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for all people." – Maya Angelou

For the 36th consecutive year, The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) and its Foundation will recognize business and community heroes on November 2, 2022 at The Grove at Centerton.

"We will honor and thank a remarkable group of people and organiza-

Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award Bruce and Debby Riley Mayor Jim Crilley

Gary F. Simmerman **Community Leadership** Award **Bridgeton Main Street** Association

Business Hero Awards Campani's Legacy Lanes Russell's Automotive Center & Truck Sales Quinn Broadcasting, Inc. **Community Hero Awards** Love Where You Live

Judy Martin Judy Allison Bridgeton Police Detective Joshua Thompson

tions who by their leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and concern for others, have sustained and strengthened our community and economy by showing "Hometown Heart" and "Love for Where They Live", said Carol Musso, President of BACC.

Randi Galan, Co-Chair of the Awards Celebration Committee, added, "We shine the spotlight on their service, character, dedication, compassion, courage, integrity, and achievements to show our gratitude, and to inspire others to support their efforts and to become community and business heroes themselves."

This newsletter includes more information about the award recipients, the celebration, sponsorship opportunities, and reservations. More details are available at www.baccnj.com/hero or by calling 856-455-1312.

Francis L. Sharp, Sr. Lifetime **Achievement Award**



We are honoring three people whose integrity, faith, and service to others over their lifetimes, inspires others and makes "this a better place for all people."

The late Francis L. Sharp, Sr. (Binks Sharp) served his community with extraordinary dedication and integrity throughout his life, including a long, esteemed record of leadership of the Chamber of Commerce. To honor his memory, the Chamber selects people who have followed in his footsteps to receive the Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award.

Above: Mayor Jim Crilley. Below: Debby A husband and wife team, owners of Ultra Clean and Bruce Riley



Technologies, Debby and Bruce Riley, and James Crilley, Mayor of Upper Deerfield, will receive the Francis L. Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award, the Chamber's and one of the community's most prestigious awards.

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Extraordinary service and leadership are two of the many attributes that describe Jim Crilley's (Continued on page 2)

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Business & Community Hero Awards Honor Hometown Heroes

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Jim Crilley, Upper Deerfield Mayor, welcomes new business. Below: Jim Crilley with his wife Donna.

James P. Crilley

life of service. These are highlighted by military service as a Sergeant with N.J. Army National Guard, former President and Chief Operating Officer of B.W. Stetson & Company, and Upper Deerfield Township Committeeman since 1996, and Mayor since 2006.

Mayor Crilley's faith in God led him to serve his church, Holy Cross Parish, where he is a Eucharistic Minister, trustee, member of the parish finance

er committee, and an honorary lifetime member of the wel- Knights of Columbus Council #1910 including serving as Past Grand Knight.

Below: Jim Crilley with his wife Donna. Jim's outstanding record of government and community service includes past commissioner of Cumberland County Utility Authority, member of Cumberland Regional Board of Education, 1987 to 1994, and board member, past chairman, and current corporate secretary of Cumberland Development Corporation Board of Directors.

> His community leadership roles over the years have included a board member of Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, past member and president of Bridgeton Rotary Club, service to former Bridgeton Area YMCA, and Bridgeton Hospital Foundation

Annual Fund Drive. He serves those in need through Cumberland County Code Blue, his fellow veterans as an active member of the Catholic War Veterans, and is a VIP blood donor. He received the George Woodruff Memorial Award for Community Service in 1991 and earned Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow designation for donations to Rotary International's Foundation.

Jim and his wife Donna Weber Crilley live on Granada Drive in Upper Deerfield. Jim was married to his late wife Mary Lynn (Bondi) Crilley for 47 years. Their children are Debra Canally, Jim, Jr. and Brian. They have four grandchildren.

"When I think of a person of faith, family, integrity, and community, who loves where he lives, I think of Jim Crilley," commented Tony Stanzione, Chief Executive Officer of BACC.



Bruce and Debby enjoying the Eagles' Super Bowl victory.

Bruce and Debra Riley

This dynamic duo are partners in life, business, and outstanding community service. They are the first husband and wife team to receive the Francis L. Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award together. As the old song says, "love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage ... you can't have one without the other."

Bruce & Debby have been married to,

and have worked with, one another for 40 years. The remarkable success they have achieved in business and in their lives of service to community and family are a result of teamwork.

They enjoy traveling for work or pleasure and love to visit their children wherever they may be. Christina, a global health researcher, lives in Capetown, South Africa. She primarily works with malaria eradication in addition to other diseases. Jonathon is an aerial cinematographer who specializes in action/adventure films and documentaries. He resides in Jackson, Wyoming.

Bruce and Debby owned and operated Cumberland Valve, Inc., a hose & fitting distributor/fabricator from 1982 until the business was sold in 2013. In 1996, they created Ultra Clean Technologies Corp., a manufacturer of contamination removal and capping products primarily for hose and tube applications. The main industries served are fluid power (mobile and industrial hydraulic applications), automotive, aerospace, food, and beverage. Ultra Clean Technologies Corp distributes and warehouses in North America, Europe, the United Kingdom, Brazil, China, Singapore, Australia and India.

Bruce is a member of the Cumberland County, Hopewell & Upper Deer-



Debby and Bruce Riley were instrumental in the highly successful trails and bridge project in Bridgeton City Park.



ton City Park. Their leadership, and their donations brought the community together to plan, fund, and build the project. Bruce was the brainchild for developing the Cumberland Grows impact movie and marketing project to promote economic development here. The project's theme fits them to a tee, "Hometown Heart with a Global Reach."

"We are blessed to have people in our community like Debby and Bruce Riley who care, and who believe in our area, said Carol Musso.

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field Economic Development Boards, Past Chairman of the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, member of The CEO Board of Trustees, and member of the Bridgeton Rotary Club. He is a past board president for Hospice Care of South Jersey and served on the Cumberland County College Board of Trustees. Debby is a past board president for the Cohanzick Zoological Society and currently serves as treasurer.

Bruce and Debby are examples of people who truly "love where they live." The memorial to 9-11 they created at their

> business in Hopewell Township in 2011 grew to become one of the region's largest commemorations, involving hundreds of volunteers, and honoring police, firefighters, and first responders. It was a fitting and touching memorial to the thousands who died on Sept. 11, 2001.

Recently, Bruce and Debby, were instrumental in the project that restored the walking path bridges and wooden walkways in Bridge-

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Business & Community Hero Awards on November 2 "True heroism is remarkably sober, very dramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost." - Arthur Ashe

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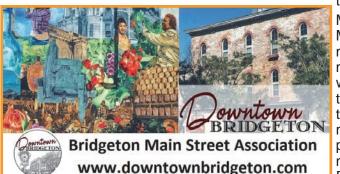




To honor the memory of the late Gary F. Simmerman, who served the Chamber for 40 consecutive years in many leadership roles and was a leader in the business community and community in general throughout his life, the Chamber presents the Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Awards annually.

Bridgeton Main Street Association

Bridgeton Main Street's (BMS) mission is to revitalize and preserve historic downtown Bridgeton through business development, partnerships, collaborations, and through promotion, by making Bridgeton a "destination". It is the oldest continually operating Main Street organization in the State of New Jersey. This volunteer-based organization exemplifies what "love where you live" means, brings its mission to life through the engagement of volunteers, organizations, and the communi-



ty at large.

Much credit goes to Main Street's board members, and the many volunteers who without their dedication and hard work, these accomplishments could not happen. Current board members are Rosalinda Garcia, Vice President and downtown business owner, Tim Zoyac, Secretary and local educator, Judith Mellman, Treasurer and long-term BMS volunteer, Debbi Boykin-Greenberg, Acting Executive Director, Rick Dawson, Facilitator, Kay Delp, Gil Walter, and Flavia Ayala.

BMS has presented many downtown events to increase downtown foot traffic to local merchants, and to interest entrepreneurs in locating downtown. They include the park at Commerce and Laurel Streets which they maintain with the help of local businesses and community volunteers. Main Street believes Bridgeton should be clean and inviting. They sponsor monthly downtown clean-up projects.

On behalf of the City of Bridgeton, BMS developed its "Gotham" event which involved recruiting downtown businesses and others to participate as the city wished to take advantage of a 1980's Associated Press report considering Bridgeton to be the location of Batman's Gotham City.

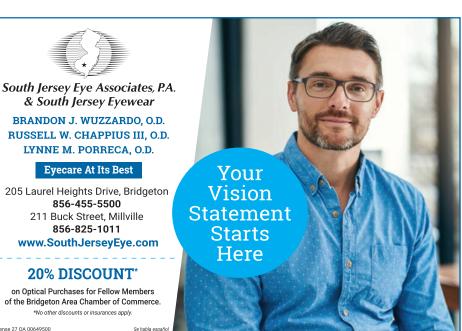
BMS was the catalyst for the mural projects in the pocket park and for façade grants to beautify storefronts downtown. In 2022, it led a new initiative in partnership with the Chamber and others to produce a downtown merchant's guide in English and Spanish. The pocket park is featured on the cover.

BMS partners with local service organizations for seasonal activities at pocket park, including the Bridgeton Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and business sponsored Christmas Tree displays; and uses the pocket park as center stage for the annual Bridgeton Christmas Holiday Parade.



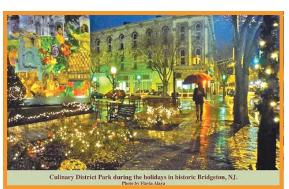
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Other events and projects by BMS on behalf of its businesses have included Cinco de Mayo festivals, Dinner and a Movie Downtown, the Farmer's Market at Riverfront Park, Juneteenth commemorative events, and Riverfest/Crabfest summer festivals. One of their crowning achievements is the annual Bridgeton Holiday

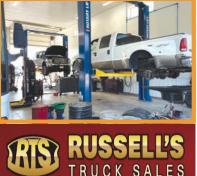


House Tour which highlights the history and beauty of Bridgeton, bringing visitors from all over the Delaware Valley, and other states to town.

Bridgeton Main Street's volunteer president is Sandra Olbrich. Her leadership began just about the same time as the COVID pandemic. She has led the organization through the most challenging of times, bringing in revenue through new grant sources when more traditional funding was not an option. The production of the 2022 merchant's guide fulfills one of Olbrich's primary goals. Olbrich is a longtime local resident who worked in banking for many years along with her husband Donald. In fact, they worked with the namesake of this award for many years. She and Donald have been very active in both their community and church.



Russell's Automotive Repair Center and Russell's Truck Sales



Alvin Russell's technical expertise and his entrepreneurial spirit led to the opening of Russell's Automotive Repair Center in 2007 at 712 Landis Ave., Bridgeton, in Rosenhayn, Deerfield Township. Honesty, integrity, and quality work sets Russell's Automotive apart from many service and repair shops, sparking the steady growth of the business. The center's specialization in diesel repair made diesel truck sales an obvious growth opportunity for the business. Russell's Truck Sales was formed in 2015 as a sister company

to Russell's Automotive Service Center, adjacent to his repair business. The repair shop and the truck sales operation has earned a reputable



The Chamber Sponsored and Participated in the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Bridgeton Riverfront on September 18



Alvin and his team strive to do their best, perform quality work, and sell trucks that are in good condition.



name in the South Jersey community, with some customers driving over 100 miles for service they trust and rely on.

In this business, trust and a good reputation are critical to success. Alvin and his team strive to sell trucks that are in good condition, have low miles, and run well. They sell work vans, dump trucks, utility/service trucks, and more. Each truck undergoes an inspection in the shop to remedy any potential problems and they offer warranties by GWC Warranty

Company so that you can drive with complete confidence. For more information visit www.russellstrucksales.com.

Their customers speak highly of this business. "I use Russell's Automotive for all my vehicle repair needs. The owner Alvin's slogan is "The Golden Rule sets my Standard", and his business lives up to it." "Russell's Automotive always gets 5 stars! This last service, Alvin Russell, the owner, serviced my car himself. They take great care of their customers!" "Courteous, trustworthy, capable, describe Russell's Automotive." "Service was good and mechanic was helpful and polite. Will return here for service." "As always, they do terrific work. I am very happy with their service and only trust them to do a quality job." "Done right and right on time." "Reliable, a great mechanic job done right the first time. Highly recommended." "Fair pricing. Quick service time. Clean en-



Diana Campani Sorelle owns and operates Campani's Legacy Lanes

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Campani's Legacy Lanes

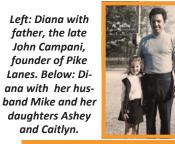
The bowling alley at 518 Landis Avenue in Rosenhayn known as Pike Lanes was founded by John Campani in 1958. The Brunswick bowling center, that includes a full-service bar, sits on ten acres of land with a driving range in the back, was built by the hand of John Campani who construct-

ed the first 12 lanes in 1958 and added 16 more in the 1960's. In the



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early 1970s, Pike Lanes became the first bowling center in New Jersey with an automatic scoring system. John ran Pike Lanes until his passing in 1988. Diana, his daughter, was basically born at the bowling center. In her early life, she lived above Pike Lanes with her parents, until the untimely passing of her mother, local champion golfer and bowler, Carol Campani in 1965. Diana is a graduate of Cumberland Regional and Glassboro State/ Rowan University. In1996, Diana became the official pro of Pike Lanes and ran Pike Lanes for many years, including from 2010 to the present under its new name, Campani's Leq-





acy Lanes. Diana lives in Upper Deerfield with her husband Mike and her two children Caitlyn and Ashley.

The bowling center has served our community for over 60 years, hosting birthday parties, weddings, funerals, baby, and bridal showers. Legacy Lanes has also hosted professional bowlers as well as state bowling tournaments in past years. There are also a variety of leagues such as youth/adult, mixed, men's, women's, Golden Age, Church, and ARC Special Olympics leagues. The longest standing league is the Women's Coffee & Donut League which began in the 1960s and is still bowling today! The highest league score ever recorded was one pin short of perfection, 899 (300, 299, 300), shot by Orville "Juice" Johnson.

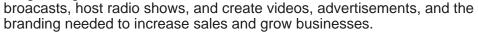
Pike Lanes, Legacy Lanes, and the Campani family supports the community by hosting fundraisers and providing donations to local groups and events. They employed the youth of the community for over half a century, many of whom have participated in the youth travel league, which provides scholarship money, allowing students to use bowling as a vehicle for education. The Legacy Lanes family will continue providing a safe and enjoyable bowling and entertainment experience for the region.

Quinn Broadcasting, Inc.

Quinn Broadcasting has a long history in South Jersey. Since it was founded by Jim Quinn over 40 years ago. They have served South Jer-

sey residents and businesses on radio, television, and in all of the online media outlets that exist today — YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and much more.

The Quinn Broadcasting studios are based in Millville with facilities and broadcast tower in Upper Deerfield. Programing includes television



Jim Quinn and his team have built a solid network of partners that can assist businesses and organizations with all their marketing needs including website creation and management, content marketing, brand



management and much more.

Jim Quinn has a legacy in broadcasting and always had the voice of the broadcasters. He could be heard on WWBZ in Vineland in the 1960's. Now he is seen and

heard on his signature TV show Around South Jersey with Jim Quinn." He was also an educator at Memorial High School and in other schools. Jim calls it the luckiest day of his life when he met Joe O'Donnell, who encouraged him to join him in starting a cable TV system. They borrowed \$1 million in 1981 and developed 100 miles of cable from Fortescue to Deerfield. "We had 5,000 customers at about \$15 a month and eventually sold it in 1989," said Quinn. "It was worth \$10 million. O'Donnell was the visionary said Quinn,

Jim Quinn has been generous with his time and resources. This includes

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his public service as an elected and appointed official. He was elected Freeholder in November 2015, served as Mayor and Commissioner in the City of Millville, and served on the boards of Cumberland Empowerment Zone, Cumberland County Utilities Authority, Urban Enterprise Zone, Millville Industrial Commission, CompleteCare Health Network Governing Board, South Jersey Hospital Foundation. Millville Chamber of



Jim Quinn

Commerce and the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce.

Many years ago, Quinn Broadcasting was the original source of local sports and news, from the Philadelphia bridges to the Jersey Shore. Over 40 years later, the company has grown into a mass media agency, and remains committed to representing the people of South Jersey with original programming showcasing everything about life in the southern half of the Garden State. Viewers can find their content on Comcast/ Xfinity Channel 22 and on many social media outlets. See www.guinnbroadcastingnj.com.





"Day after day, ordinary people become heroes through extraordinary and selfless actions to help their neighbors." -Sylvia Mathews Burwell

Judy Allison

Judy Martin and Judy Allison



Judy Martin and Judy Allison have been walking in the park for over 2 years, working at getting 10,000 steps each day. They started picking up trash in the park as they walked when they noticed that there was so much litter and have been doing it every day since.

Judy Martin

They were nominated for this community hero award by people who have taken notice

of the good work they are doing to beautify the area. They say that searching for trash and cleaning it up adds a little excitement to the walk and takes their minds off the exercise. The park is such a wonderful resource for our community and they have been able to make a tremendous impact on the area that is used by so many people.

The "Judys" have been lifelong friends, meeting when they were in elementary school in Morgantown, PA. Judy Allison went to dress design school and then worked as a seamstress until retiring. Judy Martin went to college and became a kindergarten teacher for years until marrying and moving to Bridgeton. Since the 1980s, she has worked at Martin Corporation and Fair-

field Textile where she is Vice President of their 7th generation family businesses. Judy and Judy were roommates in Philadelphia after they graduated from school and have been friends ever since. Their paths have separated over the years but they always maintained their friendship. Judy Allison moved from Florida to Upper Deerfield a few years ago and so now they enjoy each other's company every day.

the daily trash patrol has been a



Daily exercise is very important but Judy Martin and Judy Allison picking up litter daily in the city park.

very positive experience in itself for them. They find all kinds of items as they walk but the best by far is money! All the money they find is donated to the Cohanzick Zoo.

They walk through the park, the Sunset Lake and surrounding area and in the city around the park entrance to gather trash. They have met so many people in the community and know many other walkers by name. Motorists stop to comment on their work and so the daily walk is very rewarding in so many ways. What they do is what "love where you live" is all about. It is their hope that their efforts have a positive impact on the culture of the community and encourages more residents to help maintain a litter-free park and city for all to enjoy.

Police Detective Joshua Thompson



Bridgeton Police Detective Joshua Thompson is currently the director of the Bridgeton Area Police Activities League. Josh is a veteran officer on the Bridgeton Police Department with over 26 years of active service on the department. Josh prides himself with treating others the way he would expect to be treated himself.

Josh was born in Bridgeton but was raised in nearby Cedarville. He moved to Bridgeton in 1981 and has been living here ever since. Josh is a Bridgeton High School graduate and has always been inspired to help others. Josh credits his faith in God for that inspiration. Josh is a member of Glory Tabernacle under the guid-

Detective Joshua Thompson ance of Bishop David A. Hadley Sr.

Officer Josh Thompson believes in giving back to the community, as it is one way to strengthen the community. Josh has volunteered his services for United Way, coaching several Herb Henry Bridgeton City Basketball League teams and as a youth mentor. Josh has received numerous community awards as a result but feels the greatest awards or rewards are watching one of the young people

he has invested in succeed. Josh further credits his wife, Dianna, and his family for supporting him and his career.

Jon Cummings, Chamber Vice President, in his nomination of Josh said, "He has poured his heart into serving countless youth and families. He's invested countless hours in building relationships with young people and families to help guide them toward success. He is the epitome of what it means to be a community hero."





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invited his daughter Ana Perez Saull,

Below, left-right: Adam Pipitone,

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Hispanic Business Owners & Professionals Meet

This article was contributed by Minerva Alvarado, Chamber Corporate Secretary, and Co -Chair of the Chamber's Hispanic Business Committee. 2022. The location will be announced soon. Check the chamber's website,



The Bridgeton Chamber of Commerce sponsored the second networking event of the Hispanic Business Committee on August 29 at the Chamber office in Hopewell. The sponsorship included an array of Mexican foods from Los Molcajetes Taqueria & Restaurant of Bridgeton.

Guest Speakers Lori Carlin, TRC Community Outreach Manager, NJ's Clean Energy Program and for the Bridgeton Public Library, Adaria Armstrong, MA, MLIS, Youth Services Director, Andrea Cusano, Library Assistant provided valuable information regarding programs available to Hispanic business owners, their employees and Bridgeton city residents.

Minerva Alvarado

The Hispanic Business Committee, co-chaired by Minerva Alvarado, SERVPRO of Cumber-

land County – Team Fabiani and Jon Cummings, Executive Director, Revive South Jersey have been working together to bring valuable business information to downtown Bridgeton business owners.

Attendees, representing many organizations, introduced themselves and talked about their business. "This energy in the room is a good representation of the passion we have for providing Hispanic business owners an opportunity to meet professionals who will support their businesses and who also offer programs of interest to the business sector," said Minerva Alvarado. We want them to know that the chamber can help them and their businesses grow.

"Non-profit organizations are also in the mix," said Hispanic Committee Member, Lt. Sahory Montilla of the Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps. "There are non-profit organizations in Bridgeton that contribute to the business sector and have an interest in raising awareness of their services."

The next Hispanic business networking event will be held on October 12,

2022. The location will be announced soon. Check the chamber's website, www.CumberlandGrows.com/events for updates or call the office at 856-455-1312. For more information about joining the chamber or about the Hispanic Business Committee, please email the chamber at bacc@baccnj.com.

Cámara de Bridgeton Patrocina Evento de Redes de Negocios Hispanos



Este artículo fue contribuido por Minerva Andrea Cusano, Bridgeton Library

Alvarado, Secretaria Corporativa de la Cámara y Copresidenta del Comité de Negocios Hispanos de la Cámara.



La Cámara de Comercio de Bridgeton patrocinó el segundo evento de creación de redes del Comité de Negocios Hispanos el 29 de Agosto de 2022. Se invitó a los Empresarios y Profesionales de Negocios Hispanos a traer sus materiales de marketing y a establecer contactos en la Oficina de la Cámara. El patrocinio incluyó una variedad de comidas Mexicanas de Los Molcajetes Taqueria & Restaurant de Bridgeton.

Los oradores invitados Lori Carlin, Gerente de Alcance Comunitario de TRC, Programa de Energía Limpia de NJ y para la Biblioteca Pública de Bridgeton, Adaria Armstrong,

Lori Carlin, NJ's Clean Energy Program

MA, MLIS, Directora de Servicios Juveniles, continued on page 14 continúa en la página 14





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"This event is one of the ways Bridgeton Area, Greater Millville, and Greater Vineland Chambers of Commerce work to promote local shopping, spotlighting the products businesses and consumers can buy right in our area," commented Barry Seay of South Jersey Water Conditioning Service, who chaired the expo. He thanked Rowan College of South Jersey for being the event sponsor and for providing the facilities at the college, and the college facilities staff from The Authority for their help. The other sponsors were



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Dozens of businesses came to the expo looking for new employees and met with many prospective employees. You may get Information on all the expo exhibitors, including the

Above, Mellonie O'Neill of Rutgers Food Innovation Center talks with expo visitors. Below left, Tony Stanzione, Dawn Hunter, and Jerry Covella, Executive Directors of the presenting Chambers, and below, right, the team from CompleteCare Health Network.



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Bridgeton Rotary Club and Chamber Hosted Downtown Event



The Bridgeton Area Chamber and the Bridgeton Rotary Club hosted a meeting in downtown Bridgeton on September 19 to put the spotlight on the variety of businesses there. The unique meeting known as "Downtown Treasure Hunt and Happy Hour" began with visits to six designated businesses. After the visits, participants gathered at Inka Chicken on the Bridgeton Riverfront to eat, drink and network.

The businesses visited were Turtle Trading Post, Gixa's Boutique, La Bonita Ice Cream, Dominion Title Services, STEAMWORKS, Gallery 50, and Bridge The Gap Ministries. At each stop, visitors were given treasure coupons which were used in a free drawing for prizes.

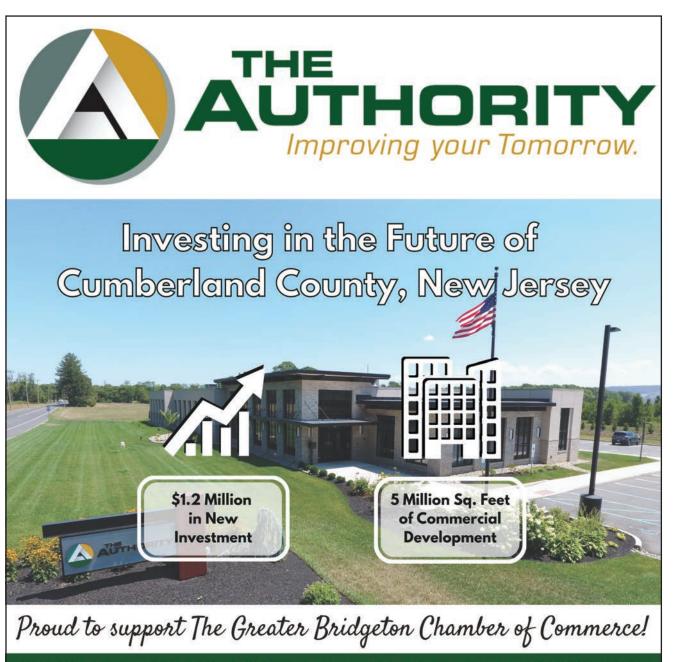
Jon Cummings, President of the Rotary Club and Vice President of the Chamber said, "bringing *ub visited* people together downtown for events like this helps build understanding, improves the public's view of the area, and supports the businesses who are investing here."

The Chamber and Rotary Club visited STEAMWORKS and other businesses.

Carol Musso, Chamber President, echoed Jon's comments, saying, "it's important for



Rotary President Jon Cummings and Chamber President Carol Musso talk at happy hour at Inka Chicken.



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Cámara de Bridgeton Patrocina Evento de Redes de Negocios Hispanos continuación de la página 11

Andrea Cusano, Asistente de Biblioteca brindaron información valiosa sobre los programas disponibles para los propietarios de negocios hispanos, sus empleados y residentes de la ciudad de Bridgeton.

El Comité de Negocios Hispanos, co-presidido por Minerva Alvarado, SERVPRO del Condado de Cumberland - Team Fabiani y Jon Cummings, Director Ejecutivo, Revive South Jersey han estado trabajando juntos para brindar información comercial valiosa a los propietarios de negocios del centro de Bridgeton.

Los asistentes representaron a muchas organizaciones diferentes y todos los asistentes pudieron presentarse al grupo y hablar sobre su negocio. "Esta energía en la sala es una buena representación de la pasión que tenemos por brindarles a los empresarios hispanos la oportunidad de conocer profesionales que apoyarán sus negocios y que

también ofrecen programas de interés para el sector empresarial", dijo Minerva Alvarado. "Las Organizaciones sin fines de lucro también están en la mezcla", dijo el miembro del Comité Hispano, Teniente Sahory Montilla del Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps. "Hay organizaciones sin fines de lucro en Bridgeton que contribuyen al sector empresarial y tienen interés en dar a conocer sus servicios".

El próximo evento de creación de redes de Negocios Hispanos se llevará a cabo el 12 de Octubre de 2022. La ubicación se anunciará pronto. Consulte el sitio web de la cámara para obtener actualizaciones o llame a la oficina de la cámara al 856-455-1312.



The Chamber's Hispanic **Business Committee was** pleased as attendance doubled from the first Hispanic networking meeting.

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Chamber Fall Events Include: Dog Walk & Wine, Mini Golf Fun, Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition & More

The Bridgeton Area Chamber has four events set for late September through October including Mini Golf Fall Fun on Sept. 29, a networking event targeted to Hispanic business owners and professionals but open to all on Oct. 12, a fundraiser for Cumberland County Sheriff's K9 Unit on Oct, 16, and a meeting celebrating Hispanic Heritage & the spirit of entrepreneurs on Oct. 18.

On Sept. 29, 5:30 to 7 PM, teams from members and the community will play mini golf and other fall activities. This is a social event for Chamber members and other groups who want to form teams and compete, eat, drink, and have fun. It will be held at Landis Links and Rita's Water Ice in Upper Deerfield. Register in advance at www.tinyurl.com/baccminigolf.

On Oct. 12, 4-6:30 PM, the Chamber welcomes Hispanic business owners and professionals to a free networking event. While targeted to Hispanic business and professionals, all may attend. Representatives of USDA Rural Development will speak. The venue will be announced. Check for additional information at www.CumberlandGrows.com/events.

On Oct. 16, 11 AM, people and their dogs will gather for the "Wine, Walk & K9's" fundraiser for the Cumberland County Sheriff's K9 Unit at the beautiful vineyards of Cedar Rose in Rosenhayn. Registration/sign-in at 11:00 AM. Start time at 11:30 AM. You may register up to the day of the walk. Ask us about sponsorships, too. www.tinyurl.com/K9walk

On Oct. 18, the Chamber presents "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Bridgeton" - Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month and the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, 11:30 am . "Unidos: Inclusividad Para un Bridgeton Más Fuerte" - Celebrando el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana y el Espíritu del Emprendimiento. This meeting at the Green Olive Restaurant in Bridgeton, Hopewell Township, begins with networking at 11:30 AM, meeting at noon, and will include recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month and how unity, inclusion, and the spirit of entrepreneurship are keys to the area's growth and success. Thanks to Atlantic City Electric for sponsoring this meeting.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT, FUN, AND HISTORY

The Bridgeton Main Street Association presents one of its signature events-The Bridgeton Historic Holiday House Tour- on Sat., Dec. 3. The House Tour will feature historic homes and buildings, holiday décor, entertainment, history, music, and more. Make this part of your holiday season. Call Main Street for tickets and information.



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Message From the Chamber **President Carol Musso**



Carol Musso is in her third year as Chamber President and has served for more than 2 decades as a Chamber leader. She is Vice President, Business Development Officer for Century Savings Bank, a Cumberland County Commissioner, and volunteers for many community causes and activities.

"Love Where You Live" is a theme and logo the Chamber and others have used to recognize good deeds in the community and to encourage others to

do more to make our communities better. On Nov. 2, the Chamber's 31st awards celebration will honor businesses, organizations, and individuals, who love where they live, and who do what they can to succeed and to serve others.

On Nov. 30, at our Chamber's Annual Meeting, we will honor our armed forces veterans as well as thank our chamber board members, officers, and volunteers. Join us to honor those who serve to protect our nation and our freedom. I appreciate their service.

I also appreciate the service of our members, board members, officers, and volunteers as the Chamber provides events and services to help strengthen our economy and our community by bringing our Chamber mission to life.

Please check our website and Facebook page for news and events from the Chamber, members and the community - www.CumberlandGrows.com/ events. Help our businesses grow, help our Chamber, help the community, and help yourself by getting involved and joining the Chamber.

D. David Wilson Recognized as a **Business and Community Legend**

The Cumberland County Legends event on July 22 honored long-time Chamber member, leader, and supporter, David Wilson, owner of South Jersey Water Conditioning. The Chamber congratulates Dave for receiving this prestig-



David Wilson

ious award. Anyone who knows Dave, what he stands for, what he believes in, and how much he serves others, knew he was a legend in our community before CompleteCare Family Health Foundation officially named him a legend. Congratulations to the other honorees, Lawrence A. Pepper, Jr., business and community leader; and Tyrese Gould Jacinto, businesswoman, artist, educator, and author.

Chamber of Commerce Foundation Raffle

Tickets are on sale for the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation's 50-50 cash raffle. \$10 per ticket to win a

nice cash prize on Nov. 30. Last year's two winners won over \$2,000 togeth er. Actual prize amounts depend on number of tickets sold. You do not need to be present at the drawing to win. All members have tickets to sell or you can call the Chamber office, 856-455-1312. NJ ID 55-5-39984 Pittsgrove RL #422



BRIDGETON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS www.CumberlandGrows.com/events • 856-455-1312 • Join The Chamber www.CumberlandGrows.com/join

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Sat., Oct. 1, 2022, 9 AM - 4 PM - Hopewell Community Day - 2 Cassidy Court, Hopewell at Greater Bridgeton Amish Market and Hopewell Business Park. Free admission. Family fun, music, community and business displays, crafters, and food. <u>Information: www.tinyurl.com/HopewellDay</u>.

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Fri., Oct. 14, 2022, 6-9:30 PM - Bridgeton Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration - The Grove at Centerton, Pittsgrove, \$70 per person. Community is nvited to join the celebration of 100 years of community service



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encia Hispanal (neurship, Register & Pay: <u>www.tinyurl.com/bacc10-18-22</u>.

Wed., Nov. 2, 2022, 5 PM Cash Bar; 6 PM Dinner -Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce 31st Business & Community Heroes Celebration - \$75 per person. Honorees recognized in this newsletter. For information, sponsor, attend:



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Wed., Nov. 30, 2022, 11:30 AM - Chamber Annual Meeting & Veterans Recognition - Running Deer Golf Club, Pittsgrove, \$35 per per-



son. Honoring our Veterans and recognizing service of Chamber leaders and members. Networking followed by lunch at noon. **Register, pay:** www.tinyurl.com/bacc11-30-22.

Sat., Dec. 3, 2022, - Bridgeton Historic House Holiday Tour—Features historic homes and buildings, holi-

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