

Official Newsletter of the 200 Club of Ocean County

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SUPPORTING OUR UNIFORMED SERVICES "WE REMEMBER"

200 CLUB ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year again. It's when your 200 Club of Ocean County asks you to renew your membership. Your bill for 2007 is enclosed. **Please look at it and remit the payment as soon as possible.**

As a non-profit organization, every dollar we raise is critical. So, if we can cut down on the administrative costs (like sending out second and third notices), that's more money that can go to support Ocean County police, fire and first aid members.

Prompt payment also spreads out the workload of member card processing. Keep in mind each card is engraved, and our engraver handles both Monmouth and Ocean counties. They are going non-stop in January and February, so that may possibly delay your delivery during those months. Your membership packages may take approximately three weeks to arrive.

Besides being able to deduct your dues from 2005 returns, a **prompt payment helps your club in one of our most vulnerable times of the year.**

FIRST 200 CLUB RAFFLE DRAWING A SUCCESS!

August 24th, more than fifty 200 Club members and guests played tourist for the evening. They attended a private party at Martell's Tiki Bar in Point Pleasant in the hopes that they would hear their name being called as a winner in the 200 Club of Ocean County's 1st raffle drawing.

Mother Nature cooperated giving us a beautiful night to be outside at the Tiki Bar, with the sounds of the Soul Cruisers and great views of the ocean. The raffle tickets included a free dinner buffet.

After some music, munching and dancing, it was time to get down to business. Three winning tickets were drawn. The grand prize winner received 70% of the prize pool, second place received 20% and the third place winner was rewarded with 10% of the prize pool.



In the end, Art Colabella was the big prize winner, receiving \$5,250.00. Michael Perlmutter, won second place and \$1,500.00 while Lisa Halpern received \$750.00 for her third place ticket.

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200 CLUB OF OCEAN COUNTY FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP

written by: Carey Trevisan

The 200 Club of Ocean County has given scholarships to more than 150 deserving students to continue their education. We have awarded over \$150,000 to date! Your dues are the primary source of funds that, each year, help young men and women to attend college.



The organization provides scholarships in the name of David Ascione, a founding trustee of the 200 Club of Ocean County. David was Chief of Pleasant Plains Fire Department and a charter member of Pleasant Plains First Aid squad. Mrs. Ann Ascione Hardman has been a board member for many years. The scholarship fund is administered by the Ocean County



College Foundation. It is open to students who attend OCC and are either personally involved or have a family member in the uniformed services. This includes police departments, fire companies, and first aid squads. Applicants must be high school graduates and reside in Ocean County. The applicant must exhibit schol-

arship aptitude and financial need.

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(1st Raffle cont. from front)

But the big winner of the night was your 200 Club! The Club raised \$7,500 through the raffle. It replaced our Annual Golf Outing and resulted in more money going toward the operation of the Club. While the Golf Outing was a terrific event, the cost of running the event and feeding the participants was cutting into the bottom line.



We expect our 2nd annual raffle drawing to be held next year will be even more successful—and therefore helpful to our solitary cause of supporting the uniformed Services of Ocean County. Keep your eyes peeled for more information

HOW ABOUT A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT GIVES ALL YEAR ROUND!

Stuck on a Christmas gift? How about giving a 200 Club membership in your name? We have enclosed a few sponsorship cards. Fill them in and send in the \$200 registration fee for each card by December 19 and we'll get a gift card back to you for Christmas. You save time shopping. Your recipient gains membership to a worthwhile organization and best of all, our uniformed services gain another booster. Give them to family, friends, co-workers and employees! But hurry, we need to get the gift cards back to you before Santa starts his flight!



Thanks in advance for your continued support and for your anticipated nomination of new members. The needs of our public servants have grown as our County has grown. We need to grow our membership to keep pace.

The 200 Club wishes you and your family the happiest holiday season ever!



(Scholarships cont. from front)

Each year \$2,000 is awarded to full time students to cover tuition, fees and books. Both initial and renewal scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each, per semester, to those who are selected. Mrs. Sandra Broughton, Executive Director of College Foundation/Resource Development stated, "Ocean County College is very appreciative of the generosity of the members of the 200 Club to help deserving students reach their dream."



This year some of the recipients of our scholarships are considering Kean@Ocean, a new partnership that OCC has with Kean University. This alliance allows students to complete certain Kean University undergraduate



degree programs and specific graduate programs on the OCC campus! Criminal Justice is one of the undergraduate programs available. For further information about Kean@Ocean telephone, 732-255-0356 or e-mail,

kean@ocean.edu. To request a scholarship application form, email info@200clubocean.org or write to Scholarship Application, 200 Club of Ocean County, P.O. Box 1749 Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742.

YOUR ANNUAL DUES AT WORK

During the holidays, we deliver cash gifts to the families of all the Ocean County public servants who have given their lives in the line of duty.

We also deliver the second semester payments of our Ocean County College Scholarships which are given to students with a family or direct tie to Ocean County uniformed services.

These expenditures, coupled with 12 months of operations, severely taxes the cash flow of our treasury. So before you put this dues announcement on the to-pay pile, why not write the check and mail it today?