

Congratulations to the South Jersey PCC for being chosen as the February *PCC Insider* “Spotlight”



### SOUTH JERSEY PCC (Bellmawr, NJ)

- **Date founded:** 2007
- **Members:** Approximately 300 on membership list
- **Awards:**
  - 2020 PCC of the Year, Large Market
  - 2018 PCC District Manager of the Year, Bronze Level Award
  - PCC Premier Gold Level since 2015, and Premier Platinum Level since 2019

Established in 2007, the South Jersey Postal Customer Council (SJGCC) also includes the entire state of Delaware. The executive board consists of dedicated postal and industry members committed to hosting monthly board meetings/events. Postal Co-Chair Bernadette Puodziunas, states that, “our people - industry and postal members - are our greatest assets and our greatest strengths.” When asked what their greatest challenge is, Bernadette conveyed, “among all of our members, specifically our executive board, is the constant juggling of the many hats of our professional and personal lives, all the while, remaining committed to the tasks that a volunteer position asks of us; however, our board and members have never flinched, nor have they come up short in their steadfast commitment to the PCC. We remain committed to one another and the fair sharing of tasks and workload necessary to remain an award winning and nationally recognized PCC.”

To better serve their members, the SJGCC Executive Board created three additional committees to plan and organize three annual events:

- **PCC Awards Committee:** Maintains the awards binder and prepares and submits for awards each year. Since the creation of this committee, the SJGCC achieved Platinum Premier Award status in 2019 and will continue the tradition for years to come.
- **PCC Day Committee:** Brainstorms, strategizes, organizes and executes the annual National PCC Day during National PCC Week.
- **Golf Outing Committee:** Organizes and orchestrates the planning and execution of the annual golf outing. This committee is responsible for sponsor retention, communication with sponsors, sponsorship hole coordination, creation of sponsorship signage as well as recognizing sponsors in all communications leading up to and the day of the event.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the SJGCC remained an actively engaged organization by following through with the PCC’s mission: to educate, communicate, and engage their members about everything relating to the United States Postal Service. Invitations and announcements to virtual monthly board meetings, educational events and promotion of fellow PCCs events were conveyed utilizing Constant Contact. In addition to these Zoom webinars, the SJGCC was able to hold their annual golf outing in September. With their commitment to following the CDC recommendations on behalf of their members’ health and wellness, the SJGCC realized their best turnout (100 members) at the 2020 outing.

Like many PCCs the SJGCC hopes to return to in-person events in 2021.

The South Jersey PCC is currently led by:

- Postal Co Chair – Bernadette Puodziunas, Wildwood, NJ Postmaster
- Industry Co Chair – Matt Gorman, Print and Mail Communication
- Industry Vice Chair – Tanya Erickson, Evergreen Printing
- Postal Administrator/Communications Chair – Melissa Lomax, Avalon, NJ Postmaster
- South Jersey District Manager – Le Gretta Y. Ross-Rawlins (A)
- Treasurer – Dennis Palandro, USPS Regional Manager Customer Accounts
- Webmaster - Tim Morelli, Maple Direct
- Administrative Committee:
  - Loren Brister, Industry Executive Board Member
  - Dana Milnes, USPS Manager Sales
  - Donna Fahler, USPS Sales Executive Sr. Shipping
  - Frances Laskowski, USPS Sales Executive Sr. Shipping
  - Denise Riker, USPS Business Service Network Representative
  - Judy Seip, USPS Major Mailer Support Specialist
  - Ed Strow, Industry Executive Board Member
  - Neil and Nancy Schwartz, Mail South Jersey LLC
  - Suzanne Lukasiak, USPS Business Service Network Representative

Some *fun facts* about the South Jersey Area that you may not know are:

- 1) New Jersey is considered the “Diner Capital of the Country” with an estimated 525 diners.
- 2) Camden, New Jersey was the site of the very first drive-in movie theater.
- 3) Salt water taffy's origins can be traced back to Atlantic City in 1883.
- 4) First Beauty Contest: In 1880, the first beauty contest in the United States was held in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Thomas Edison was one of the three judges in this contest, called the “Miss United States” contest. This contest is considered to be the forerunner of the Miss America pageant.
- 5) The street names in the board game Monopoly are named after real streets in Atlantic City.
- 6) The first Indian reservation was in Shamong Township.
- 7) Some nationally known South Jerseyans include Bruce Willis, Mike Trout, Roscoe Lee Browne, John Forsythe, Ali Larter, Kelly Ripa, Tara Lipinski, Michael Landon, Linda Fiorentino, Joe Flacco, Carl Lewis, Grace Helbig, Martin Truex, Jr., Steve Kaplan, and Carli Lloyd.

For more information on the South Jersey PCC please visit their website at: [www.snjgcc.com](http://www.snjgcc.com)

