Only a handful of true Wildwoodians can say... “I’M A DR. MACE BABY!”

SAVE the DATE for 2013! Monday July 15, 2013 at 10am we invite the Babies Born “at Home in Wildwood” to join the photo gathering fun! Spread the word.

A Brief History of Dr. Margaret Mace
Margaret Mace was born in Leicester, England and came to America in 1874. Around 1880 her family settled in Anglesea at a home on Spruce & New Jersey Aves.

She attended grammar school and upon graduation, went to Bridgeton Institute to become a teacher. She wanted to become a nurse and began to pursue her passion for helping people. Dr. Mace graduated with her degree in medicine in 1905 from the Women’s College of Medicine in Philadelphia.

She began her practice in North Wildwood at 17th & Atlantic (Pennsylvania) Aves., later moving her expanding practice to an office at Chestnut & New Jersey Aves.

She opened her hospital on 25th & Atlantic in 1915. It remained in operation for 35 years until 1950. Dr. Margaret Mace quietly passed away at 81 years of age on December 16, 1951. She died in her home which was also the hospital that bore her name, a little over 36 years after moving into it.

For the past 9 years, we have honored her with this eventful photo shoot, where a handful of her 6,000 babies that she delivered gather together for a reunion.

Perhaps the best tribute to this great woman are her own words which she spoke at the time of her first testimonial in 1929. She said, “There is no place on earth like my home town; no people like my home people; I came here when it was a wilderness; it is one of the finest places in the world, in my work I have tried to do my best, but I had help, helped by the hand of God.”

Bob Menz (above center) with his lifetime childhood friends, Dr. Joe Salvatore and Bill Morey. Bob is among the group of babies who were delivered at home on March 23, 1931 on the island. If you know of anyone who was born at home in the Wildwoods, please let them know we would love for them to join us for our annual photo gathering next year at the Hereford Lighthouse, Monday, July 15th, 2013. Save the Date! Tell your children to remind you!