

Thank You for Your Service Celebration

The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation held its service celebration on Nov. 30 at Running Deer Golf Club. The meeting included elections of new officers and directors, thank you to chamber leaders, and recognition of area Veterans.



Veterans who were honored for service to the nation included John Bertolini, Tom Brown, Patrick Conahey, Mayor James Crilley, Donald Fauerbach, Roberto Flores, Frank Gresner, Larry Morrison, Brent Hankins, Eric Heredia, Guy Johnson, Janet Jones, Mayor Albert Kelly, John McDowell, Justina Moore, and Rick Morales.

Rick Morales, speaker, talked about the ways that service in the armed forces, changed him and helped him in his career. "The discipline and strength of body and character, developed in ser-

vice to my country, helped me in my battle with liver disease, and gave me hope, until a liver donor could be found," Morales said. He praised and thanked all the fellow Veterans at the meeting, all who have served and are serving, and all members of the police departments, and first responders for their service.

The following Chamber officers for 2023 were elected: Barry Seay of South Jersey Water Conditioning Service, President; Jonathan Cummings, Revive South Jersey, 1st Vice President;



Carol Musso, Chamber President, presents Veterans with tokens of the Chamber's appreciation for their service to the nation.

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Veterans & Elections

Minerva Alvarado, SERVPRO of Cumberland County - Team Fabiani, 2nd Vice President, Randi Galan, Randi Galan State Farm Insurance Agency, Treasurer; and Marlise Counsellor, Independent Mary Kay Consultant, Corporate Secretary.



Left-right: Eric Sjogren, Carol Musso, Barry Seay, Minerva Alvarado, Jon Cummings, Randi Galan, Charlene Rutherford, Marlise Counsellor, Catherine Hardy, Mayor Albert Kelly, Chris Jespersen, and Hector Bonilla.

Directors that were elected included Albert Kelly, Gateway Community Action Partnership and City of Bridgeton; Charlene Rutherford, First National Bank of Elmer; Dotty Robinson; Tracy Jenkins, Ocean First Bank; Catherine Hardy, A Whiskey Array; Hector Bonilla, Inka Chicken and Mexico Travel; Chris Jespersen, C & J

Electronics; and Eric Sjogren, Whibco, Inc.

Carol Musso, outgoing President, Vice President of Century Savings Bank, was thanked for serving three years as Chamber President. She expressed gratitude for everyone who helped make the Chamber successful, even through difficult times. "I could not have served the Chamber for these years without the support of David Hemple, David Hanrahan, and everyone at Century Savings Bank," added Musso.

Incoming President Barry Seay thanked the Chamber for electing him as the new president, and thanked Carol Musso for her service. "I am honored to serve and I ask for everyone's help and cooperation to continue strengthening the Chamber and local businesses," commented Seay. *Veterans and Elections - continued on page 4*



Carol Musso welcomed Barry Seay as incoming Chamber President, Randi Galan as incoming Treasurer, and Jon Cummings as incoming 1st Vice President.

Students, administration, and staff from our meeting main sponsor Woodland Country Day School, led opening prayer, flag salute, and national anthem. Ardagh Group was welcomed as a new member of the Chamber.

Tabatha Spears of Ardagh Group (right) was welcomed as a new Chamber member by Carol Musso and Stephanie McGhee (center).

Thanks to Stephanie for photography at this meeting.



Business and Community Heroes Honored by the Chamber and the Community



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On November 2, the community joined the Chamber in saluting its business and community heroes for 2022. Business hero awards were presented to Alvin Russell of Russell Automotive Repairs & Truck Sales, Diana Sorelle of Campani's Legacy Lanes, and Jim Quinn of Quinn Broadcasting, Inc. Community hero awards were given to Bridgeton Police Officer Joshua Thompson, Judy Martin, and Judy Allison.

The Gary Simmerman Community Leadership Award was presented to Bridgeton Main Street Association. The Francis Sharp Lifetime Awards were given to Mayor Jim Crilley and to Bruce and Debby Riley.

Co-host for the event, Omarey Williams, opened the celebration saying "tonight, we celebrate individuals, groups of individuals, organizations

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Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Bridgeton: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

The Chamber meeting on Oct. 18 at the Green Olive Restaurant in Hopewell focused on recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month and how unity, inclusion, and the spirit of entrepreneurship are keys to the area's growth and success.



Raymond Lamboy (above), and Ralph Padilla (below)



meeting.

Lamboy stressed how important starting and growing businesses has been to people of His-

panic heritage, and all ethnic backgrounds, as they build their lives in the United States and in communities like Bridgeton, and Camden, where Lamboy is from. LAEDA plays a key role in supporting minority and women owned small businesses. Padilla talked about his background and his vocation, stressing the power of education, entrepreneurship, diversity and faith in helping families and communities succeed. He also talked about giving back to help others as you succeed. His organization, P.R.A.C., is available to assist.



Left-right: Jon Cummings, Minerva Alvarado, Raymond Lamboy, Ralph Padilla and Carol Musso.

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"Unidos: Inclusividad Para un Bridgeton Más Fuerte" Celebrando el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana y el Espíritu del Emprendimiento

La reunión de la Cámara el 18 de octubre en el restaurante Green Olive en Hopewell se centró en el reconocimiento del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana y cómo la unidad, la inclusión y el espíritu empresarial son claves para el crecimiento y el éxito del área. Los oradores fueron Ralph Padilla del Comité de Acción Puertorriqueña (P.R.A.C.) del Sur de Nueva Jersey, y Raymond Lamboy de la Asociación de Desarrollo Económico de América Latina (LAEDA). Atlantic City Electric fue el patrocinador de la reunión.

Los oficiales de la cámara y los miembros de la junta Jon Cummings de Revive South Jersey y Minerva Alvarado de SERVPRO of Cumberland County—Team Fabiani planearon y moderaron la reunión.

Lamboy enfatizó lo importante que ha sido iniciar y hacer crecer negocios para las personas de herencia hispana, y de todos los orígenes étnicos, a medida que construyen sus vidas en los Estados Unidos y en comunidades como Bridgeton y Camden, de donde es Lamboy. LAEDA desempeña un papel clave en el apoyo a las pequeñas empresas propiedad de minorías y mujeres.

Padilla habló sobre sus antecedentes y su vocación, enfatizando el poder de la educación, el espíritu empresarial, la diversidad y la fe para ayudar a las familias y comunidades a tener éxito. También habló sobre retribuir para ayudar a otros a medida que tienes éxito. Su organización, P.R.A.C., está disponible para ayudar.

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Hispanic Business & Professionals Meet

Hispanic business owners & Hispanic business professionals met at the office of Revive South Jersey on Oct. 12. The guest speakers were Yoselin Aparicio and Cameron Nyron of USDA Rural Development, which runs programs intended to improve the economy and quality of life in rural parts of the United States. Ediana Martinez of Essential Senior Benefits also spoke at the meeting. Essential is an independent insurance agency specializing in working with non-profits and labor unions, helping people understand Medicare, with a no-cost, no-obligation, no-pressure consultation.



Ediana Martinez, Owner of Essential Senior Benefits

These meetings are organized by the Chamber's Hispanic Business Committee, co-chaired by Jon Cummings and Minerva Alvarado. The sessions are free, targeted to the Hispanic business community, but all are welcome. See www.CumberlandGrows.com/events for upcoming meetings.

Proprietarios de Negocios Hispanos y Profesionales Hispanos

Los dueños de negocios hispanos y los profesionales de negocios hispanos se reunieron en

la oficina de Revive South Jersey el 12 de octubre. Los oradores invitados fueron Yoselin Aparicio y Cameron Nyron de USDA Rural Development, que dirige programas destinados a mejorar la economía y la calidad de vida en las zonas rurales de los Estados Unidos. Ediana Martínez de Essential Senior Benefits también habló en la reunión. Essential es una agencia de seguros independiente que se especializa en trabajar con organizaciones sin fines de lucro y sindicatos, ayudando a las personas a comprender Medicare, con una consulta sin costo, sin obligación y sin presión.

Estas reuniones de redes son organizadas por el Comité de Negocios Hispanos de la Cámara, copresidido por Jon Cummings y Minerva Alvarado. Las sesiones son gratuitas, dirigidas a la comunidad empresarial hispana, pero todas son bienvenidas. Consulte CumberlandGrows.com events para las próximas reuniones.

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Tony Stanzone thanks Bill Whelan for his service to the Bridgeton Area Chamber.

The Chamber thanked its leading supporters, officers, board members, and staff for leading the Chamber in 2022. Thank you cards, plants, and a bracelet representing "gratitude" were given to these outgoing Board members who served six years or more, reaching term limits: Barbara Sanza, Bill Whelan, Jamie Bitzer, and Nancy Sungenis.



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The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey, Greater Millville and Greater Vineland Chambers, and Salem County hosted an economic development panel discussion on Dec. 2 at The Grove at Centerton in Pittsgrove. It was part of a series presented by Stradley & Ronon highlighting all of the Southern New Jersey counties. The keynote speaker Kathleen Coviello, Chief Economic Transformation Officer for the NJEDA, focused her remarks on the wind power industry and the positive effects it will have on Salem and Cumberland Counties and across New Jersey. The NJ Windport project in Lower Alloway Creek is underway and should keep New Jersey as the leader in this emerging industry for the Eastern U.S. Mayor Lisa Orndorf of Millville and Jerry Velazquez, President and CEO of The Authority (Cumberland County Improvement Authority, spoke for Cumberland County, highlighting the growth and development post pandemic. They also talked about the challenges like workforce and infrastructure inadequacies across the county.



Business & Community Hero Awards

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and businesses who work to strengthen communities and other organizations by demonstrating what we at the Chamber call "Hometown Heart." Event co-host Randi Galan quoted the late Arthur Ashe who said: "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." Galan added, "in our presentations we will hear words and music entitled "The Power", reminding us that we all have the power within us to make a difference." The Chamber thanks the presenting sponsor for this event Century Savings Bank and all of the sponsors. You may watch the awards celebration on Quinn Broadcasting's YouTube page with tis link:



Business Heroes: Diana Sorelle & Family, Campani's Legacy Lanes (left), Alvin Russell, Russell Automotive Repair Center & Truck Sales (center) and Jim Quinn, Quinn Broadcasting (right)



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Bridgeton Main Street Association, with the support of community volunteers, and sponsors, presented its traditional Historic Holiday House Tour on Dec. 3, and started a new holiday event on Dec. 4 with Holiday Winterfest at the Riverfront.



The House Tour, including strolling carolers, gives visitors a glimpse into the way the holidays were celebrated in historic homes in the

previous century. Visitors from other areas of New Jersey and nearby states come to share this event and admire Bridgeton's historic beauty. The home owners who traditionally participate in this event were so happy to be able to share their homes during the holidays again this year.

WinterFest, which was offered in lieu of a holiday parade, was an open air event that honored our local health care community for their service and dedication

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Christy DiLeonardo Recognized



On Oct. 20, Christy DiLeonardo was honored by Boy Scouts Garden State Council as a 'woman of achievement.' Known for her work as the Division Director of Business Services and the Cumberland Salem Cape May Workforce Development Board. Throughout Christy's years of public service with the county she has negotiated strategic partnerships and alliances, convened key stake holders, and built and managed relationships with key stake holders related to workforce and economic development. "We congratulate Christy and thank her for her service to our Chamber and her significant achievements," commented Tony Stanzione, the Chamber's Chief Executive Officer.

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On Nov. 2, at the Chamber's 31st awards celebration we honored businesses, organizations, and individuals, who love where they live, and who do what they can to succeed and to serve others. Congratulations to all of the honorees.

On Nov. 30, at our Chamber's Annual Meeting, we honored our armed forces veterans as well as thanked our chamber board members, officers, and volunteers. "I pledge my support of incoming Chamber President Barry Seay and our board members, officers, and staff, as he assumes leadership of the Chamber in 2023. I am thankful to have served the Chamber with so many good, dedicated people. Together, we have strengthened our Chamber, the economy and our community.

Please help our businesses grow, help our Chamber, help the community, and help yourself by getting involved with and joining the Chamber.

I wish all of you a happy, blessed holiday season and a happy, healthy, and successful new year.

Foundation Raffle Raises \$3,490

Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased raffle tickets for the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation's 50-50 cash raffle. The winning tickets were drawn on Nov. 30 at the Chamber's annual meeting. Congratulations to Joe Stanger, winner of \$2,443 and to Jean Scarani, winner of \$1,047. The raffle provided \$3,490 to the Foundation to support scholarships and other community donations. (NJ ID 55-5-39984 Pittsgrove RL #422)

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during the COVID pandemic. COVID booster shots for the omichron variant were offered for free to anyone who wanted the inoculation. The program featured roving characters, selfie stations with Santa and various characters, including elves, Mrs. Claus, and The Grinch. The highlight of the day were performances by local community members, including the BHS band, and the Woodland Country Day School. Bridgeton Area Chamber was a sponsor. Chamber staff and members, including Laurie LaTorre, Tony Stanzione, Barry Seay, Celeste Riley, Debbi



Boykin Greenberg, and audience volunteers performed The 12 Days of Christmas. Main Street hopes to bring WinterFest back next year.

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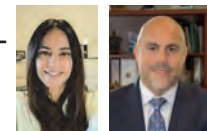


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Thurs., Dec. 15, 2022, 11:45 AM gathering, 12:10 PM meeting begins - Holiday Meeting with Bridgeton Rotary Club and Other Service Clubs - Bridgeton High School Auditorium. \$20 per person. Bring donations of unwrapped new toys and/or food items for the Bridgeton Salvation Army. www.tinyurl.com/baccrotary.

Tues., Jan. 24, 2023, Chamber Education and Networking Meeting 11:30 AM networking and buffet lunch, Meeting begins at noon - The Authority's Training Room, 745 Lebanon Road, Millville (Deerfield Township). Business assistance information from presenters Christy DiLeonardo of Cumberland County Workforce Development and Jerry Velazquez of The Authority (Cumberland County Improvement Authority), www.tinyurl.com/bacc1-24-23.



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