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Letter from the President:



"Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." - Henry James

It's summertime in Northeast Philadelphia, and thoughts turn to backyard barbeques, ballgames, block parties, and, of course, trips to the Jersey Shore and Pocono Mountains.

Our Summer 2017 edition is packed with information and fun stuff about the season and great places to visit

and enjoy. Our "Downahore" center spread by Don Brennan zeroes-in on some of the more popular Shore spots where Northeast Philadelphians kick off their shoes and put their toes in the surf and sand.

We compiled a great list of local things to do as well, since I discovered that too many Philadelphians don't really know enough about Northeast Philadelphia! Besides being a great community with a strong business climate, the Northeast has a lot of hidden treasures that are worth a look.

Our Cover Story by Tom Waring on the wildly popular jeweler Steven Singer won't make you "hate him" anymore, and Gloria Pugliese's poignant piece on historic Glen Foerd on the Delaware highlights what a wonderful attraction this is, just yards away from busy State Road in Torresdale.

We are sharing two great pages of photographs by Ricky Haldis of Wise Owl Productions from our inaugural Women in Business Conference in April. The feedback we received from this signature event is honestly even more positive than I had hoped. It was an amazing day, and a thousand thank yous would be insufficient.

Finally, we've got another incredible event planned for September 26. Our 2nd Annual Flavors of the Northeast will be held at the beautiful Philadelphia Ballroom, 2014 Hornig Rd., 6-9 p.m. The ad on the back page of this edition has more details. In short, you will enjoy some of the finest cuisine in the Northeast Philadelphia area for just \$35 per person.

"Flavors" will kick-off Northeast Philadelphia Restaurant Week - September 27 to October 3 – held in conjunction with our friends at the Northeast Times. This is a great opportunity to showcase this region as a destination for great dining and entertainment. Please visit www.nephilachamber.com for more information.

My wish for you is a safe and happy summer, filled with laughter and good memories. Enjoy the magazine!

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Thursday, July 27

Networking Breakfast

Immaculate Mary Home for Rehabilitation and Healthcare 2990 Holme Avenue, 19136 7:30 am Networking & Breakfast 8:00 to 9:30 am Program

Wednesday, August 9

Joint Business After Hours with

Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

American Heritage Federal Credit Union 2060 Red Lion Road, 19115 5:30 to 7:30 pm No Charge

Tuesday, September 26

Flavors of the Northeast

Philadelphia Ballroom, 2014 Hornig Road, 19116 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

Wed., September. 27 – Tues. October. 3

Northeast Philadelphia Restaurant Week

Visit www.nephilachamber.com for details

Thursday, October 19

Largest Networking Event in Northeast Philadelphia Village of Cottage Green, 9001 Ashton Road, 19136

5:30 to 8:00 pm

GNPCC Members/Invited Guests: No Charge

Non-Members: \$10 per person

Friday, October 27

Executive Luncheon Series

The Union League Golf Club at Torresdale, 3801 Grant Avenue, 19114 Featured Guest: Craig E. White, president, Philadelphia Gas Works 11:30 am Registration & Networking

12:00 pm Lunch

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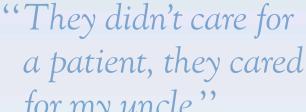
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Philadelphia's Grand Northern Gateway

| By Gloria M. Pugliese, GNPCC Staff Writer

On a quiet parcel in East Torresdale, where the Poquessing Creek meets the Delaware River, sits the historic Glen Foerd mansion – the last remaining Delaware River estate in Philadelphia open to the public. But things are anything but quiet at Glen Foerd these days. With plans underway to restore the estate's tennis courts, launch a new boating and environmental education program, and host the organization's annual Jazz Age on the Delaware event in July, there is a lot of buzz at the bend on the Delaware!

Glen Foerd a \$500,000 grant to establish boat access and new environmental programs connecting the Poquessing Creek and Delaware River to a regional network of multiuse trails. To connect trail users to Philadelphia's waterways, Glen Foerd will develop and implement a boat and bike program as the first step towards a full complement of environmental and recreational programs. The grant will fund the construction of a boat dock for paddle

boats and row boats along the Poquessing

Creek near the historic tennis courts. The tennis courts themselves are in the process of being cleared of invasive vines and weeds to be repurposed as a space for picnicking and programs.

The boat and bike program will begin with a bike ride along the North Delaware River Greenway to Glen Foerd, where boats await. The boating component of the program will be led by an environmental educator. Paddlers will learn about the Delaware River watershed's ecosystem and the area's history. To give everyone the opportunity to experience one

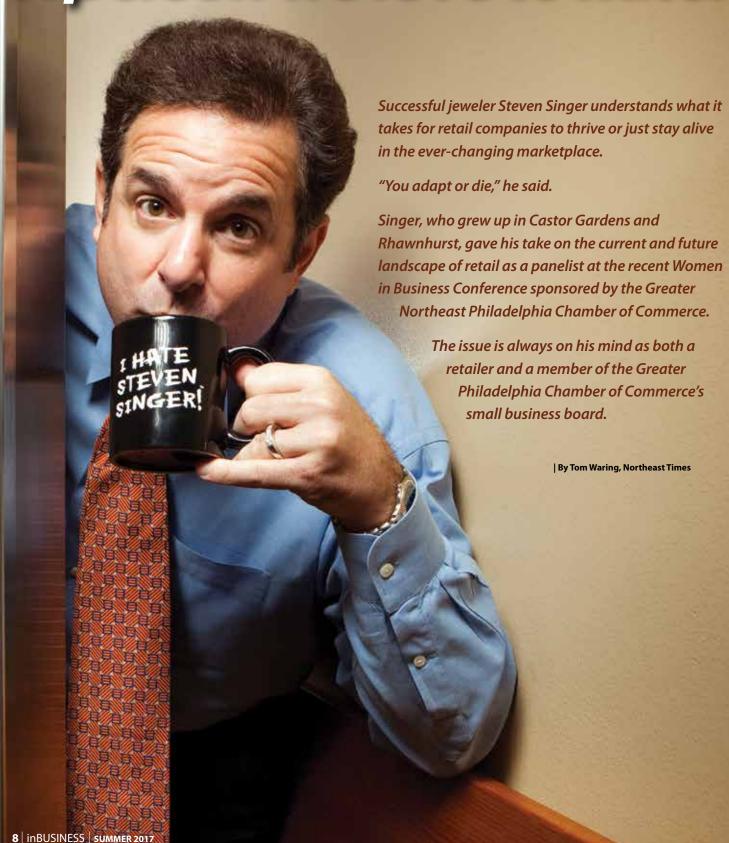
of Philadelphia's most beautiful areas along the tidal Delaware River, free community boating days will be offered. The more people learn about the river and its environment, "the more likely they are to become good stewards of the watershed," says Meg Sharp Walton, executive director of Glen Foerd.

Glen Foerd is partnering with other organizations focused on waterways and boating for a separate, but related initiative. In addition to Glen Foerd, partners include Philadelphia Waterborne, Bartram's Gardens, Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory, Urban Promise in Camden, and Independence Seaport Museum. The "On The Water Consortium" has received funding from the William Penn Foundation to create an onwater "trail" network serving the Philadelphia and Camden region. The Consortium aims to unite and expand on existing youth and community educational programming with the purpose of building a constituency for environmental education and watershed protection.

Meanwhile, plans are underway for Glen Foerd's 3rd Annual Jazz Age on the Delaware event, which will be held at Glen Foerd on Saturday, July 29th. This event draws people from all over the Philadelphia region, and has become a destination for Jazz Age enthusiasts as far south as Virginia. The Great Gatsby-style event features 1920's music and dancing, live entertainment, dance lessons, elaborate picnics, vintage-inspired food and drink, vintage shopping, mansion tours, lawn games, antique automobiles, pie-baking, fashion contests, and much more. Proceeds from the event will support environmental programming at Glen Foerd. For more event information and tickets, visit jazzageonthedelaware.com

Glen Foerd offers tours and a variety of programming throughout the year, including concerts, tai chi classes, beekeeping classes, festivals, and more. For more information on Glen Foerd's history, programs, and events, visit www.qlenfoerd.org.

Steven Singer: A person we love to hate!



A year ago, he shared his thoughts on the subject as the commencement speaker at Philadelphia University.

And recently, he was named president of the International Leading Jewelers Guild.

The Guild's membership is mostly American, and will give Singer a chance to talk about what he calls the "over-retailing of the United States."

As some venerable department stores struggle to survive, Singer sees other struggles ahead. He predicts, in the next three to five year, 30 percent to 40 percent of malls will "disappear."

Juggernaut malls likes King of Prussia and California's Fashion Island will continue to thrive, he said, but many others will see anchor stores leave, followed by smaller retailers.

"I think you'll see a contraction. The world is so different now. There's not enough foot traffic. Young people are enamored with their phones," he said.

Singer believes in the omnichannel approach to retail success and subscribes to the acronym SWM - Start With Mobile.

"We embraced that seven or eight years ago. The customer should be able to do anything seamlessly on any device," he said. "If you have not embraced that technology, you're behind the curve."

As examples, he cited Wawa's use of touchscreen ordering and Dominos Pizza's online ordering options.

Steven Singer Jewelers, located "At the Other Corner of 8th and Walnut," is doing well, and the owner said it's because the shop has always adapted.

While in-store sales have always been good, the shop added a toll-free number years ago. Then came the internet.

Singer stresses having apps and a "robust" website, which has helped him build strong markets in places like California, Florida and Texas. He ships hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of packages daily.

"Retail is very, very strong. We're doing very well in the tri-state area," he said. "And we're doing great all over the country."

Singer never thought he'd be the owner of such a successful jewelry business while growing up in the Northeast. He lived near Castor and Hellerman as a youngster before moving to the 2000 block of Napfle St. He attended Rhawnhurst Elementary School, Wilson Middle School and Northeast High School, where classmates included Chickie's & Pete's owner Pete Ciarrocchi and Philadelphia University provost and executive dean Matt Baker.

As a youth, he was in a rock band, playing dances, proms and graduations.

He played street hockey and ice hockey at Tarken. He used the money he made delivering the Carrier Pigeon to buy Flyers season tickets and was at the Spectrum in 1974 when the team beat the Boston Bruins to win its first Stanley Cup. He even made it into the book, Philadelphia's Greatest Sports Moments.

"There's a picture of me holding a 'Schultz for Mayor' sign," he said, referring to Dave Schultz, the chief pugilist of the Broad Street Bullies.

The book also features a picture of an adult Singer, at this time sponsor of Wing Bowl, crowning the eating competition's champion.

Singer got his start in the jewelry business in high school, when he worked for a wholesaler on Jewelers Row.

Who knew he'd become a giant in the industry?

"There was no master plan. It was a complete accident," he said.



Steven Singer Jewelers' block-long showroom at 8th and Walnut on Historic Jewelers' Row in Center City, Philadelphia

An aptitude test showed Singer was destined to be an accountant because he was good with numbers, but that kind of job would have bored him.

Instead, he began to enjoy learning the inside of the jewelry business, taking a couple of courses offered by the Gemological Institute of America.

"I absorbed it like a sponge. It fascinated me," he said.

Singer planned to take a semester off before enrolling at Temple. But the owner convinced him to work through the Christmas season, and the rest is history.

"That was 42 years ago. I never got my deposit back from Temple," he ioked.

Today, he is married and lives in Lower Southampton. He has a 25-year-old son and a 23-year-old daughter. His wife, the former Adrienne Wolf, was born in South Philadelphia and raised on Kendrick Street in Bell's Corner. They will celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary in November.

Singer opened his first shop in 1980, when he was 22.

Over the years, the business has grown and so has the size of his store.

Advertising is important to Singer, but he thought his former address $-138\frac{1}{2}$ S. 8th St. – was awkward.

So, he began advertising the location as "one store in from 8th and Walnut."

When he moved to his current location on Father's Day weekend in 2000, he was across from a competitor, Robbins 8th and Walnut. That's when he came up with the informal address of "At the Other Corner of 8th and Walnut," and Howard Stern and other radio personalities use the script to this day, long after Robbins moved to Delaware.

Another way he markets his business is by using the phrase, "I hate Steven Singer." Some men might hate Singer because their wives like to shop there so often. And some competitors might hate him because of the service, price, value, guarantees and warranties he offers.

Coming soon, the shop will offer a three-dimensional machine for online customers to try on jewelry virtually. And same-day Federal Express deliveries will be available by the end of the year.

The way Singer sees it, the secret to long-term success in business is a mix of adapting to technological changes and offering old-fashioned customer service.

"We treat people the way they want to be treated," he said.



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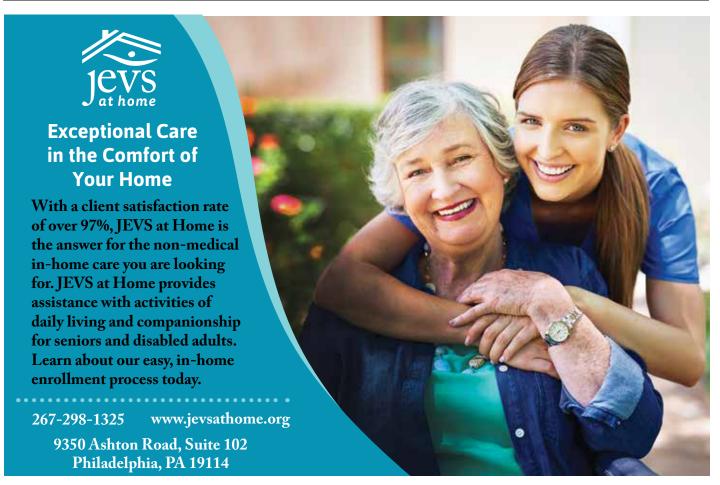


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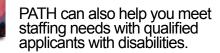


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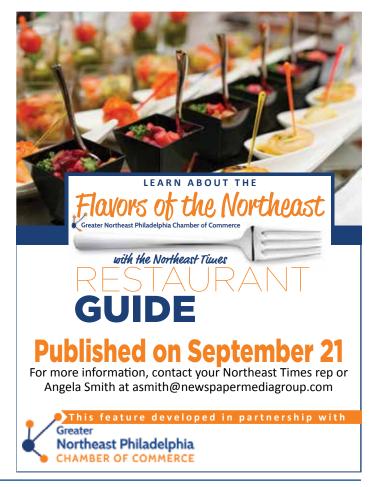


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2nd Annual Flavors of the Northeast coming to Philadelphia Ballroom on Tuesday, September 26

The Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce is taking our 2nd Annual Flavors of the Northeast to new heights with new opportunities to highlight some of the finest cuisine in Northeast Philadelphia!

We are proudly partnering with the Northeast Times this year to present the best food extravaganza in the area on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the fabulous Philadelphia Ballroom, 2014 Hornig Road in the Far Northeast, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and \$40 at the door. You can visit www. nephilachamber.com for more information or call 215-332-3400.

The event is open to the public; you need not be a member to attend. This is a fabulous and affordable evening of fun and food.

The 2nd Annual Flavors of the Northeast with kick-off a brand new event: Northeast Philadelphia Restaurant Week! The Northeast Times will publish a special guide with news, ads, and information highlighting participating restaurants and their special offers to celebrate the week. Northeast Philadelphia Restaurant Week will be held Wednesday, September 27 to Tuesday, October 3.

Restaurants and caterers can participate in Flavors of the Northeast, Restaurant Week, and the Northeast Times Restaurant Week Guide as an effective way to promote their menus and services.

Last year's inaugural Flavors of the Northeast featured a wide variety of offerings, from Smoked BBQ Beef Brisket sandwiches to Steak Spring Rolls, fresh-roasted flavored coffees to gourmet sodas, Square Pizza to Buffalo Bacon Chicken Bites, and everything in between.

Our home this year for one of the GNPCC signature events is Philadelphia Ballroom, a 7,100-sq.-ft. facility with an additional 1,400-sq.-ft. Cocktail Room, ideal for medium-to-large events. The location is one of eight different venues operated by the Milillo Event Group, which has been serving the Northeast for more than 33 years.

The event will feature a new wrinkle: GNPCC Flavors of the Northeast Best-in-Show Award! Participants are encouraged to decorate their booths and show off their unique style. Attendees will receive a special ticket at the door to vote for their favorite display.

Women in Business Conference

The accolades came pouring in for the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce's first-ever Women in Business Conference and Luncheon (#WIBCphl) April 27 at the Radisson Philadelphia Northeast, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway in Trevose, Pa. Sponsored by Crown Holdings (title sponsor), who is celebrating 125 years as a brand-building packaging giant with World Headquarters in Northeast Philadelphia, the day-long program and after-hours networking event brought women and men together to "connect, learn, and grow." The day was filled with 21 different sessions of engaging presentations and panel discussions in six separate rooms inside the Radisson.

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Thank you for having me be part of such a great event. I look forward to it again next year! Kudos to all the hard work of you and your committee in pulling such a successful event together.

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Thank you for including PHLDiversity at the Women in Business Conference. It was our pleasure to present, and we look forward to once again contributing next year. By the way, it was great to see so many of your attendees wearing the "PHL" pin.

Greg DeShieldsExecutive Director, PHL Diversity















Thank you for putting the conference together. I enjoyed coming and meeting the other panelists as well as some audience members. I thought our session had a great discussion with lots of participation from the audience.

Cheryl Carleton, PhDDirector, Villanova Women's
Professional Network
Villanova School of Business



















Leadership for a Multigenerational Workforce

| Greg DeShields, Executive Director, PHL Diversity

Recently, I was fortunate to conduct a "Multi-Generational Leadership" educational session during The Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Women In Business Conference and Luncheon.

This is a timely and important subject since significant shifts are underway in the workplace: Millennials, Gen Xers, and Baby Boomers are now filling the corporate ranks. The ability to manage and engage these diverse cohorts are determining factors of the winners and losers in the battle to find and retain the best and brightest talent.

Employing individuals of different ages working side-by-side is nothing new. A heightened focus on generational differences in recent years has changed the conversation. Baby boomers, born between 1946 and 1965, and known for their self-involved, career-oriented, goal-driven attitudes, have been the dominant players for the past three decades. Inserted in between Boomers and Millennials are the Gen Xers, born between 1966 – 1980, who already hold some leadership positions and are staking out territory for more. Millennials, born between 1980 and 2000, are now surging into the workforce with a decidedly different set of experiences and needs.

Ninety-five percent of today's workforce is made up of these three distinctively different generations spanning 50 years. This distance of age groups creates unique challenges for department leadership and their managerial skills. Leaders need to keep in mind that productivity and business results are linked to the type of work environment they create. The primary objective as a leader is to build a work environment that supports team members and business goals.

Turning a multi-generational department into a mutually reinforcing team is no easy task. Leaders must be flexible to get the most from all employees and build teams that thrive. A one-size-fits-all approach no longer fits. These three generations come to work with different expectations, assumptions, priorities and approaches to communication and work processes. If these differences are ignored, they can grow into a source of misunderstanding and conflict.

However, when embraced and appropriately managed they create opportunities for collaboration and synergy among the different generations of workers, giving the organization a competitive edge.

Adopting a more flexible approach is the key to success in leading and motivating a multi-generational department. Here are a few considerations:

- Primary objective as a leader is to build a work environment that supports team members and business goals.
- Leaders must be flexible to get the most from all employees and build teams that thrive.
- Adapt your attitudes about rewards, work styles, communication preferences and motivators to match generational differences and values.
- Understand what makes each generation leverage the strengths of each generation.
- Find ways to build bridges between generations.
- Support the values of each generation.

Taking full advantage of what each generation brings to the table enables leaders to build thriving teams, increase employee engagement and achieve business goals.

Greg DeShields is the Executive Director of PHL Diversity, responsible for developing and implementing plans, strategies and initiatives specifically designed to raise Philadelphia's image as a diverse multicultural destination with the goal of increasing the number of visitors, hotel room nights and economic impact for the region.

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By Don Brennan, GNPCC Staff Writer

So, how did they do it?

Seriously, how were they able to accomplish that?

How was it possible that our parents, some of whom accompanied by four or five giddy kids, managed to cart the entire crew and all of our belongings for a week at the Jersey Shore in one car?

Back in the day, you'd see the Chevy Impalas, Ford Country Squires, and Dodge Darts packed with Northeast Philadelphians cross the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and cruise south on Rt. 73 on a sultry Saturday morning with the windows down in search of the salty air and sandy beaches of the South Jersey shore towns. You better believe it; we waited all year to go "downashore!"

How Moms & Dads managed to make the trip – which to an anxious child, seemed interminably long and torturous – *in one car* brings a curious smile to a generation who has trouble bringing home their 200 oz. canned goods from a warehouse club while driving a GMC Denali.

Visiting the Jersey Shore is a rite of passage for so many Northeast Philadelphia residents, where the music and memories of Mayfair's own Thomas "Cozy" Morley ("On the way to Cape May... I fell in love with you!) mixes with the nightlife of Atlantic City, Springer's ice cream in Stone Harbor, cold beer at LaCosta in Sea Isle, breakfast at the Mad Batter in Cape May, Manco & Manco's pizza in Ocean City, or Alfe's Caesar Salad in Wildwood.

Northeast Philadelphians are as territorial about their shore points as they are about their sports teams. Voices have been raised over the best slice of pizza, Boardwalk amusement ride, Happy Hour bar, scoop of mint chocolate chip ice cream, pancakes, and mini golf course. The battles between lovers of Manco's and Sam's of Wildwood usually end up with the pepperoni flying.

With apologies to those Shoobies who frequent the shore towns of Brigantine, Margate (my favorite as a child with Lucy the Elephant and the Sea and Surf Motel), Longport, Ventnor, Avalon, Stone Harbor

and Cape May, here are snapshots (is that actually a word anymore?) of Northeast Philadelphia's favorite shore spots. Space does not permit the publication of the many great memories all of these places have helped to create. And, boy oh boy, have times – and prices – changed since the days of "roughing it" without air conditioning, nine-position sand loungers, and the Kindle Paperwhite for beach reading. What ever happened to the kid hawking the *Daily News* for a quarter?

ATLANTIC CITY

We've come a long, long way, baby – and a few reincarnations – from the days when the Lenni Lenape Indian Tribe inhabited Absecon Island with its natural assets and white beaches. In 1852, a local physician named Jonathan Pitney joined with area businesspersons to acquire a railroad charter from Camden, N.J. to a new resort area named Atlantic City. America's Playground, the Queen of the Coast, was born.

Hundreds of thousands of sweaty city dwellers from those East Coast melting pots like Philadelphia packed the trains in search of cooler temperatures. Many arrived with their smiling faces stained with coal soot. Over time, Atlantic City blossomed with spectacular hotels and bustling nightlife. The construction of the world famous Boardwalk in 1870 was originally conceived as a barrier to sand and flying pests finding their way into the ornate lobbies of the hotels. Along came entertainment and Steel Pier and the legendary Gene Hart describing the famous diving horse with his future wife in the saddle. By the time Atlantic City nosedived in the 1960s and 1970s, beach lovers had moved south to other points along the coast. The introduction of casino gambling in the late 1970s at Resorts International breathed life into the Gray Old Gal, and before long Frank Sinatra was back at the Golden Nugget and later the Sands Casino, rolling dice and singing "Luck Be A Lady Tonight." Alas, even the greatest entertainer of the 20th century couldn't save Atlantic City from the boondoggle known as the Revel (or Ten, as owner Glenn Straub says it is now named).

Although the jury is out about its future, Atlantic City remains a fun place to visit. Some of the beach bars like the Landshark are fabulous. The Boardwalk remains, eh, off-beat; last week, you could have your palm read and then buy a set of hubcaps from the same fortune teller. Who'd a thunk it?



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One of Northeast Philadelphia's favorites, but we sure do miss the mini-amusements at the end of the Board . . . er, Promenade, don't we? I watched two brothers battle it out in bumper boats one night that got so out of hand, they literally had to be fished out of the water. By the way, Maryanne Pastry Shoppe on 44th St. is as good as you've heard.

OCEAN GITY

When four Methodist clerics sailed to a spot known as "Peck's Beach" in 1879 in search of an ideal location for a Christian resort, the paused for a prayer on the southwest corner of 6th Street and Asbury Ave. beneath a cedar tree - which still stands. Ocean City's stellar reputation as a family resort has never been stronger. A "dry" town - meaning no alcohol of any kind is sold within its borders - O.C. boasts of eight miles of phenomenal beaches, a bustling Boardwalk with food, fun, amusements and live music.



Try Ike's Seafood for some of the best crab cakes at the shore, and the eclectic Shore Mall is a regular stop for all visitors. The aforementioned Manco & Manco is renovating the old Strand movie theater for a 200plus seating eatery (betcha there will still be long lines to get in!). Don't leave home without Johnson's Pop Corn and Fralinger's Sea Foam Fudge. Great cup of joe at Ocean City Coffee Company, too.

WILDWOOD

The great English navigator Henry Hudson - yes, that Henry Hudson entered Delaware Bay in 1809 in search of a new route to China when he spotted a two-mile stretch of beach later named Anglesea. Sixty years later, a rail line and bridge was constructed that allowed access as far south as Cape May. The sprawling acreage between them comprised four communities: North Wildwood, West Wildwood, Wildwood City and Wildwood Crest.

Cozy Morley's legendary dump Club Avalon packed them in. For a \$15 cover, Cozy served a cocktail and an appetizer: a 9 oz. watered-down Imperial & water, and a mini-bag of potato chips the distributor gave him for free. Mickey Shaughnessy, a red-faced New York actor and comic, was a standard at the Lucky Club. His 1 a.m. show was a tour de force for those still awake and sober. Tony Bennett, Jerry Lewis, Sid Caesar, George Burns and Liberace all played the Wildwood clubs in the 1950s.

Volumes of books have been written about Wildwood, perhaps the best known Jersey Shore town of them all. Home to some of the largest beaches on the East Coast, a 37-block Boardwalk, and more than a quarter-million people in summer, Wildwood has been popularized in word and song by authors and artists for the last 75 years. Its Doo-Wop Architecture is prominently featured at colorful hotels, restaurants and coffee shops. It's a feast for the eyes to drive through the historic district.

Stop by the Doo Wop Diner for breakfast, Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant for dinner, and Duffer's for ice cream. Lunch? Walk along the Boardwalk for just about anything and everything – but Sam's Pizza Palace at 26th and the Boardwalk is the place to visit.

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What is Your Favorite Shore Memory?



The picture is the continuation of the good times at the shore. My brother and grandchildren.

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Summer Shore Living...

"I spent two full summers living and working in Wildwood. They were the two summers following high school graduation. The first summer, I worked at Bobby Dee's Casino Arcade, which is still flourishing at Schellenger Avenue and the Boardwalk. The second summer, after one night working on Mariner's Landing Pier collecting tickets and locking people into their seats on the the Sea Serpent (which is still going strong), I took a job as a cashier at Super Fresh. Both summers were great, and I would encourage any young person to spend at least one whole summer living and working down the shore."

Tom Waring, Northeast Times

The Wonder of the Shore

I was a shore baby from the mid 60's until 1971. My great aunt and uncle had a summer home in Brigantine until they retired and we would spend my dad's 2 week vacation on the beach or riding to the other shore towns. This was long before a casino, or revamped homes into 4 condos... I couldn't wait to get up each morning and get my spot in the sand to dig and bury my dad, and looking back on it, I guess the "adults" simply relaxed and enjoyed the wonder of the shore.

Teri Grumbrecht, GNPCC, Director of Membership

When A Summer Rental Cost \$500

Each year as soon as Forrest School closed for the summer, my Dad would load up a broken down trailer with all of the Shore gear tied down by clothesline from Fisher's Hardware. We looked a little like The Beverly Hillbillies from the old TV show with what we needed for three adults (my grandmother included) and five children as we headed down to Wildwood through the Pine Barrens. There were no highways to the Shore at the time. We would cross a rickety old bridge into Anglesea to arrive at our summer rental on E. Spruce Street (\$500) for the season. Every year as we entered Wildwood, my mother would ask, "Can you smell that salt air?" Mom and Dad worked as a bartender and waitress at Cozy Morley's, Club Avalon or Marty Boehm's Nut Club to pay the way for the summer. This would be the beginning of months of fun with friends and family.

Another indelible memory of the Shore was waterskiing. Dad was a boater who loved to water ski. As his five children came of age, he would take them to Sunset Lake in Wildwood Crest (where the water was calm) and teach us to water ski. Every weekend, as a family, we would water ski from morning until evening. With this experience and others tied to the summers at the Shore, we grew up sharing the Jersey Shore with our children and grandchildren to this day.

Edward McBride, Manager

External Affairs for PECO, Longtime GNPCC Board member, Former Board Chair

Sea Shells and Sea Gulls

When I was a child, my parents would take our family to the shore, usually Atlantic City or Long Beach Island, just for the day in the off-season in late September or October. We would walk or run, being children, along the beach collecting sea shells or chasing sea gulls.

Stephanie Davis,

GNPCC, Office Manager

Many years, many Shore towns, many great memories

I hail from a family of Shoobies. My grandparents hauled their meager belongings onto a train bound for cooler temperatures in Atlantic City, with my mother as a child tagging along. My parents were partial to Margate, and with one car and four kids, somehow we managed to survive that long trip south on Rt. 73. Later, we spent summers in Sea Isle City, where my Dad rented a four-bedroom, beachfront property in 1970 for \$300 a week. Imagine that! My wife and I fell in love with Avalon – "Cooler By a Mile" – and for several summers, we vacationed at the fabulous Golden Inn on Dune Drive. Then along came Ocean City, where we rented great homes for a number of years, and still regularly visit today. (My brother owns a home there, so guess who pops-in on some weekends?) Of course, throughout the years, we traveled to Wildwood to enjoy their fantastic Boardwalk, and Cape May for the food and fun along Washington Mall. Even when he lived in the desert in California, Frank Sinatra loved coming to Atlantic City. From his early days at Skinny D'Amato's 500 Club, Mr. S told friends, "There is something about the attraction of the water that draws me to Atlantic City." I guess that rings true for us as well. Not a summer goes by with at least a visit or three or more to the Jersey Shore.

Don Brennan,

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An online shopping cart goes local

| By Kaitlyn Haney, Special People in the Northeast, Inc. (SPIN)

Pushing my shopping cart down the aisles was something I once looked forward to every weekend. It was peaceful. It was relaxing. Now. I find that same comfort of filling my "shopping cart" with a sleeping baby upstairs and my iPad at my fingertips as I scroll through endless pages of products that could be waiting at my doorstep as soon as the following business day. And, as I search online, I continue to discover more and more businesses right here in our area that are turning to e-commerce to cater to those, like me, who are crunched for time or simply enjoy the convenience of making purchases and payments wherever they may be.

Who ever thought that you could order sliced deli meat online?

...And by weight just like you were ordering at the deli counter. At first, I thought it might be in an airtight sealed package, but low and behold Dietz & Watson meats and cheeses are available by the pound on Amazon. Amazon has become a one-stop-shop for me for diapers to clothes to groceries, but I was never so excited to stumble upon the wide selection of deli options from the local Philadelphia favorite headquartered on Tacony Street. In my shopping cart went a pound of American cheese sliced thin, and there it was on the very next day delivered to my front door in a zip lock bag sealed with a printed sticker.

There's a booming t-shirt business in our backyard.

I took my time to research what is out there before I placed an order, which led me to discover a custom t-shirt company on the rise that is based in the 19154 zip code. Family owned and operated, Rush Order Tees, a PrintFly company, grew from a garage business into #2317 on Inc. Magazine's 2016 list of top 5000 fastest growing private companies in America. With an endless variety of t-shirt types, colors and styles, Rush Order Tees receives great reviews online and even became the official t-shirt partner of the Philadelphia 76ers due to their hustle and quality products they offer. I'm looking forward to watching this company grow.

Our local non-profits are going online, too.

Taking online registration and donations in my professional life in fundraising and development has been hugely helpful for SPIN. And, it's really amazing to continue to see e-commerce grow in the nonprofit world. Just this year following the rebrand of SPIN's Norcom Community Center on Norcom Road to SPIN Community & Fitness, SPIN turned to e-commerce to help its members register for classes, pay for special events, and more. The SPIN Com Fit app that can be downloaded on mobile devices allows for members to make guick payment and register for events without even taking out a credit card.

With my iPad by my bedside after a long day at work, I love the convenience to quickly get what I need for my week ahead. And, it's exciting to see our local businesses and organizations heading online to meet the needs of consumers like me who are always on the go and prefer to make purchases on their own time. I can't wait to see what ends up in my local shopping cart next.



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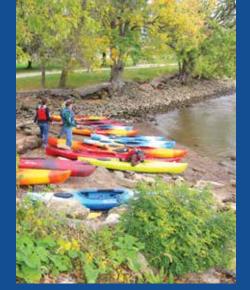
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Philadelphia! By Don Brennan, GNPCC Staff Writer

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Fetters Mill Road Bridge, a Pratt throughtruss bridge built in 1883, is still in use. Krewstown Road Bridge, a stone arch bridge built in 1800 and rehabilitated 1907, is still in use. Holme Avenue Bridge, a closedspandrel concrete arch bridge built in 1918, is still in use. Roosevelt Boulevard Bridge, a closed-spandrel concrete arch bridge built in 1920, is still in use. Holme Avenue Bridge, a closed-spandrel concrete arch bridge across Wooden Bridge Run built in 1921, is still in use. Ryan Avenue Bridge, a closed-spandrel concrete arch bridge over Sandy Run built in 1929, is still in use. Rhawn Street Bridges, two closed-spandrel concrete arches bridge built in 1930, are still in use.

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Since January, Community College of Philadelphia's new initiative, Power Up Your Business, has offered these important business owners free workshops to help them manage and plan for growth, and connect with valuable resources.

The next workshop series begins on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the College's Northeast Regional Center, 12901 Townsend Rd. Business owners can RSVP and take advantage of this free training at www.ccp.edu/powerup.

Power Up is designed to unlock the potential of the commercial corridors, which are the heart of the neighborhood economy. The

coursework supports the sustainability, management and profitability of these businesses through a two-tiered approach:

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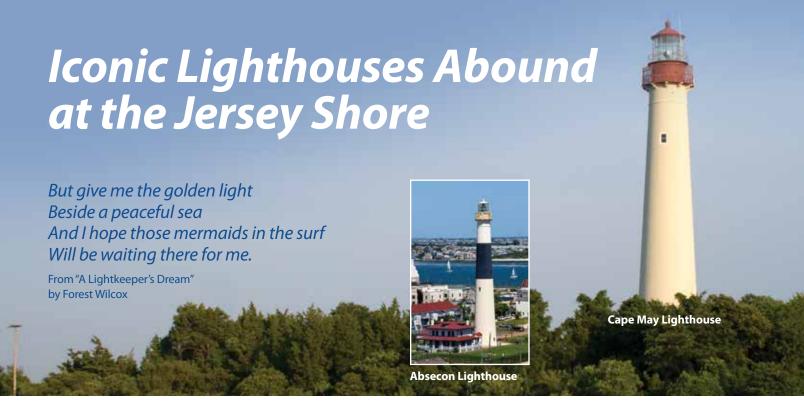




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The lighthouse's multi-million dollar restoration also includes a stunning replica of the Lightkeeper's dwelling, an educational museum, charming gift shop, Fresnel Lens exhibit in the original Oil House and expansive grounds.

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See more at: http://www.visitnj.org/nj-lighthouses/abseconlighthouse#sthash.fi1tFFPp.dpuf

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Climbing the lighthouse has become an annual tradition for thousands of visitors. For those who choose not to climb, the Oil House contains a fully-accessible visitors' orientation center and a Museum Shop stocked with maritime accessories and memorabilia.

A little further down Sunset Boulevard is the recently opened World War II Lookout Tower, which was part of the immense Delaware Bay harbor defense system known as Fort Miles. Features include a Wall of Honor recognizing area veterans. Admission fee.

For additional information on lighthouse or tower hours of operation call the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC) at 609-884-5404 or visit www.capemaymac.org. - See more at: http://www.visitnj. org/nj-lighthouses/cape-may-lighthouse#sthash.Yz4n34uW.dpuf

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse

111 N. Central Ave., North Wildwood, NJ 08260 609-522-4520

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse is a working lighthouse as well as a museum that's open to the public for guided and self-guided tours. Visitors will learn about the history of Hereford and get a glimpse of the life of a lighthouse keeper in the late 19th and early 20th century.

A park surrounding the lighthouse is designed with many different garden areas containing more than 200 plant varieties. The gardens are planted in the Victorian cottage style and extend right up to the ocean

They have won several awards, including the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Suburban Greening Award. Visit the gift shop featuring lighthouse and nautical theme art work, books, miniatures, shirts, hats, mugs and much more.

The garden and grounds around the Lighthouse are wheelchair accessible. A photo album tour is available, upon request, to those unable to climb the lighthouse.

They welcome and can accommodate school trips, senior citizen groups and all other tour buses. Special rates are available for groups of 30 or more. Hereford Inlet Lighthouse is open year round. -

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Historic Houses of Worship in Northeast Philadelphia

Northeast Philadelphia is home to a number of historic houses of worship whose congregations are over 200 years old, several of which date to the founding of Pennsylvania in the 1680s. Following are brief profiles of these congregations.

| By Jack McCarthy, Archivist and Historian



Unity Monthly Meeting Frankford, 1682

Unity Monthly Meeting in Frankford was founded by Quaker settlers who came to Philadelphia with William Penn in 1682. After meeting in members' homes, they built a log meeting house in 1684. The current building, built on the site in 1775, is the oldest surviving Quaker meeting house in Philadelphia.



Byberry Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1683

Quaker settlers in Byberry began meeting in members' homes about 1683. In 1694 a member donated an acre of land for a graveyard. A log meeting house was later built on the site. This structure was replaced by a stone meeting house in 1714, which was replaced by the present meeting house in 1808.



Pennepack Baptist Church, 1688

Founded by a group of Welsh Baptists in 1688, Pennepack Baptist Church in Bustleton is the oldest Baptist church in Pennsylvania and seventh oldest in the United States. Members used nearby Pennypack Creek for their baptismal services and constructed a church building in 1707. This building was enlarged in 1774 and replaced by the present building in 1805.



Trinity Church Oxford, 1698

Trinity Church Oxford in Lawndale is one of the nation's oldest Episcopal churches. Church of England services were first held on the site in 1698 in a log meeting house originally used by Quakers. A new brick building was built in 1711, which forms the western end of the current building. Following the American Revolution, Trinity Oxford played a role in the establishment of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America.



Presbyterian Church of Frankford, 1770

Presbyterian Church of Frankford was originally a German Reformed Church, founded in 1770 by German speaking Protestants. An early 1800s rift over language led many of the German speaking members to leave and in 1808 it became a Presbyterian congregation. The 1770 church building was rebuilt in 1844 and then again in 1859. The latter is now the distinctive "Pink Church."



All Saints Episcopal Church, 1772

All Saints Episcopal Church in Torresdale was established in 1772. It closed briefly during the British occupation of Philadelphia in 1777-1778, but reopened soon afterwards and has remained active ever since. The original 1772 building was enlarged in 1812 and replaced by the current building in 1855.



Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1807

According to church tradition, a prayer group of some twenty-eight members of Frankford's African American community began meeting in 1807 in a group member's home. This group would form the nucleus of what would become Campbell AME Church. Later, they acquired a building a few blocks away and began holding services there. The current building contains cornerstones noting that it was rebuilt in 1818 and 1870.

Bethany African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1817

Bethany African Methodist Episcopal Church was established in the early nineteenth century to serve the African American community in the Holme Circle area. In 1810 a plot of land was set aside for the establishment of a burial ground and church for the community. Tradition has it that the current wood-frame church was built in 1817 and re-built in the mid-nineteenth century by Elias Chase, a prominent local African American builder.

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