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Happy New Year from Chatham Marconi!

Dear Friends of Chatham Marconi,

Thank you again for being a ***Member***, for your generous ***Donations***, or for ***Volunteering*** your time and skills in support of our ***Mission*** during this most difficult year!



With your exceptional support, Chatham Marconi Maritime Center has successfully navigated a year that opened with great promise but almost immediately brought unique challenges.

In 2020, we...

- Hired the Center's first professional executive director. Despite careful budget management and limited federal funding, however, the financial impact of the pandemic required the elimination of this position before year's end. We are grateful to Kristen Clothier for her many contributions to Chatham Marconi during her time in the role.
- Were unable to open the Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum until July, and under significant operating constraints. Nevertheless, we safely and successfully hosted about 1500 visitors. They were greeted by new exhibits ***Chatham on the Air*** and ***Radio to the Rescue***, as well as several updated displays. COVID-19 First Responders were welcomed without admission fee.
- Hosted dozens of enthusiastic students, parents, and grandparents in July and August at our new ***Family STEM Tuesdays*** on the front lawn.
- Transitioned to virtual meetings and program delivery via Zoom and discovered that our ***Summer Speaker Series*** and other virtual events reached audiences well beyond the Lower Cape. Based on our virtual programming success, we launched a new off-season monthly speaker series. Our virtual events engaged a total of almost 1000 Zoom participants.
- Saw TripAdvisor™ continue to rate our museum at or near the top of ***“Things to Do in Cape Cod”***
- Enjoyed counting the many “clicks” on ***ChathamMarconi.org*** and

comments on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) from members and visitors.

Your loyal support provided the energy to carry us through 2020 and to help prepare for the “new normal” of 2021.

We are especially proud of the volunteers who found ways to solve problems and keep Chatham Marconi running through the pandemic. Their enthusiasm was prominently displayed (well, masked, actually) as dedicated museum hosts and behind the scenes as creators of exhibits and virtual events, fundraisers, and everything else that needed doing. Volunteers remain the Center’s irreplaceable resource.

We look forward to 2021 with the hope that spring and summer will mark the return of more normal operations and that we again will be able to celebrate and collaborate face-to-face, even if masked for a while longer.

In 2021 (our 19th year)...

- The Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum will open with a new ***Chatham Radio Goes Maritime*** exhibit celebrating the April 18, 1920 conversion of RCA’s Chatham station from point-to-point message service to ship-to-shore operations, beginning seven decades of coastal marine station dominance. Enhanced ***Radio to the Rescue*** exhibits will return for a second season, along with several other new displays.
- The Education Center looks forward to welcoming children back to the campus to explore exciting STEM topics in ***Summer Science*** classes. Stay tuned for course schedules and descriptions.
- Our ***TechSmart*** information technology program that brings STEM lessons to students in their classrooms is preparing to return to local schools next fall.
- Engaging virtual ***Speaker Series*** programs are being scheduled (watch our website!) and will continue to be streamed online, even after we are able to resume in-person attendance.
- We will continue to monitor pandemic developments and adjust our plans as necessary.

Your annual membership provides the financial foundation for Chatham Marconi’s programs and operations. If you have recently renewed or newly joined for 2021, thank you! If not, please take a moment as a final farewell to 2020 to renew or join. This link will take you to our website’s [Membership](#) page. Encourage a friend or a new Cape acquaintance to join us, too!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, we wish you and your families a Happy, Safe and Normal New Year!

Carolyn Cragin

President



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Founded in 2002, Chatham Marconi Maritime Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that celebrates the rich history of 20th Century maritime radio and explores the innovative advances in science and technology that continue to transform our lives.