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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ed Bonk



I will begin my **Eighth** year as President this month and I'm very much looking forward to it as well as keeping CCDV a '**Premier**' club. Additionally, I look at the makeup of **CCDV** as a '**Tripod**' infrastructure; Business, Entertainment, and Compassion (**See Page 6**) and I will continue to support and build on this in **2011**. Every January I have it printed so the current and new members see what has been added to the '**Tripod**'.

Going into our **54th** year I will be breaking my own record of one person being President for **eight** consecutive years, a feat which I am honored by. I'm not sure if I'm doing something right or nobody else wants the job but either way I am very honored. I could not perform in this role if it were not for my **Officers, Board Members, Chairperson's** and every club member who supported me throughout this tenure. This support includes everyone who has volunteered to assist with our activities or participated in them. For that support I want to thank everyone. For the new members I will list in this months Gas Cap the key changes that happen (**See Page 4**) within my last **7** years by having everyone's support. I join the club in **1998** and went to an April meeting that year and after the meeting I sent in my application and began volunteering to help with some of the activities. I had no clue that in the future I would end up being the President of this '**Premier**' club. I was elected to the Board in my **5th** and **6th** year another feat I felt honored by. The past **13** years have been great and challenging at times but I actually enjoyed being a member of the club during those years. I met a lot of great people both internal and external to the club and look forward to meeting many more. In **2012** I will continue to look for ways to improve or change things that would be in the best interest of the club.

The month of **December** had only one activity which was the holiday party whereas everyone had a great time. It was held at the '**Buck Hotel**' with approximately **70** people in attendance.

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GAS CAP COMMITTEE

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January Birthdays



1	Andie Fischer	16	Helene Bierman
2	Charles Anthony	17	Debbie Traves
	Joel Fellman		Kathy Applegate
	Billie Satchell		Marilee Horner
3	Michael Davis	24	Jeanne Pfaff
	Nicholas Mazzuca	25	Jacques Etkowicz
4	Ellis Gray		John Fruncillo
6	Dennis Traves		Robert Miller
8	Edward Hilland	26	Ken Rowan
	Dean Weitzman	27	Vincent Pileggi
9	Linda Davis		Kevin Rogers
	Joseph Lewis	28	Todd Struse
11	Mark Dash	29	Alan Davis
	Thomas McKeone	30	Tony Buonassisi
13	John McKinnon		Ted DeLeone
	Carrie Anthony		James Fischer
14	Sarkis Tashjian		Ronald Landes
15	Maryann Fisher		Don Terranova

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He will re-direct the e-mail to the proper chairperson who will be able to assist in resolving issues promptly.

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Every year at the beginning of the party we present checks to the charities we support but for the last two years we choose not to do that again this year. This gave us more time to party and enjoy ourselves. We will present the checks either at the **January** GM meeting or mail them if a representative can not make it that night. Great job to everyone who has worked hard in making this happen. After dinner the DJ (Who was excellent) got some of us into a dancing mood and you would be surprised at how good some of the members can dance. I want to thank **Miriam Rogers** for a job well done organizing the party.

In **January** the roving breakfast will be at the '**The Red Lion Diner**' in Horsham, PA.

Our club was featured in the **January** issue of the **National Corvette Measuem** magazine (**See Page 9**). What an honor it was to be interviewed by a representative of the measuem on what our club is all about. **Dennis Levitt**, our NCM Ambassador, set up this interview and also sent in a pictures to be part of the article. Many thanks to Dennis on your effort to make this happen.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed

2012 CAVALCADE

Hello everyone. My name is Suzanne Wisnik and my husband Howard are members of the CCDV. I have volunteered to chair the 2012 Chinese Auction at the upcoming Corvette Cavalcade. Therefore, I am putting out the call for volunteers to lend a hand with setting up the booth, running the auction and to most importantly assist me with obtaining auction items. As you know the club did very well last year raising \$2500.00, and I am confident that we will do even better this year with your help.

If you are interested in volunteering your services please call me 610-222-0814 or email me at wisnik@wizbus.com.

Thank you in advance for your help

RAFFLE CAR FUNDRAISER

"Hi everyone! I just wanted to let you all know that thanks to your hard work and generosity, the CECF was able to have yet another successful raffle car fundraiser. We will be presenting checks to the recipients of our various charities at the January 2012 meeting. Be sure not to miss this evening! Also, if anyone knows of a raffle car for 2012 that we could buy, please let us know as soon as possible. It should be a C5, have low mileage, and be in beautiful condition. A convertible would certainly be a huge plus! See you at the meeting...Dave Bresler

CCDV CHANGES (2005 2011)

Within the last **seven** years while President the club has gone through some significant changes. This all happen due to the club being faced with circumstances that warranted these changes such as a growing membership, more diversity with age and gender and having '**Open Forums**' at the General Membership meetings where members can speak out. The outcome of these forums was very beneficial and instrumental in moving forward with change. Beside these '**Open Forums**', I also get E-mails, Voice-mails or have face to face discussions with members concerning changes.

Here is a re-cap of the past **seven** years. The changes are listed in 'NO' particular order.

- * A new location for the General Membership meetings. Moved from the VFW in Willow Grove to the VE club in Warminster. A larger meeting room, roped off parking and very good food.
- * One day venue for the Cavalcade show. Moving from the two day indoor show to a one day outdoor show.
- * Initiated the CCDV President's semi-annual award for those members who exceed expectation either currently or in the past with their efforts in helping the club.
- * Started paying for the Sponsorship of our CCDV racing team at Englishtown.
- * Created a Scholarship fund for two students each year to go to a local trade school.
- * Twice moved our Cruise night to a new location due the growth and popularity of the show.
- * Changed the picnic location to the VE club which has better activities for the children and a pool.

The club

- Picnic is not hosted by Jim and Edy Doan at their house in New Hope, Pa.
- * Hosted the annual Corvette Big Roundup being held at Walnutport, Pa.
- * Partnered with the annual Doylestown Oktoberfest and hosted a car show.
- * Created a General Membership meeting survey to get a pulse check on how the members perceive the meeting and what changes could be made.
- * Partnered with the Montgomery County Board of Health to co-host the annual Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) safe driving and anti-drug conference.
- * Changed the time and location of the holiday party from the VFW in Warminster to the Buck hotel.
- * Created a Public Relations Chairperson position to better focus on our marketing efforts.
- * Created a Special Projects Chairperson position to better focus on such initiatives as 1) having Multi-Sponsorships and 2) partner with businesses that will give us a club discount.
- * Celebrated CCDV's 50th anniversary with a memorable Banquet, Picnic and Logo.
- * Initiated a CCDV 'Help Each Other' member list for those that need roadside assistance.
- * Sponsored the 'Slow Drag' as part of the 'Corvettes for Chip' show put on by the Keystone Corvette club.
- * International recognition of CCDV with a Club write up in the National Corvette Museum's magazine.

Even with all these changes my commitment to the club will never stop if there is room for improvement or a better way to best suit the membership.

Ed





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Happy Birthday Joel	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General Membership Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Board Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			JANUARY 2012	

The 2012 CCDV Calendars are ready. Paid members may pick up their free calendar at the January meeting. Additional calendars will cost \$10. If you want your calendar before the meeting call Jeff Hey. My Phone # is on the Gas Cap.

CCDV TRIPOD INFRASTRUCTURE

Ed Bonk

In my President's message I wrote words to the club's 'Tripod' infrastructure and its three components. In this article I will expand on what I meant by this. You might not have thought much about the club's infrastructure but when you look at the chart below it will justify what I mean when I say CCDV is a 'Premier Club'. There are **Three** major components to this 'Tripod'. They are **Business, Entertainment and Compassion**. Listed below breaks down these components and shows the items that fall within them both past and present.

BUSINESS

- * General Membership Meetings
- * Board Meetings
- * CECF
- * Web Site
 - E-Commerce
 - On-Line Club store, Car & parts sales, membership
- * Financial Operating Plan
- * Raffle Car Sales
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- * Bryner Chevrolet Partnership and member discount program
- * CCDV President's Award
- * CCDV Specialty License Plate

ENTERTAINMENT

- * General Activities
 - Roving Breakfast
 - Brunch's
 - Dinners
 - Caravans
 - Bowling
 - Marksmen Night
 - CCDV Picnic
 - CCDV Holiday Party
- * Auto Cross
- * Entering Various Car Shows
- * Cavalcade of Corvette Show
- * CCDV Racing
- * CCDV Cruise Nights
- * Oreland Parade
- * Willow Grove Parade
- * Hulmeville Parade
- * Hatboro Thanksgiving Parade

COMPASSION

- * Charitable Donations
 - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
 - Sunshine Foundation
 - St. Mary's Home for Teens
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - Ehlers Danlos Foundation
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - MANNA Soup Kitchen
 - Warrington Ambulance
 - Gilda's Club of Delaware Valley
 - Alzheimer's Research Foundation
 - MS Walk for the Cure
- * Linda Murphy Memorial Trophy
- * Donating food to the Manna Org
- * Assisting Members during Bereavement
- * Support our Wounded Troops Day
- * St. Vincent's Orphanage Toy Run
- * Willow Grove Fantasy Flight for Disabled & Terminally Ill Children
- * Volunteering Time for other club car Shows
- * Trade School Scholarship Fund
- * Won the 2009 EAGLE ONE Golden Rule award for the Eastern region for outstanding community service
- * Initiated a CCDV 'Help Each Other' member list for those that need roadside assistance.
- * Christ's Home for Children (Christmas in July)

When I look at the chart it gives me a great feeling to know that I'm part of an organization that has so many great members who are dedicated to other things beside Corvettes. This is truly the best car club in the world.

Thanks everyone.

CCDV'S ROVING BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, January 14, 2012 at 9:30am at
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Please call me on my cell phone (215-208-6620) or post a response on the CCDV
website by 1/13/12 if you plan on attending.
(This is a rain or shine event.)

Happy New Year to all!
Johnny Bacon

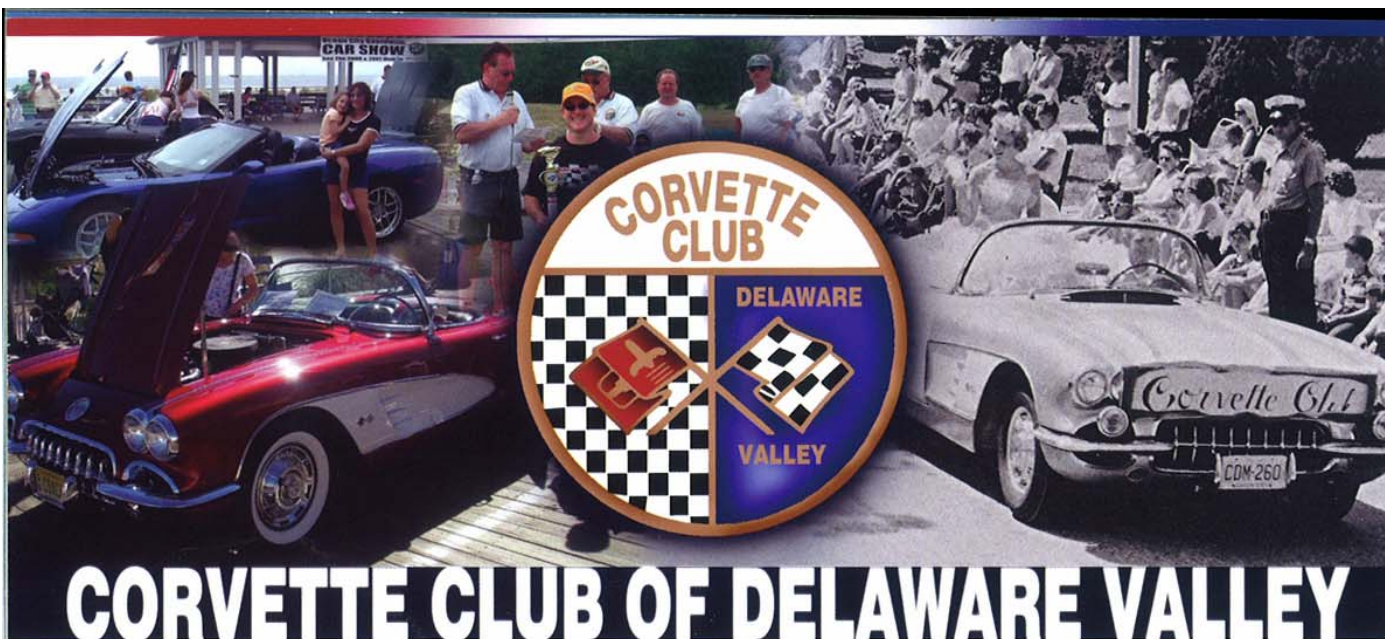
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NEW MEMBER PAGE



Above is a photo of my most recent corvette, a 2006 Victory Red Coupe with 2009 Z06 Spyder wheels.

Hello my name is Mario DiPatrizio, my wife Denise, daughter Brittini and I have lived in Perkasio for the past 10 years. I am working on my 20th year with the United States Postal Service, I hold the position of Executive Level 24 Postmaster to the city of Allentown and currently act in the vacant Senior, Post Office Operations Manager position for the Central Pennsylvania District out of Harrisburg. I have been an avid Corvette enthusiast all of my life from the time I was a small child, now almost 40 years old I am on my 4th Corvette. I had a 1990 Competition Yellow Coupe, a 2002 Magnetic Red Coupe, a 2004 Millennium Yellow convertible and most recently I purchased a 2006 Victory Red Coupe with only 19,000 miles. It is a pleasure attending the great shows and events put on by the CCDV, meeting all of the great folks with the same likes in life is absolutely wonderful. Thank you CCDV. Mario



CORVETTE CLUB OF DELAWARE VALLEY

Based in Willow Grove, PA, the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley is one of the largest and oldest Corvette clubs in the country. Founded 53 years ago, it has 550 *local* members. While its membership has included men like Roger Penske, Chip Miller, and astronaut Allen Shepard, President Ed Bonk says that the thing that makes his club great is that everyone is equally welcome.

"We've got white collar and blue collar members, doctors and lawyers, unemployed and self-employed people from all stations in life. None of that matters. We're all there for each other, joined by our passion for the Corvette."

When asked about the club's longevity, Ed explains that their club is set up as what he calls a "tripod organization." The first leg is the business side, taking care of the dues, memberships, meetings and planning. The second leg is the entertainment and activities side. The third leg is the compassionate side, which covers the many charities they support. To him all three aspects are equally important to building a strong club.

"Over the history of the club we've raised \$400,000 for charities like the Sunshine Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Big Brothers of America, Naval Military Welfare and Recreation, the Chip Miller Foundation, and the National Corvette Museum. Each year we donate \$12,000-\$18,000 to those organizations, and more."

To raise money, one of the things they do is raffle off low mileage Corvettes. "This has been a great fundraiser for us that has helped

us do a lot of good for others." This includes two \$2,000 scholarships they award each year.

They always remember the Museum too, supporting us in a number of ways. "Each month at our meetings we give away a one-year individual membership to the Museum to someone in our club. It's a good way to get them involved in what the Museum is doing."

Activities are also a major emphasis with 35 to 40 events planned for every year. Along with dinners and breakfast get togethers, they participate in several "Corvette Challenge Drag Racing Series" events. This is a series where they race other Corvettes for the top title in their bracket. As the club was originally founded with the idea of enjoying the excitement of racing, it's no surprise they work some fast fun into their events calendars.

Road trips take them to all kinds of exciting places where they love to promote the Corvette lifestyle to all they pass. On their events schedule you'll also find beach excursions, car shows, and their end of the year "Hot Dog Run" (check out their website to find out more about that at www.ccdv.com). They know how to have a good time.

Their biggest event is the *Cavalcade of Corvettes*. The club, with Bryner Chevrolet, (the club's sponsor since 1971) hosts what Ed calls "the longest running Corvette show in America." For 41 years they've put on this event showcasing 150 Corvettes indoors and some 300 more outside.

"It's all about the camaraderie we feel toward each other." Ed says. "Being able to do so much good for others, while having a great time with friends is what being in a Corvette club is all about."



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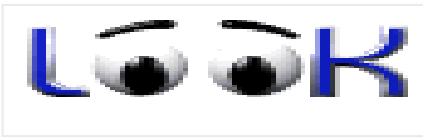
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- ✓ Don Terranova will hold an Activities Committee meeting to transition the Chairman's position to T. Wayne Lankford.
- ✓ A motion passed to accept two new membership applications: Bill Nichols and Cindy Nichols (spousal). Total membership was not confirmed in Allan Kramer's absence.
- ✓ This year CECF will give away \$26,500 (including the Scholarship donation). Checks will be given to the respective charities at the next general membership meeting. Any charity not present will receive their check via mail.
- ✓ Three hundred calendars are being printed and will be distributed at the general membership meeting. Calendars will be mailed to out of state members.

Upcoming Events



Monday, January 9 - CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Thursday, January 12 – CCDV General Membership Meeting



Saturday, January 14 – Breakfast at the Red Lion Diner



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