### Jessica Nitti



**10/21/2022** -We welcomed Jessica Nitti, Executive Director of CampFire NJ as our speaker on Friday.

Jessica introduced us to the good work of this organization. Working mainly in the schools, they focus on youth development, empowerment and leadership skills to help these children rise above their current challenges.

Jessica also brought a high school leader, Addy, to explain how the programs have made difference in the lives of many children. We thank Jessica for giving us an insight into this organization.

### Paul Harris Award



Two of our members, Judy Levine and Sal Levatino, were honored with the prestigious Paul Harris award.

A Paul Harris Fellow is a person who has been recognized as having done something significant for others, either in the form of financial support for the RI Foundation for humanitarian efforts around the world or significant service to the club and/or community.

This is the second award for Judy and the fourth for Sal. Congratulations to both our members for being honored and recognized in this way.

### Business Meeting



**10/28/2022** – Friday was our business meeting where we inform club membership about the Board meeting and any decisions or further actions taken by the board. It is also a chance for the various committee chairs to inform the club of their activities and for members to express an interest in joining a committee or spearheading a project.



## Rotary International—Interact turns 60!



That's 60 years of helping young people develop leadership skills and service projects. Check out the World Interact Week event page to join in on the celebrations.

## Polio Status and Tools to Fight



We can eradicate polio for good. But with cases in previously eradicated areas, including New York and London, what's the path forward? Experts from [#Rotary](#) and the [Gates Foundation](#) discuss the current state of polio and our new tools in the fight toward eradication on the Rotary Voices podcast.

Listen: <https://on.rotary.org/3susBBh>

## Service Project: Thanksgiving Baskets



The annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection for Homefront will be held at our meeting on November 18th. Mike Pine assigned pairs of Rotary members to shop for basket items which will be assembled at the meeting on the 18th. If you would like to participate please contact Mike Pine for details.

## In Person meeting safety notice



Out of an abundance of caution, for the safety of our members and guests due to the ongoing spread of the Omicron COVID variant, we respectfully request that only members and guests who are vaccinated attend our in-person lunch meetings until further notice.

If you plan to invite a guest to an upcoming in-person meeting, please notify them of this request in advance. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times.

## Schedule of Events

**August-in person lunch meetings at the Hyatt for 3 meetings a month (first, second and third Fri.)**

**Remaning Fridays each month will be over zoom.**

**5th Friday will be a special meeting**

**Friday, November 4 12:00-1:30PM - Hyatt  
Open Meeting**

**Social: Tuesday November 8 4:30 - 6:30PM  
Metro North Restaurant**

**Friday, November 11 12:00-1:30PM— Hyatt  
Speaker: Nancy Sobin, Organizing Your Financial Paperwork**

**Friday, November 18 12:00-1:30PM—Hyatt  
Speaker: Homefront Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

**Wednesday, November 23 – 8:00-9:00 AM— Zoom  
Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 24—Happy Thanksgiving**

**Friday, November 25 NO MEETING**

## Member News:



Congratulations to Steve Portrude on his nuptials. We wish him and his bride a happy and healthy life together.

Condolences to the Needham Family on the loss of Scott's mom. May her memory be a blessing.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving with family and Friends.



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