



Ocean Chamber News

Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are still planning events for 2010, and will keep you updated.
Your advance registration/reservation is requested and always appreciated.

APRIL

Thursday, April 22nd, 8 am.

Breakfast Meeting

Guest Speaker: John D'Amico, Freeholder

Location: Culinary Education Center,
101 Drury Lane, Asbury Park

Cost: \$10 Members; \$15 Non-Members

MAY

Tuesday, May 4th, 8:00 a.m.

Board Meeting at Chamber office

Tuesday, May 11th, 5:30p.m.

Business Card Exchange

"Margarita Night" (Once de Mayo)

Location: Don Chucho's • 1647 State Route 35, Oakhurst

Thursday, May 20th, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Millenium Radio NJ (The Point, 101.5, etc.)
2401 Route 66, Ocean

Meet & Greet Radio Personalities, followed by Social Media "Bootcamp"

Cost: \$10 Members; \$15 Non-members

Wednesday, May 26th, 5-8 p.m.

22nd Annual Business & Retail Expo

Sheraton Eatontown Hotel • 6 Industrial Way East, Eatontown

JUNE

Tuesday, June 1st, 8 a.m.

Board Meeting at Chamber office

Wednesday, June 9th, 11:30 a.m.

Installation & Scholarship Award Luncheon

Location: Deal Golf & Country Club • 1 Golf Lane, Deal

Cost: \$35 Members; \$40 Non-members

Thursday, June 24th, 8 a.m.

Breakfast Meeting

Guest Speaker: TBA • Location: TBA • Cost: TBA

JULY

Tuesday, July 6th, 8:00 a.m.

Board Meeting at Chamber office

Thursday, July 22nd, 8 a.m.

Breakfast Meeting • Location: TBA • Cost: TBA

Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce

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GOTCC

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Welcome New GOTCC Members

- PANERA BREAD, Ocean
- PRO FORMA ACTION MARKETING, West Long Branch



Shore Antique Center Networking Event A Big Success

About 50 people attended the after-hours networking event sponsored by the Shore Antique Center, "Where the Dealers Shop" in Allenhurst on Tuesday, April 13th. Attendees enjoyed wine, cheese and appetizers while they mixed and mingled among the antiques. Some members took advantage of the free appraisal to see if a family treasure had a financial value. Hope everyone who received an appraisal was pleasantly surprised!

SAVE THE DATES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010, 5-8 p.m.

22nd Annual Business & Retail Expo
at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel

With 60+ exhibitors, food & door prizes, this Expo has something for everyone! For additional information, please contact our Chamber office, 732-660-1888.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010, 11:30 a.m.

Scholarship Awards Luncheon & Annual Meeting
Deal Golf & Country Club
Members: \$30; Non-members \$35

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

15th Annual Golf Outing
Deal Golf & Country Club • \$275 per person

*The Greater Ocean Township
Chamber of Commerce
Cordially Invites You to Attend Our*

CULINARY BREAKFAST BUFFET



THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd 8:00 A.M.

AT THE

Culinary Education Center

101 Drury Lane, Asbury Park

(Sunset Ave. East. Make Left on Drury Lane Just After APHS)

**Freeholder John D'Amico Will Speak About
Monmouth County Past & Present and The Job of a Freeholder**

**The Full Breakfast Buffet includes Omelets,
Assorted Breakfast Meats, Bakery Treats, Croissants,
Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee & Tea**

Members \$15/Non-Members \$20

- SEATING LIMITED -

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

CALL 732-660-1888 NOW

LEAVE A MESSAGE TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS



Wag on Inn Rescue

By: Diana Cappelluti, GOTCC Intern

Spring has officially sprung. The days are growing longer and that harsh, winter bluster is giving way to a warm, gentle breeze. According to the Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce member, Janice Fisher, who is the fundraising coordinator for Wag on Inn Rescue, the milder temperatures of spring and summer often cause an increase in the number of dogs and cats born in the seasonal regions of the United States. Due to this increase in birth rate in the warmer months, some rescue shelters receive a greater number of abandoned animals. Wag on Inn Rescue defines itself as “a small group of dedicated volunteers, trying to ‘re-home’ dogs and cats,” and says that while the birth rate of these animals does increase in the warmer months, the group rescues from the Southern United States and Puerto Rico, and the year-round mild temperatures mean lots of rescues all the time, not just seasonally. Wag on Inn Rescue’s primary objective is to find forever and temporary homes for strayed, neglected, or abused dogs and cats they rescue. They are a volunteer organization that rescues animals from high-kill shelters, provides them with medical care, and finds them refuge. The group sometimes works with the Monmouth County SPCA to have animals spayed and neutered and to help them find a permanent place to live. Like the SPCA, they rely solely on the generosity of the public for profit.

According to Fisher, Wag on Inn Rescue finds foster homes through network-

ing, particularly through their website. To date, the organization has 25 foster families; however, Fisher says this is too little for the amount of animals being rescued and brought to the shelter. This is because Wag on Inn does not have a kennel since they feel it is healthier for the animals to live inside a home. The organization relies solely on fosters to provide shelter. “Often fosters meet us at our adoption and outreach events and learn about the program. Others come into the program having known a current foster,” Fisher said.

Usually, a foster parent or family will keep a puppy for about two weeks; older dogs are usually kept a bit longer. “Sadly, there is not enough room at Wag on Inn for all animals rescued,” explained Fisher. She said that one of the most difficult parts of rescuing is having to leave some animals behind, due to lack of space, at shelters that permit euthanasia. Wag on Inn Rescue reports that between 5 and 9 million healthy, vibrant abandoned animals are euthanized each year.

Despite this, rescuing can be very rewarding work. When an animal is given a permanent or temporary loving home, it means a second chance for a dog that has most likely suffered neglect or mistreatment. Wag on Inn Rescue cites abandonment as the main cause of pet rescue done by the group. Fisher explained that those interested in becoming either a foster or owner to these rescued animals should visit the organization’s website at www.wagoninn.rescuegroups.org to learn about the program. Interested parties can send Wag on Inn Rescue an email at wagoninnrescue@yahoo.com. The business mailing address is P.O. Box 221, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Fisher and those at Wag on Inn Rescue would like to stress being a responsible pet owner by spaying and neutering animals and training them properly from the very start of ownership. “Research training methods, consult a professional, or enroll in obedience classes,” Fisher said. Following these steps can help animals stay in their homes for a lifetime.



Garry Glisson, Catering Manager with Adam Lookner, General Manager of the Panera Bread Ocean location at Expo 2009.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Does your business have any special employees who go above and beyond their normal job description? If so, the Chamber has an award for “Employee of the Year” which will be given out at our Annual Awards and Installation Luncheon on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Deal Golf & Country Club, in Deal, NJ.

The employer would submit an entry to the Chamber office, in approximately 200 words, why this employee is special, something about their work ethic, community service and what value/asset they bring to the business.

The Awards Committee will vote, without knowing the employee’s name or company. All entries must be in the Chamber office no later than April 26th.

The winner will be invited to the Awards and Installation Luncheon as the Chamber’s guest and will receive a beautiful plaque.

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