

# Ocean City-Upper Twp. Rotary Club Bulletin

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## Rotary Club OCUT Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 14th 10 am to 3 pm  
@ Ocean City Community Center

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## Rotary Club OC-UT May 13<sup>th</sup> Program - Red Cross Southern New Jersey Chapter

The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township online program for Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:30 pm will be **Madhuri Rodriguez**, Executive Director of the Southern NJ Chapter for the American Red Cross NJ Region and **Laura Bishop**, Board member with the American Red Cross of Southern New Jersey.



Madhuri Rodriguez

The Zoom Registration Link for the Rotary Club May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting: <http://bit.ly/Rotary13MayRedCross> Madhuri Rodriguez joined the American Red Cross in 2018 with an extensive background in human services.

Her career also includes years working in

the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships where she supported community-based programs to prevent child abuse and help strengthen families. During her tenure with DCF, she was instrumental with promoting awareness of the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act along with other



Laura Bishop

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## Upper Historical Society Book Talk on Slavery

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) free virtual membership program for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7 pm will feature a program by Rick Geffken on his book "Stories of Slavery in New Jersey."

The Zoom Link Registration  
> <http://bit.ly/HPSUT11MayBookTalk>

**Author's Book Summary:** "Dutch and English settlers brought the first enslaved people to New Jersey in the seventeenth century. By the time of the Revolutionary War, slavery was an established practice on labor-intensive farms throughout what became known as the Garden State.

Author Rick Geffken reveals stories from New Jersey's dark history of slavery."

Readers will be fascinated and probably surprised at the revelation that New Jersey, in 1866, was the last northern state to abolish slavery.

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## Computer User Best Practices Workshop hosted by UTBA

We are all connected now with various computer, iPhones, home networks and the Internet, so this upcoming webinar is noted for our Rotary Club members to consider.



[www.upperbiz.com](http://www.upperbiz.com)

Rotary has been a member of the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA) for several years and there are continued opportunities for collaboration and networking between both organizations.

This is just one example. The UTBA will host a special cyber security and computer / internet best practices workshop on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 12 noon.

The program on computer security will be presented by the Cape May Prosecutor's Office High Tech Crimes Unit.

For registration and additional information visit the UTBA Eventbrite page.

<https://upper-twp-business-association.eventbrite.com>  
Cyber-attacks are a growing and constant concern for all small businesses and this work-

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prominent safety and prevention awareness campaigns.

Madhuri holds a master's degree in Social Services from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University.

Laura Bishop launched Laura Bishop Communications in 2011 with the goal of doing meaningful work for clients and causes she is passionate about. She has been on the Red Cross Southern NJ Chapter Board for five years and her primary focus is External/Government Relations and Board Development in Cape May County.

Laura says "Volunteering on the Red Cross board is a privilege and an opportunity to ensure that the Southern New Jersey communities we serve are both engaged with and utilizing the extensive services provided by an international service organization."

The program speaker's website: [www.redcross.org/local/new-jersey/about-us/locations/southern-nj.html](http://www.redcross.org/local/new-jersey/about-us/locations/southern-nj.html)

See other information about our speaker and the program in the Rotary Club's Bulletin newsletter.

The Zoom Registration Link for May 13th: <http://bit.ly/Rotary13MayRedCross>

The Zoom Registration Link for the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm session is on the Rotary Club website > <http://ocutrotary.org>

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

## Computer Security Webinar

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shop will highlight the ongoing threats for computer systems and how to mitigate the risks for both companies and individuals.

This workshop is part of the series of professional development sessions presented for UTBA members.

Advance registration is required for this workshop with this UTBA EB page.

> <https://upper-twp-business-association.eventbrite.com>

The Zoom link will be emailed to all RSVPs.

For more information on this free event please contact Ralph Cooper with the UTBA at 609-464-0920 or upperbiz25@gmailcom ##

## Future OCUT Rotary Highlights / Online "Zoom" Meetings:

**Fri. May 14th** - Rotary Club Hosted **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Ocean City Community Center (Senior Center) 10 am til 3 pm

Reservations recommended: > [www.redcrossblood.org/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/)

Thurs. May 21st - *No Meeting.*

**Thurs. May 27th** - Meeting: Program - **Kate Devaney**, Director of Ocean City Historical Museum

> [www.ocnjmuseum.org](http://www.ocnjmuseum.org)

All Rotary OCUT meetings are virtual on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm.

## Prior OCUT Programs Recording:

April 29, 2021 Program – **Fred Akers, GEH River Watershed Council**

Speaker website > [www.gehwa.org/river-council](http://www.gehwa.org/river-council)

Meeting video recording on Facebook > <https://bit.ly/Rotary29AprGEHRiver>

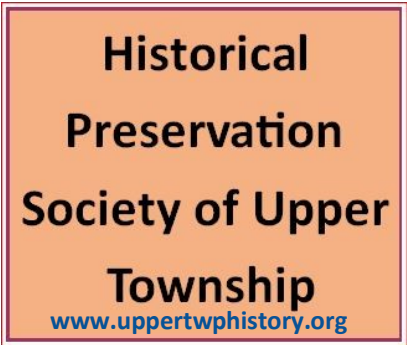
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Rick Geffken has written numerous articles on various aspects of New Jersey history for local newspapers, magazines, historical societies, and newsletters.

Rick has spoken about New Jersey historical topics at dozens of historical societies and libraries.

Rick is currently leading a project called the "New Jersey Slavery Records Index" under the auspices of Monmouth University of West Long Branch, NJ.

Rick retired from a career with Hewlett-Packard; owned and operated several small businesses; taught secondary school mathematics; and was an Adjunct Professor at Ocean County Community College. He is a retired U.S. Army officer and Viet Nam veteran.

For the May 11<sup>th</sup> Zoom Registration > <http://bit.ly/HPSUT11MayBookTalk> ##

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

### Rotary Club of Ocean City

### Upper Township

Ocean City Community Center - Senior Center  
1735 Simpson Avenue  
Ocean City, NJ 08226

**Friday, May 14, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Give Blood. Save Lives.

For an appointment, please call:  
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).  
To register online visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Search by sponsor code: ocrorary



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