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It is with deep regret that the Board Directors and Most Excellent Officers of the Artisans must announce that will have to cancel our annual Ocean City outing for 2021. Due to the slow rollout of the Covid - 19 vaccination program and the fact that most of our membership has not yet received their first dose of the corona virus vaccine makes this course of action necessary. The current restrictions make it impossible for us to have a hospitality room, pool party and the Miss Artisan pageant. The amusement pier we have contracted with had a fire that destroyed the front entrance, arcade and the parts for many of their larger outside rides. Gillian's amusement pier, who we have contracted with in the past, is facing foreclosure making it impossible for us to give them a deposit to rent their facilities as we have done over the past decades. Finally, local, state and CDC guidelines limit our ability to run our activities and events in a way that we have done in past years. If things go as planned, we should be able to begin meeting again in September and all events scheduled for this Fall will be able to be held. A lot of what we are planning to do is based on the belief that most people will have received at least one of their Covid- 19 vaccinations by September.

As we have stated before the safety of our membership is our utmost priority. We have lost a few of our members during this pandemic and do not want to risk holding any events that may cause this virus to spread among our Artisan membership especially since it looks like we are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.

Fraternally,

The Artisans M.E. Officers and Directors