

BILLY AND MADDY CARDER



2008
SPIRIT OF OCEAN CITY
AWARD WINNERS



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The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2008 Spirit of Ocean City Award to Billy and Maddy Carder of BJ's on the Water at their Annual Installation Banquet on Wednesday Sept 17th at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel.

The Spirit Award was created in 1997 to honor and recognize those individuals who have owned or operated a successful business in Ocean City, while unselfishly and tirelessly promoting and enhancing Ocean City. Bill and Maddy join a distinguished group of past winners.

Madlyn and Billy Carder have owned and operated BJ's on the Water Restaurant for almost 30 years. They are actually celebrating their 30 year anniversary in 2009.

The Carder's Annually host a major fund raiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which is always in the top two fund raising events of the year. They are active in the Humane Society of Worcester County - Host many of their fund raising events.

They are the founding members of the Teen Age Rust Band which provides music for many local fund raising events; Alzheimer's Gala at the Clarion each year, Elks fund raising October event, Irish American Festival and MGM Children's Fund golf outing.

Madlyn has Served on the Ocean City Board of Port Wardens., Served on the Board for the Convention Hall Expansion, she was an Original member of the OCDC and on the design committee and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board.

Billy is a Charter member of OC Elks Lodge # 2645, was the Elk's citizen of the year for 1999 and is the Secretary of the OC Pleasure Club.

The Carders are also members of the OC Chamber, OCHMRA, Worcester county Licensed Beverage Association, Downtown Association, Irish American Club and Humane Society.

The Carders were among the many businessmen and women nominated this year. Mark Leiner of the Bonfire and Past president of the chamber nominated the Carder's. Based on his nomination, the committee felt that the Carders have humbly given back to the community for many years and 2008 was "Their Year"! Maddy and Billy have assisted numerous local organizations in their fund raising events by providing food, beverages, and music at no cost to the organizations. They have taken volunteer leadership roles on many local boards working towards continuous improvement for Ocean City.

SPIRIT OF OCEAN CITY AWARD CRITERIA & PAST RECIPIENTS

Ocean City's most prestigious business award, the Spirit Award, honors the Ocean City businessperson who has simultaneously operated a reputable and successful business and actively promoted Ocean City, endeavoring to make the community a better one for all concerned. A reflection of the Spirit of those who resurrected Ocean City's business community after the disastrous storm of 1962, the Spirit of Ocean City Award was created in 1997 to provide recognition for excellence in the business community.

The first recipient of the award was **Dr. Leonard Berger** in 1997 of the **Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel** followed by **Bill Ochse** 1998 of **The Kite Loft**, **Lauren Taylor** 1999 of **The Santa Maria Hotel**, **Macky Stansell** 2000 of **Macky's Bayside Bar & Grille**, **Buck Mann** 2001 of **Mann Properties**, **Hal Glick** 2002 of **Moore, Warfield & Glick**, **Jay Knerr** 2003 of **The Kite Loft**, **Anne Marie Dickerson** 2004 of **The Francis Scott Key Family Resort**, **Terry Hough** 2005 of **Home Seal Services, Inc.**, **Carolyn & Bruce Kennington** 2006 of **Senor Cigars** and **Steve Pappas** of **The Original Green Turtle** in 2007.

These recipients represent the best of the Spirit of Ocean City.

The Recipient of this award should have:

- * Worked in the Greater Ocean City area - 10th election district for some part of his/her life.
- * Operated or is currently operating a reputable and successful business.
- * Someone who is demonstrating a commitment and dedication to the promotion of the Greater Ocean City area.
- * Someone who has demonstrated a desire for and dedication to the enhancement of the area in which we live.

Choosing the winner:

A panel of Past Recipients and Past Chamber Presidents evaluate the entries. The recipient of the award is acknowledged and honored at the Chamber's Annual Installation Banquet in September.