

# Ocean City-Upper Twp. Rotary Club Bulletin

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## Rotary Club Nov. 9th Program Features Tuckahoe Food Distribution

The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township in-person dinner meeting for Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at 5:30 pm, will include a program by **Blanche Adams** about the food distribution program that has been developed by the Tuckahoe United Methodist Church.

Blanche was recently selected as this year's OCUT Rotary Citizen of Year and she will be formally recognized during the Township of Upper's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, to be held Monday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at Township Hall.

Blanche will be accepting the Citizen of the Year designation on behalf of the many volunteers that have helped her with food programs hosted at her church.

Blanche has been an Upper Township resident for 53 years, formerly from Ocean City. She received a BA in Business Management from Stockton University and spent 40 years at Heist Insurance in Ocean City as Senior VP of Marketing and Communication. Currently, Blanche is a substitute teacher in the Estell Manor and Dennisville school districts.

A passion for supporting small businesses led her in 2012 to serve with the Upper Township Business Association as a volunteer, past president and current board member.

Blanche is currently the Administrative Board president of the Tuckahoe United Methodist Church and director of food pantry operations.

**Little Free Pantry:**

The "Little Free Pantry" concept came to her atten-

tion in late summer 2019. She brought the idea to the church pastor and the church board, and all agreed it would be a good fit for their little church.

The little white box that sits on busy Route 49 in Tuckahoe outside the church building was built by church members and patterned on a plan provided by [littlefreepantry.org](http://littlefreepantry.org), the organization that founded the concept in 2016.

The concept is neighbors helping neighbors, and visitors take what they need and leave what they can. The pantry gives 24-hour anonymous access to food to anyone in need and provides an opportunity for our community neighbors to



**Blanche Adams**

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**Tom Kozempel**, center, Governor of Rotary District 7505, visited a joint meeting of the Somers Point and Ocean City - Upper Twp. Rotary Clubs on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. This was Governor Tom's annual visit for our Clubs. Also pictured is **Lisa DiTroia**, President of the Somers Point Rotary Club and **Ted Lands**, President of the Ocean City - Upper Twp. Rotary Club. In appreciation of Governor Tom's visit, OCUT Rotary Club President Ted Lands will be presenting Tom with a certificate commemorating that 200 more children will be immunized in his name as part of the Club and Rotary International's continued commitment to eradicate Polio from Planet Earth. The luncheon meeting was held at Josie Kelly's Public House, 908 Shore Rd, Somers Point. ##



OCUT Rotary Club President **Ted Lands**, left, and Rotarian **Ralph Cooper** at the annual Ocean City Welcome Night, Oct. 25, 2023. ##



## OCUT Club Helps Support Rotarian Family's Fundraiser




Tom Burns calls family to the stage at the end of an emotional and heartfelt evening.



Rotarians Sue Burns and Anthony Rizzotte. (Kelsey photo bombs, on left, with her youngest Owen.

**KELSEY'S KRUSADERS**  
OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!



*Meet Kelsey.*  
a 34-year old beacon of strength battling breast cancer since 2021. Her journey, filled with treatments and surgeries, is a testament to her unwavering courage. She and Daniel, a US Marine, dream of Kelsey seeing her three young children grow, walk down the aisle, and cradling her grandchildren. Recently, her treatment didn't yield the results we prayed for, pushing her to explore alternative therapies not covered by insurance.

KELSEY'S KRUSADERS ARE HERE TO HELP. EVERY DOLLAR AND PRAYER BRINGS HER CLOSER TO THE FUTURE SHE ENVISIONS WITH HER FAMILY. PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS STORY OF RESILIENCE AND HOPE. YOUR SUPPORT ENSURES THAT KELSEY'S DREAMS COME TRUE.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE "KRUSADE"!**  
Saturday, November 4th from 4-8pm  
The Elks Lodge, Brigantine, NJ

Donations appreciated! Food, Gift Cards, Baskets, etc. Donate by 10/27/23

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Email: kelseyskrusaders89@gmail.com or Text: 609-676-3042  
Tickets: \$25 Advance Sale or \$30 at the Door

*Corporate Sponsorships Available*  
Gold - \$500  
Silver - \$250  
Bronze - \$100



Rotarian Randi Scheck and MC for the event, dances with her grandson.

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help by leaving food in the pantry. The box is stocked with nonperishable food and toiletries. Church and community volunteers stock it daily and it is emptied quickly.

### Community Food Bank Partnership:

In 2022 Blanche connected with a staff member of the Community Food Bank of South Jersey at a networking group. She told the Tuckahoe Little Free Pantry story and the Food Bank expressed an interest in working with their church to expand the CFB services into the northern part of Cape May County.

In April 2022 the Community Food

Bank and the Tuckahoe UMC, along with community volunteers, launched the first Mobile Food Pantry, serving about 35 families. The most recent monthly distribution served 54 families and the local program continues to grow.

In September 2023 the Tuckahoe UMC was approved as a full network partner, which means the volunteers will now run the food distribution independently, with continued support from the CFB. We see the need and the gratitude of the families we serve and are committed to continuing to make something "big" from something "little", Blanche said.

### Rotary Nov. 9th Meeting Location:

Somers Point Diner, 8 MacArthur Blvd, Somers Point, NJ 08244.

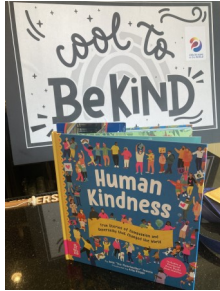
Rotary Inter-Clubs, quests, prospective members, and the general public are always welcome to attend Rotary meetings.

Please see the OCUT Rotary Club website for future meeting times and locations. > <http://ocutRotary.org>

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## Rotary District 7505 Governor Tom Kozempel visits joint meeting of the Somers Point and Ocean City – Upper Twp. Rotary Clubs

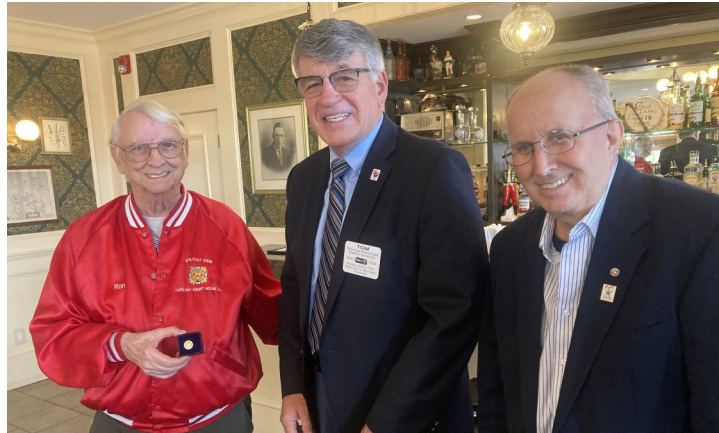


The book "Human Kindness" by **John (The Planet Walker) Francis**, was presented to Rotary Gov. Kozempel by Randi Scheck, OCUT Rotary Club's "It's Cool to be Kind" project chairperson.

Book Reference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYOLYMWAYMo>

<https://www.amazon.com/>



**Ron Showers**, left, received his Paul Harris pin from **Tom Kozempel**, center, Governor of Rotary District 7505 and **Ted Lands**, President of the Ocean City - Upper Twp. Rotary Club. Ron's pin honored his Paul Harris contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The presentation was made Oct. 18th during the Joint-Rotary meeting. ##



OCUT Rotary Club banner, presented to District Governor **Tom Kozempel**.



The Oct. 18th Joint-Rotary-Club-Luncheon attendees, from left, **Wayne and Sue Conrad**, with Rotary District 7505 Governor **Tom Kozempel** and his partner **Elise**. ##



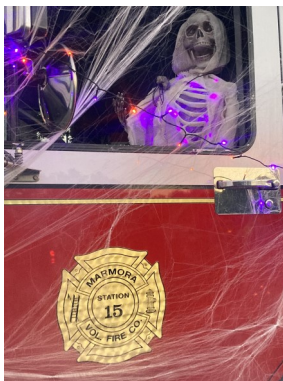
The Oct. 18th Joint-Club-Luncheon attendees included **John Heinz**, left, President of the Atlantic City Rotary Club; **Cynthia Meli**, center, Rotary D7505 Area 13 Assistant Governor; and **Randi Scheck**, OCUT Rotarian and chair of the "It's Cool to be Kind" project. ##



Ocean City - Upper Twp. Rotary Club members participated in the Township Clean Communities program this year with a roadside clean up along Stagecoach Road in Palermo, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023. ##



## OCUT Rotary Club @ 2023 Trunk or Treat at Amanda's Field



Annual Township Event Hosted by

**Upper Township Rescue Squad**

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**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**5:30-7:30pm**

**Upper Township Elementary School**



**Holiday  
Kickoff**

- Free Family Photo with SANTA  
& other fun activities
- Las Olas Taqueria's FOOD TRUCK 5-7pm 
- Shop for Unique Gifts from Local Businesses
- Door Prizes, Giveaways & Grand Prizes of Philly Sports Tickets  
and Bicycles
- Free Admission



Community Night Page

Updated 10/26/23



## *Don't Be Alone*

*Join us for a free*

## *Community Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Thursday, November 23, 2023*

*Dine in Dinner will be served at 1:00 pm*

*Trinity United Methodist Church*

*20 North Shore Road*

*Marmora, NJ 08223*

*Take out dinner will be available from 12:00 pm*

*This is first come first served – No reservations Needed*

Dinner provided by The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township



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