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LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS FOR OCC'S SUMMER GALA!

TOMS RIVER – The **Ocean County College Foundation Board of Trustees** will host ***An Evening By The Sea: A Summer Celebration*** on Saturday, **September 11 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health and Human Performance Center (Building #19) on OCC's Main Campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ.

Investors Savings Bank is the major sponsor of the event. Proceeds benefit the Ocean County College Foundation. **Jim and Marion Caldwell** will be honored as the **2010 Humanitarians of the Year**. The event will feature gourmet food, music, and live and silent auctions. Attire is elegantly casual (ties not required).

James D. Caldwell, Sr. was born in Elizabeth, NJ, and attended schools in Carbondale, PA. He served in the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, and later participated in Operation Crossroad, a series of nuclear weapons tests. Jim attended deep sea diving school in Pearl Harbor, was an original frogman in WWII, and later dove for recovery of scientific instruments from sunken vessels.

In 1958, he opened a scuba diving shop in Toms River and began to give scuba lessons. Two years later, he joined the Lakehurst Navy Fire Department, for which he formed a dive team for emergency rescue and recovery. Jim eventually started his own Ocean County Diving dive shop with a \$2,000 loan. The business became the lucrative Caldwell Diving Company and Cable Ventures, which was involved in underwater work worldwide, utilizing its own ships for installation of submarine cables and pipelines.

In 1998, Jim sold the company and retired. He now spends time traveling with his antique Rolls Royce automobile collection in order to support a number of charities in addition to serving on the Board of Trustees for Community Medical Center in Toms River. He was inducted into the International Commercial Diving Hall of Fame in 2005, and was named Beneath the Sea's Diver of the Year in 2008.

Marion K. Caldwell was born in Jacksonville, Florida, the youngest of three girls. She attended schools in Jacksonville before moving to Toms River in 1972. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Tuckerton Seaport Society, and on boards and fundraising committees for the Red Cross, Open Arms, Ocean's Harbor House, Contact of Ocean County and Ocean County Hunger Relief. Marion now travels often with Jim to help to raise money for various charities. She also enjoys gardening and spending time with her family.

Longtime Toms River residents, Jim and Marion married in 1978 and have two daughters, in addition to Jim's daughter and two sons. The couple has 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

To purchase tickets (\$250 per person) to the 2010 Summer Gala, become a sponsor (various levels of sponsorship are available beginning at \$1,000), or donate an auction item, call the Ocean County College Foundation at 732.255.0492.