

Ocean City-Upper Twp. Rotary Club Bulletin

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“Green Topics” Featured Program for OC-UT Rotary Club April 25th Meeting

The Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township in-person dinner meeting for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 5:30 pm, will be held at the Somers Point Diner, 8 MacArthur Blvd, Somers Point.

The program for April 25th will be a dual presentation on “Green Topics” by **Rick Bernardini**, Chair of the Ocean City Environmental Commission and **Ralph Cooper**, Chair of the Upper Township

Sustainable Jersey Green Team.

In conjunction with April as “Earth Month”, both speakers will discuss “green / sustainable” topics in the two communities to include a review of the activities over the past year, as well as current plans for 2024.

Rick Bernardini is a retired Civil Engineer with a BS from Drexel University. He was a registered Professional Engineer, LEED Accredited Professional and Certified Construction Manager. His projects include major commercial work including a Major League Soccer stadium, casino hotel, convention center, high rise residences, and many educational facilities.



Rick Bernardini



Ralph Cooper

He was appointed to the Ocean City Environmental Commission in 2017 and was named Chairman in 2020. He also serves on the Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission and the Green Team.

Rick and his wife, Joanne, moved to Ocean City full time in 2004. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Ralph Cooper has served on the Upper Township Green Team since 2013 and helped the Township of Upper attain Bronze Level Certifications with the Sustainable Jersey program in 2014 through 2023. As Chair of the Green Team, he is now focused on helping the Township achieve annual re-

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Gift of Life: Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township meeting, held April 11, 2024. Program presentation by **Diane Rotondelli** about the Gift of Life District 7505 Rotary Foundation.

> <https://www.rotarydistrict7505giftoflife.org> ##



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certification for 2024, with the goal of Silver Certification. In addition, he is a founding member and co-chairperson of the Atlantic Cape May Sustainable Jersey Hub which supports over 30 Green Teams in the 2-counties.

Ralph is a member of the Rotary Club of Ocean City – Upper Township and has served as Program and Publicity chairperson from 2019 thru the current year. He is the Public Image Director Rotary District 7505, with over 70 Rotary Clubs in the eight counties of Southern New Jersey.

Ralph is a Board member of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. and has maintained the Society’s website, social media, and photography resources for the past 20 years.

He is the Historical Society’s representative with the Upper Twp. Business Association (UTBA), where he currently serves as Treasurer and Board member.

Ralph and his wife, Ginny, have lived in the Palermo area of Upper Township for over 30 years.

Links:

- Ocean City Environmental Commission
> <https://www.ocnj.us/boards-and-commissions>
- Upper Township Sustainable Jersey Green Team
> <https://uppertwpgreenteam.wordpress.com>

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

See the OCUT Rotary Club website for future meeting times

and locations. > <http://ocutrotary.org>

Location for April 25th meeting: Somers Point Diner, 8 MacArthur Blvd, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Township: To learn more about the [OC-UT Rotary Club](#) contact [Rotary Club President Ted Lands](#) | ted_lands@hotmail.com

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> <http://ocutrotary.org> | www.facebook.com/oceancityuppertownshiprotary

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Behind the Wheel District 7505 Video Series

Rotary and YouTube - Why Rotary District 7505 Started "Behind the Wheel" and Tips for a Great Interview

At the 2024 District 7505 Assembly, DG Elect **Steven Neuner**, left, interviewed "Behind the Wheel" host **Peter Bertheaud**.

The interview was part of the District's annual Training Assembly, for incoming Club officers, held Saturday, April 20th, 2024 on the campus of the Burlington County Institute of Technology in Westampton, NJ

Peter is a member and past President of the Marlton Rotary Club and a member of the D7505 Public Image Committee.

The Q&A exchange included an array of topics:

- How the channel came about;
- What the benefits are to having a YouTube Channel for the District;
- And what makes for a good podcast/YouTube interview.

> Direct Link to Interview: <https://youtu.be/wyMN-akjsDY?si=71qOlte2lDA39L4g>

> <https://district7505.org/.../behind-the-wheel-video...>

> <https://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict7505> ##

Rotary 
Conference
Districts 7505 & 7490

“Celebrating Kindness and Hope”
at *The Seaview*

May 3rd - 5th, 2024 | The Seaview Hotel in Galloway, NJ



We look forward to seeing you at the Seaview!



<https://events.rotarydistrict7505.org/event/joint-district-conference-2024>

SAVE The DATE

**Rotary Club OCUT Hosts
Academic Achievement Night**

Monday, May 13, 2024, 6 pm

Greate Bay Country Club
901 Somers Point - Mays Landing Rd, Somers Point
> www.greatebay.com

Watch for future details on OCUT Rotary website