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Doggie Paddle - OCUT Rotary Club president Cindy Chadwick and Rotarian and Army Veteran Jimmy Thomas in Oct. 2022. See story on Page 4. ##



Rotary's Upper Twp. 2022 Citizen of the Year at annual Tree Lighting event, Monday, Nov. 28, 2022. Rotary Recognition presentation, pictured from left, **Ralph Cooper**, OCUT Rotary Club; **Kyle Lindholm**, Rotary's Upper Twp. 2022 Citizen of the Year, with his family, wife **Dilara**, 10-month-old daughter **Eleanor**, 9-year-old niece, **Ava**; Upper Twp. Mayor **Curtis Corson**; and Upper Twp. Committeeman **John Coggins**. ##

Rotary's for 2022 Upper Twp. Citizen of Year Presentation

Kyle Lindholm an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in the Township of Upper and organizer of the UT Youth Camp has been named as the 2022 Upper Twp. Citizen of Year by the Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Twp. (OCUT)

The presentation was made Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 in conjunction with the Township's

annual Christmas Tree Lighting program at
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Rotary Supports Local Families and Big Brothers Big Sisters for Xmas

Members of the Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Twp. will meet up to wrap Christmas presents for the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)

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The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township hosted a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022 for OC and U-Twp. residents at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Marmora. Rotary members and volunteers served about 71 take outs and 54 people that stayed for dinner with us. We also sent some food to a few shut ins. This is the first in-person Thanksgiving Dinner for the community since Covid-19. ##



The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Upper Township Hall featured members of the UT Middle School Band and the Cape Shore Chorus. The lighting count-down was led by Santa and followed by the Rotary Club presentation of the Citizen of the Year recognition to **Kyle Lindholm**, for his efforts in



creating the first ever First Responders Youth Camp for Upper Twp. in 2022. The OCUT Rotary Club hosts the Tree Lighting program with refreshments, organized by Rotarian **Sallie Godfrey**. ##

Upper Township Citizen of Year Presentation

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Twp. Hall in Petersburg.

Rotarian Ralph Cooper explained the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and how it was reflected in the community volunteerism demonstrated by Lindholm.

Cooper noted that although Kyle is a Middle Twp. resident, the OCUT Rotary Club was recognizing him for his impactful volunteer leadership this year here in Upper Township ... as an example of "Service Above Self".

Kyle has been a volunteer for most of his young 30 years while his career has included roles in law enforcement, first responder and firefighter.

He was recognized for his successful efforts to establish the first ever Upper Twp. First Responders Youth Camp, held this past summer.

Kyle had seen a similar Youth Camp in Middle Twp. and he pitched the idea as a community outreach project for the Upper Twp. Rescue Squad.

He made the presentation to the Twp. Committee and, with their approval, and the help of members of the Rescue Squad, he ran with the idea and made it happen.

With the backing of the Rescue Squad members and others in helping secure donations, the camp was totally free for the 24 kids that attended.

The First Responder Youth Camp was a success and the next one is already scheduled for the summer of 2023.

The Rotary Club noted that Kyle is becoming a community leader here in Upper Twp. with his dedication towards growing

youth activities within our community.

Because of Lindholm's selection for the Rotary award, 100 more children will be immunized against Polio as Rotary International seeks to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth.

In addition, Kyle will also be an honorary member of the OCUT Rotary Club for the coming year. ##

UT 2023 Summer Camp Donations

For opportunities for your donation to support the 2023 U-Twp. First Responder Youth Summer Camp:

Venmo - Send to @Squad21 with memo "Kids Camp" > <https://venmo.com>

Checks - to be written to "Upper Twp. Rescue Squad" with notation "Kids Camp" and delivered / mailed to Squad 21, 2028 Tuckahoe Rd., Petersburg, NJ 08270

Information:

> www.upperrescue.com/summercamp

(The Upper Township Rescue Squad is the volunteer organization of the Upper Township Division of EMS.)

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Big Brothers Big Sisters

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program and others on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at 10 am at Salon Salon, 297 Route 9 North, Marmora.

Rotarians will also be making bags of candy for the BBBS Christmas Parade.

<https://www.bbbsatlanticcape.org>
<https://www.bbbsatlanticcape.org/get-involved/become-a-big>

In addition, Rotary Club members will be wrapping presents to be delivered to families in need in our communities.

Furthermore, the Club will be providing support for three teenagers who have had babies and that are living in area motels during the coming holidays.

For more information and / or to volunteer to help, please contact Rotarian Randi Scheck at randisue62@gmail.com | (609) 412-3459 ##

OCUT Rotary supports the Eyeglasses

"**Recycle for Sight**" project in Upper Twp. and Ocean City in conjunction with the Lions Eye Center in Absecon, NJ. Watch for future details. ##



Rotary Club's Community Thanksgiving Dinner



The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township
Nov. 24, 2022 free Community Thanksgiving
Dinner for OC and U-Twp. residents, held at
Trinity UM Church, Marmora. ##

Rotary Clubs provide support for Doggie Paddle For Veterans

Rotarian and US Army veteran, Jimmy Thomas, knows both the benefits and care a service dog can provide. His loyal Golden Retriever named Boots changed his life forever.

As noted on the website **Doggie Paddle for Veterans**, Jimmy's mission is to raise money and awareness for veterans in need of service dogs.

This past Fall, Jimmy set off on a



fortunate in finding very receptive Rotary Clubs to support him along the way. Here are just few examples (see Club links below):

Little River Rotary near Myrtle Beach hosted him for a few days and he was able to make connections with an organization that works on housing veterans in a tiny house community.

That Club is very interested in helping to bring a trained dog to their community for a veteran in that community. **Sea Island Rotary in Beaufort, SC** was helpful in hosting Jimmy, as was

OCUT Rotarians Wayne and Sue Conrad followed up by hosting Jimmy at their home in Stone Harbor when he made his way down the South Jersey Shore coast toward the Cape May Canal and the Delaware Bay.

Jimmy has been posting little notes along the way on the Doggie Paddle Facebook page: @doggiepaddleusa. <https://www.facebook.com/doggiepaddleusa>

According to recent emails from his support team back in New York state, Jimmy had a lovely Thanksgiving with a host who is part of the Florida Paddling Trails Association, a group of kayakers that paddle around the east and west coasts of Florida. There were pictures of a hot tub and pool that Jimmy posted to FB and up in New York, his teammates were jealous!

Jimmy and his project have been



the **Fernandina Beach Rotary** in Florida.

Vero Beach the Sunrise Rotary and Oceanside Rotary arranged a meet and greet where he was able to connect with another veteran assistance organization, one that also provides dogs to veterans: Dogs for Life. They also arranged hosts for several of Jimmy's stops in Florida.

Jimmy's Team has also noted his support from many other groups as well as many marina operators that have opened up their facilities and their homes.

Jimmy's efforts are to raise awareness and donation. He is almost halfway (*) done with his trip!

Rotarians and friends are encouraged to continue to follow along on Facebook, especially as he enters into the best phase: connecting dogs with veterans.

(* Jimmy plans to do his return trip back to NY state by bicycle.)

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During his stop over in Cape May County in early October, Jimmy received local support with boat repairs from Dave Marshall at his **DAKS Kayaks** store in Ocean City. When Dave got the call for assistance, he met Jimmy at **All Seasons Marina**, picked up his boat, did the repairs at no charge, and returned the kayak to the water in Marmora. ##

one-of-a-kind journey along the East Coast Intracoastal Waterway, traveling from New York state to Key West FL., to raise attention to help our American veterans find a better tomorrow with a service dog.

In early October 2022 the Ocean City – Upper Twp. Rotary Club was able to help Jimmy along his coastal journey when he stopped over in Marmora and the All Seasons Marina. Our Club hosted him for dinner at Dino's Seaville Diner and an overnight stay at the home of Club President Cindy Chadwick.

Story Links:

Doggie Paddle – Donations

<https://doggiepaddle.org>

Doggie Paddle - Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/doggiepaddleusa>

Doggie Paddle - YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdlMzNVLwvHyYFPrCbVXg>

Glenville Rotary

<https://www.glenvillerotary.org>

Ocean City – Upper Twp. (NJ) Rotary

<https://ocutrotary.org>

DAKS Kayaks and Paddle Boards

<https://daks kayaks.com/>

All Seasons Marina

<https://www.allseasonsmarina.com>

Florida Paddling Trails Association

<https://www.floridapaddlingtrails.com>

Little River Rotary

<https://rotarycluboflittleriver.org>

Sea Island Rotary

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/15837>

Vero Beach the Sunrise Rotary

<https://sunriserotaryverobeach.org>

Fernandina Beach Rotary

<https://fbrotaryclub.com/>