



Honoree Mike Mezzapelle

Raised in Stamford from age 5, Mike attended Fairfield University where he graduated with a B.S. in Accounting. He earned his CPA (Certified Public Accountant) License in 1983, and his CFP (Certified Financial Planner) License in 1993. He has owned and operated Mezzapelle & Associates CPAs, LLC for the past 21 years, having founded the firm in 2002. Previously, he co-owned Strada & Mezzapelle CPAs, from 1983 to 2002. Mike's professional memberships include the AICPA (Association of International Certified Professional Accountants), CSCPA (Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants), NATP (National Association of Tax Professionals) and the FPA (Financial Planning Association).

Mike has served on the SilverSource Board since 2008, where he was Board Treasurer from 2011 to 2021. He has been a member of The Umbrella Club

since 2005 and is the current Treasurer. He also serves on the Stamford Hospital Planned Giving Committee. Previously, Mike served on the Trinity Catholic High School Advisory Board from 2005 to 2012, and was Finance Chair in 2010-2011. He is also a Past President and Treasurer of both the Stamford Lions Club and The Exchange Club of Stamford. Mike has four children, two grandchildren, and lives in Stamford.

Guest Speaker Jerry Zezima

Stamford native Jerry Zezima writes a humor column for Tribune News Service which is distributed to papers nationwide and abroad. He is the author of six books, *Leave It to Boomer*, *The Empty Nest Chronicles*, *Grandfather Knows Best*, *Nini and Poppie's Excellent Adventures*, *Every Day Is Saturday* and *One for the Ageless*. His many awards include seven for humorous writing from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Jerry has made many TV and radio appearances, several YouTube videos, and is a popular public speaker. Currently he is writing a sitcom. Jerry lives on Long Island with his wife, Sue. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

