

Rotary Club of Ocean City – Upper Twp.

Website and Facebook posts for the first week of May 2020

Context: Given that some members are not “on” Facebook and other members may not have “re-discovered” our newly re-booted Club website, here are snapshots of some of the information that has been shared on our Rotary platforms for our members this past week. In addition, by sharing and cross-referencing with other Ocean City and Upper Township organizations, we have increased awareness about our Club and its engagement in our greater community.

Website Posts

Food Pantry Started in Tuckahoe

Starting Monday April 27th Star Lodge #65 F&AM on Rt 50 in Tuckahoe will become a temporary food pantry to help those in the community who are in need during these uncertain times.

The Lodge is asking for donations of non-perishable food items along with dry goods and toiletries.

They are just getting started asking those that can make a donation to contact Al Butto via messenger or text at 609-675-6640. Lodge volunteers will pick up outside your home or meet at the lodge. The goal is for the Food Pantry to begin food distribution on Monday May 4th.

However, according to this announcement posted on the Township of Upper's FB page, those in need of immediate assistance please contact Butto directly at the number shown above. More details on the Star Lodge Food Pantry will be forthcoming and Al Butto thanks everyone for their support. <https://www.facebook.com/Star65Lodge/>

- The Rotary Club of OCUT acknowledges this worthy effort by the Star Lodge and our members and friends are invited to participate. ##



May Flowers from Philly Art Museum

Your Philly Art Museum Bringing May flowers to your home screen. Shared photo and link for the video tour of Museum paintings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bphs2xLWf80&t=4s>

Local Red Cross Blood Drive

Photo and link posted to promote the blood drive Thursday, May 7, 2020, 10am - 3 pm at the Ocean City Yacht Club, 100 Bay Road, Ocean City, NJ 08226. Make an appointment or sign up for a wait list. > www.redcrossblood.org



Rotary Program Speaker Featured

A screen shot from the Rotary Club of Ocean City - Upper Twp. April 30th meeting online with a virtual program by Andrew Lewis of Ocean City and author of the book The Drowning of Money Island. Rotarians and members of the community logged in for the book talk and a lively question and answer session about life along the New Jersey coastlines of both the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean and the overall topic of climate change.

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Local Heroes

A copy of the Rotary Club advertising message published in the Ocean City Sentinel April 29th was posted on the web page

Postings on Facebook

This is a sampling of what has been made available on the Rotary Club's Facebook page during the first week of May 2020.

Supporting NJ Veterans Homes

The three Veterans Homes operated by the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) in Paramus, Menlo Park, and Vineland are accepting donations of personal protective equipment such as: medical/surgical masks, washable homemade masks, face shields, goggles, washable surgical gowns, hand sanitizer, and vinyl gloves. Donations help both the residents and the staff who care for them. You can donate these items by contacting each Home directly to coordinate a drop-off.

- Vineland Veterans Memorial Home: 856-405-4213

Source: email from office of NJ Senator Michael Testa (R-1) See related link here ...

> <https://www.nj.gov/.../vetera.../covid19-info-for-veterans.shtml> - Posted 06 May 2020



Music and Culture Links

Jersey Shore Pops: Pachelbel Canon in D performed live by music director Linda Gentile and members of the Jersey Shore Pops in while in Isolation during the 2020 Corona virus/COVID-19 Lock down.

Shore Medical Center's Covid-19 Fund

The [Heist Insurance Agency](#) posted this entry and a photo of the Chris Monihan family on May 4, 2020 that we share on the Rotary FB page.

How is the Covid crisis affecting our local businesses? What are businesses doing to give back to the communities who support them? Here's today's Business Spotlight on [Monihan Realty](#) with Chris Monihan was posted on FB by Heist Insurance.



When the Stay at Home guidelines were introduced, our office made arrangements for almost everyone to work from home. Our office is officially closed, however a small number of employees go into our office on a rotation basis. There are a few duties that need to be taken care of from our office in order to service our clients and customers. The health of our employees and customers is our top priority.

My business and the real estate market has slowed down however there is still activity in the market with new listings, properties under contract, and closings. Buyer demand is still present in our market, and everyone is taking necessary health precautions to keep safe. I speak with clients every day who have questions about the real estate market and the atmosphere in Ocean City and the surrounding area. Being proactive and updating my clients daily on the market and local news has been very important as everyone wants to know exactly what is going on and how they may be effected. Like most people now, I have adapted to working from home and juggling additional day to day responsibilities. I only hope that those who are unable to work right now can get back to work as soon as possible and safely.

Shortly after the Covid-19 guidelines were put into place and the severity became more apparent, my family along with a neighboring family, started a fundraising campaign to sell yards signs to show our appreciation to Healthcare and all essential workers. All proceeds are being donated to Shore Medical Center's Covid-19 Fund. The response from the community has been fantastic and overwhelming, so much so that we can say we have sold nearly 300 signs and raised almost \$15,000 in 3 weeks. People love the idea of our yard signs and are eager to donate and show off their sign on their front lawn. We sell & deliver signs each day and ask our communities to please donate, if they can, to Shore Medical Center's Covid-19 Fund and they will receive a sign. We have delivered signs to homes in many towns throughout Cape May and Atlantic counties.

Here is a link to our fundraiser - <https://mailchi.mp/.../shoremedicalcenter-yardsignupdate2-468...>

Our team at Heist would like to thank Chris, [Monihan Realty](#) & everyone participating in The [Shore Medical Center](#) Covid-19 Fund and [Shore 2 Share](#) which Monihan Realty started last Summer to collect unused sealed food and toiletries from weekly Summer renters at check out. They bring the items to the office and Monihan brings them to a Church's food cupboard in Ocean City. Together they were able to donate over 1000 items last Summer.

[OCNJ Daily](#) recently posted an article about [Chris Monihan - Monihan Realty Inc.](#) and the fundraiser. Here's the link to the article: [https://ocnjdaily.com/o-c-fundraiser-for-shore-medical-ce.../...](https://ocnjdaily.com/o-c-fundraiser-for-shore-medical-ce.../)

Atlantic Cape announces Distinguished Alumni: Education briefs

Ventnor Mayor Beth Holtzman was among former Atlantic Cape Community College graduates selected for this year's President's Distinguished Alumni Award, the college said Thursday. Holtzman, a 1982 graduate, was selected for the honor along with Dennis Kelly, class of 1978, of Bath, Pennsylvania. The college also honored Richard Russell, class of '99, of Ocean City, and Kyle Schachner, class of '16, of Collingswood, with the Young Alumni Achievement Award.



Fishing / Oyster Industry in South Jersey Walloped

Rotary: Follow-up about our April 30th program speaker. See link for Andrew Lewis's in-depth article about our South Jersey fishing and oyster industry on our Club's website.

(File photo by R. Cooper - Oyster shells @ Money Island, NJ - Nov. 2019)

> <http://ocutrotary.org/> - Posted 05 May 2020



As Economy Has Faltered, New Jersey's Fishing Industry Gets Walloped

By Andrew Lewis, April 27, 2020 | NJ Spotlight

NJ's commercial fishing industry is fifth largest in US; its sales have cratered in the pandemic

<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/04/as-economy-has-faltered-new-jerseys-fishing-industry-gets-walloped/>

Local Ocean City Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, May 7th

Rotary Club's event calendar on FB was update to message the blood drive set fo the Ocean City Yacht Club. Members / readers were urged to sign up for an appointment or a wait list.

Shore Physicians Group

We shared a message from the Daniel Family: Dr Joshua Daniel - Neurologist & Catherine Zarrella - Physician Assistant, Surgical Division

Christopher Reeve said, "a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." Our family would like to recognize and thank YOU, the Shore community, for battling through these difficult times. It is only by the efforts of the community that our healthcare and essential workers can remain strong and resilient. We are all fighting this together.



Neurologic disease and pathology, such as stroke, seizures and migraines, persists despite the evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our obligation to the hospital and community extends beyond showing up for work everyday. It is crucial that we educate patients on services available to them so no one goes without treatment. If you or a loved one is presenting with new or worsening neurologic symptoms please seek care immediately. We understand the fear associated with going to the hospital or medical office. But we can assure you that precautions are in place at our offices and hospital to help keep you safe. Your safety and the safety of our staff is important to us.

Dr Daniel continues to provide care to patients in the hospital as well as in the office, with televisits and limited in-office appointments. The multi-specialty surgical division is also open to address any surgical issues. All surgical specialists are available for televisits and in-office appointments.

Don't let fear stand in the way of seeking medical treatment. [#strokesdontstop](#) [#stayhealthystaystrong](#) [#shorestrong](#) [#shorehealthcareheroes](#)

Upper Twp. Historical Society Project: "Covid-19 Virus Year" in Upper Twp. NJ

We at the HPSUT cannot help but wonder - how will this experience be recorded for future generations.

Today is tomorrow's history. You can help write or photograph it for our community and be part of our new story-gathering project called "The Covid-19 Virus Year" 2020 in Upper Township.

So, we would have initiated a new project to collect any digital artifacts related to current pandemic pause for all of us.

Email a photo of you or you and your family wearing face protection. We are also gathering any written experience stories / journal entries as Covid-19 artifacts that capture the time we all have spending at home during these trying weeks this Spring. Here is the link to submit your photo or written story > <https://forms.gle/Js6wLmxyhLYH8RM89>

Thanks for participating - Posted 05 May 2020



AtlantiCare Photos and video with the release of the 100th patient who had tested positive for Covid-10

Shared AtlantiCare posting with 12 photos with the text "Some people have got heart. Some have got soul. Our people

have it all. With so much uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, it's heartening to know that #AtlantiCaresGotThis" 03 May 2020 #coronavirus #COVID19 #nj #signupnj #healthcareheroes

Ocean City Guidebook for 2020

Link shared to the online version of the Guidebook, published by Stef and Bill Godfrey of Upper twp. Stef was a recent speaker at our Rotary Club. Click [here](#) for scroll thru 152 page.

Support Local Restaurants in Upper Twp.

See full list of our local restaurants with take-out on the UTBA website, linked here for the list

> <https://bit.ly/SupportUTRestaurants>

- Posted 04 May 2020



Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation

It's a gorgeous day in Cape May County for a festival! We're disappointed that we weren't able to hold the 2020 Cape May County Coast Guard Community Festival. Please enjoy our virtual 2020 Festival Program Book. We look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, May 1, 2021! Click [here](#) to flip thru the 64 page Festival Guide.

Contact Cape-Atlantic

SCAM ALERT: Police department warns public to not click links in scam COVID-19 text messages

If you receive a text message like the one pictured above, (in the FB post) DO NOT click the link! It is not a message from any official agency. It is a gateway for bad actors to find their way into your world. 01 May 2020

OCNJ Cares

Rotary shared the logo and info on the charity that was so active in Ocean City following the Sandy storm and that has now been re-booted to help the community during the Covid-19 crisis.

ocnjcare.org In Need of Assistance * Volunteer * Donate 609-399-6111 * ocnjcare2020@gmail.com



Upper Twp. Goes Online To Observes National Day of Prayer Ceremony

Thursday May 7, 2020, 10 am

Click on the Twp. GoToMeeting link below for the Ceremony at the time of the event.

> <https://www.gotomeet.me/UpperTownship-NJ/ut-public-meeting-room>

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