



# Ocean Chamber News

Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce

## 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are still planning events for 2010, and will keep you updated.

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 5th, 8 a.m.**  
Board Meeting at Chamber office

**Thursday, February 11th, 6 p.m.**  
Business Card Exchange & Show  
Following the BCE, enjoy "Man of LaMancha"  
Hosted by Axelrod Theater • 100 Grant Avenue, Deal  
Cost: Members-BCE only \$5 / BCE w/Show -\$22  
Non-Members-BCE \$10 / BCE w/Show \$32

**Thursday, February 25th, 8 a.m.**  
Breakfast Meeting  
Location: Staybridge Suites, Eatontown  
Speed Networking & Full Breakfast Buffet  
Cost: \$15 members / \$20 non-members

### MARCH

**Tuesday, March 2nd, 8 a.m.**  
Board Meeting at Chamber office

**Thursday, March 25th, 5:30pm.**  
Business Card Exchange  
Location: Mister C's Beach Bistro, Allenhurst • Cost: TBA

### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 6th, 8 a.m.**  
Board Meeting at Chamber office

**Tuesday, April 13th, 8 a.m.**  
Business Card Exchange • Location: TBA

**Thursday, April 22nd, 8 am.**  
Breakfast Meeting  
Guest Speaker: Freeholder, John D'Amico  
Location: TBA • Cost: TBA

### MAY

**Thursday, May 20th, 5:30 p.m.**  
Business Card Exchange • Location: TBA

**Wednesday, May 26th, 5-8 p.m.**  
22nd Annual Business & Retail Expo  
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel

## Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce

### Executive Board

**President**  
Carol DiCola

**Vice President**  
Nicholas Blanda

**Secretary**  
Kathy King

**Treasurer**  
Teri Sciamarelli

### Board Members

Diane Ailor  
Mike Beson  
Peter Calafiore  
Stuart Chavis  
Rich Dominguez  
Carol Forrester  
Dr. Raj Gupta  
Christine Hanlon  
Hortense Jatlow  
William Larkin  
Jacqueline Leiva  
Marie Siciliano  
Gene Talarico  
Luisa Vroman

**Business Manager - Penny Daniels**

Direct general Chamber questions  
and requests for applications to the office at 732-660-1888  
or email [gotcc@optimum.net](mailto:gotcc@optimum.net)

### GOTCC

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### Welcome New GOTCC Chamber Members:

- Diane Ailor • Dr. Raj Gupta
- Jacqueline Leiva

## “Ocean Township’s Got Talent” Update

Regene Odon, our first place winner in the “Ocean Township’s Got Talent” Variety Show, held at OTHS on November 6th, has applied for audition on television’s American Idol. There were at least 3,000 other participants in NYC the day he attended. He was advised that he’ll be notified by the first week of February if he was accepted to “officially” audition. Keep your fingers crossed for this dynamic Ocean resident. We’re rooting for you, Regene!



## SPEED NETWORKING !!!!!

**Chamber  
Breakfast Meeting  
Thursday, February 25th  
8-9:30 a.m.**

at the Staybridge Suites, located at  
4 Industrial Way East, in Eatontown.

We will have a full breakfast buffet, including hot and cold entrees, available to all attendees. This will be a Speed Networking Event, so bring lots of business cards, and, of course, come hungry :-)

Cost: \$15 to Chamber members, and \$20 to non-members.  
Your advance reservation is greatly appreciated.

Please RSVP BY February 22nd, to the Chamber office, if you are able to attend.  
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Betsy Sciciliano, being greeted by the Chamber’s Penny Daniels, as she dropped off gifts to the Chamber offices.



A small portion of the gifts donated for the Adopt A Family Program.

## Adopt-A-Family Program

Many of us enjoyed the holiday season by giving gifts to family and friends. Great satisfaction is gained when we see happy faces enjoying a holiday feast or watching eyes light up when a special gift is received.

While we hoped the phrase “Happy Holidays” was true for all, in reality it just isn’t the case. Some families view the holiday season with dread and despair.

The “Adopt-A-Family” program, run by the Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce, has been an overwhelming success for many years. Families are identified by the schools to assure they are in legitimate need. The families come from all walks of life - some live in single-family homes and are barely hanging on because of illness or

unemployment. Others are placed in motels by social service agencies or live in barren apartments.

As the holidays approached, many Ocean Township organizations, businesses, students and individuals joined efforts to help those who are less fortunate. One family, Betsy Sciciliano and her husband, Tim, delivered a large donation of gifts her family made to the Chamber’s Adopt A Family program. Betsy and her son, Ryan, a freshman at RBC, enjoyed their holiday shopping trip, as together they selected gifts for the family they adopted.

Our Chamber would like to extend our grateful appreciation to all who generously participated in making holidays happier for so many families this year.

## FIESTA!

Please join:

The Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce  
for  
**REFRESHING Sangria**  
**DELICIOUS Spanish Food**  
& the *Five-Time Tony Award Winning*  
**MAN OF LA MANCHA!**

*Starring Ken Wasseer*



*Presented by Center Drama*



**Thursday, February 11**

**6:00 to 7:30 pm**  
**Business Card Exchange & Cocktail Party**  
**8:00 pm - MAN OF LA MANCHA**

**Axelrod Performing Arts Center,  
100 Grant Avenue, Deal Park, NJ**

**\$ 22 for Chamber members; \$32 for non-members**

**Reservations are required.**

**Please RSVP by February 8th to the**

**Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce,**

**732- 660-1888**

**OUR FIRST EVENT OF THIS NEW YEAR** is Thursday, February 11th - a Business Card Exchange at The Axelrod Performing Arts Center in the JCC of Deal. This event, from 6:00-7:30 pm, is being hosted by the Axelrod Performing Arts Center, and they have graciously offered our attendees an invitation (at a reduced cost) to attend a production of “Man of LaMancha,” performed that evening at 8pm.

The Business Card Exchange will provide you with networking opportunities, as well as delicious Sangria and samplings of Spanish food, to further enhance the evening. Chamber members can attend both the Business Card Exchange and the Show for \$22!!!! Non-members will pay \$32. Cost of attending the Business Card Exchange alone is \$10 to members and \$15 to non-members.

Reservations are mandatory!.

Please RSVP to our Chamber office BY Monday, February 8th.