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# Embraceable You

## – Lessons from New Hope, Penn., on the Importance of Diversity –

The theme for our October meeting, as in the past, is Diversity; however, this October our meeting will take on a somewhat different format. We will watch an inspiring documentary, interact with the film director, and then engage in reflections and conversations with one another to gain insights about diversity and inclusion.

The 30-minute video, “Embraceable You” is about the town of New Hope, Penn. It tells the stories of this town’s embrace for diversity and inclusion through the youthful eyes of an eight-year-old to the experiences of a ninety-four-year-old. Their perspectives and the film can help your company with diversity and inclusion. Director Geri Delevich will be on hand to share her work in advocacy for inclusion and to discuss its role in the workplace.

### Learning Objectives:

- Describe the importance of inclusion in the workforce
- Identify at least one lesson learned from the town of New Hope that can be applied to the workplace
- Based on group discussions, name one best practice to take back to your organization

### About the Speaker:

**Toni Bonjavanni** is vice president of Human Resources with Prudential Individual Life Insurance. She is a member of the PRIDE Business Resources Group at Prudential, the director of Diversity and Inclusion for the Southern Chapter of Society of Human Resources (JSAHR) group, and a member of Garden State Equality. Toni Bonjavanni holds an undergraduate degree in education from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and has an MBA in management from St. John’s University, New York.

Geri Delevich is an elected official on the New Hope Borough Council and is running for the office of Mayor of New Hope, Penn. As an elementary teacher for 33 years, Delevich saw the value in respecting students, and their individual talents and perspectives. Delevich was awarded the Human Rights Campaign Equality Award for her work in landmark non-discrimination ordinances supporting equality for all in the borough of New Hope, Penn. Delevich was one of the founders of the volunteer organization HOPEE – Helping Other People Everyday. She is the producer of a documentary honoring senior members of New Hope

**Date: October 12, 2017**  
7:45 a.m. Networking and Breakfast  
8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Program  
**Jumping Brook Country Club**  
210 Jumping Brook Road  
Neptune N.J.  
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or call JSAHR at 732-701-7155  
**Registration Fees (includes breakfast)** \$30 for JSAHR members  
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\$10 for students with valid ID  
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