

The Asbury Park Rotary presented a check for \$10,000 to Holiday Express. Pictured are Rotary President Sean Growney, Rotary Plunge Committee Chair Traudy Grande, Dawn Bunyon Holiday Express Director of Marketing, The Rotary Polar Plunge Bear, Rotary Plunge Committee Member Brenda Skinner and Rotary Fundraising Chair Jeff Bassett.

## **Rotary Donates \$10,000 to Holiday Express**

Every January for the past 10 years, supporters of the Rotary Club of Asbury Park have plunged into the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean to raise funds and awareness for their service projects.



In January of this year, for the second consecutive year, funds raised by Polar Plungers supported both Holiday Express, a local organization delivering music, food, gifts, financial sup-

port and friendship to those with the greatest need for the gift of human kindness during the holiday season and throughout the year; and Rotary Eye Rescue, a project that restores vision to the blind through corneal transplants.

Every \$2,000 raised gives sight to one person. The results are in, and the Rotary Club of Asbury Park presented a check for \$10,000 to Holiday Express. Planning has already begun for next year's plunge. Look for the Bear at local events in the fall.

New members are always welcome at the Rotary Club of Asbury Park. If you are looking to make a difference in the community, there is a membership drive underway. Meetings are held Wednesdays 12:15 p.m. at The Renaissance in Ocean Twp. Guests are Welcome. For information go to asburyparkrotary.org

## **Early Voting and Vote by Mail Ballots Available for Election**

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding residents that voting by mail is an available option for all registered voters in Monmouth County.

"Any registered voter can vote by mail for any reason," Hanlon said. "There is no reason to forget, get too busy or have to deal with inclement weather. Most importantly, every valid vote cast by mail will be included in the election results so residents do not have to worry that their vote will not be counted."

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:63-5, the Clerk of Elections commenced the mailing of Vote by Mail ballots for the Primary Election to voters 45 days before the election, on April 20.

In order to vote by mail, voters must first complete a Vote by Mail application. The application can be obtained from the County Clerk's Elections webpage at www.MonmouthCountyVotes.co m, on the County Clerk's "Monmouth County Votes." Mobile App, or by visiting the County Clerk's Elections Office or Municipal Clerk of their hometown.

Applications to Vote by Mail that are sent by U.S. Mail must be received by the County Clerk's Elections Office seven days before an election. For the June 4 Primary Election, the date is Tues., May 28.

Voters may also apply in person at the County Clerk's Elections Office located at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold up until 3 p.m. the day before the election. When applying in person, voters can vote early and submit their ballot to the County Board of Elections, which is also located at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold.

Simple instructions for completing and returning Vote by Mail ballots are included in the ballot package.

Voters with additional questions regarding Voting by Mail should call the County Clerk's Election Division at 732-431-7790.





