

## CCDV Membership:

The current membership consists of:

242 Members

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345 Total Members

## No New Members in December 2021

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY 2022

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday with their families and Hopefully Santa was very good to all.

My Officers and Board members are looking forward to a great start this year with the planning of activities as well as key events that could not happen last year due to uncontrollable circumstances. There will be a change in some of the roles and responsibilities with Board members for **2022** which will help better serve the club. I will list these changes in next month Gas Cap. And as always, we are looking for our members to volunteer their time in assisting with our events.

The holiday party was successful, and everyone had a nice time. I want to thank **Rose Ferrante** and **Tony Buonassisi** for organizing and coordinating this successful Event (see page 11).

The **January** General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **19<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7:00 pm**.

The web site is getting better every month. You can see what it looks like by going to the website (**[www.ccdv.com](http://www.ccdv.com)**). Should you have problems logging in contact **Tom Weigand** at **[tomweigand@comcast.net](mailto:tomweigand@comcast.net)**. If you have any pictures to submit from past activities send them to **Tom**.

In closing I want to say Happy New Year to all club members and their families.

I wish you and your families the best!

Ed



# CCDV BOARD AND COMMITTEES

## **Club Leadership:**

*President: Ed Bonk 267-253-7460*

*Vice President: Tom Weigand*

*Treasurer: Tim Simmons 215-947-4118*

*Recording Secty.: Candy Merlino*

*Corporate Secretary: Dennis Trayes*

## **Board Membership:**

*Chairperson Joel Fellman  
Johnny "Bacon" Benischeck  
Jacques Etkowicz  
Rose Ferrante  
Ang Grippo  
Zach Hamada  
Pennelope Hunt  
Laurie Long  
Barb Pergine*

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## **Committees:**

### **Activity Chairperson:**

*To Be Filled*

### **Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2022:**

*Zach Hamada, Tim Simmons  
& Tom Weigand*

### **Club Store Chairperson:**

*Denny Matlack*

### **Cruise Night Chairpersons:**

*Candy & Chris Merlino*

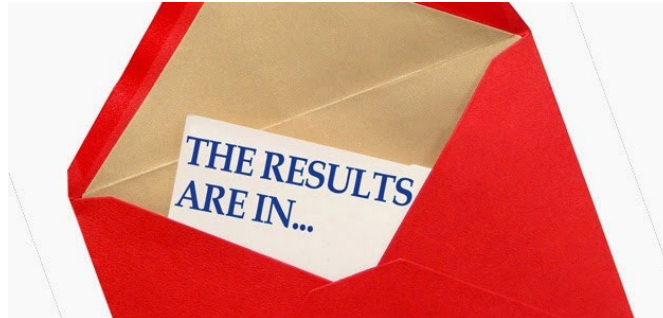
### **Nametag Chairperson:**

*Candy Merlino*

### **National Corvette Museum Ambassador:**

*Jack DeLong*

# *CCDV ELECTION RESULTS*



The CCDV Elected Board members along with the President and his officers

I want to thank all the members that were in attendance at the November meeting for our Annual election of officers and board members.

There were new additions to the president's slate of officers along with some new members of the board. Following are the results of the Election:

President – Ed Bonk, Vice President -Tom Weigand,  
Recording Secretary- Candy Merlino, Corporate Secty - Dennis Trayer  
and Treasurer – Tim Simmons

The CCDV Board Members at Large are as follows:

Johnny "Bacon" Benischek (new)	Zach Hamada (new)
Jacques Etkowicz (returning)	Pennelope Hunt (new)
Rose Ferrante (returning)	Laurie Long (newly elected previously appointed)
Angelo Grippo (returning)	Barbara Pergine (newly elected previously appointed)

Joel Fellman – Chairman of the Board (past president)

The CECF, 5 member board are elected by the CCDV Board at the CCDV November Board Meeting. Barbara Grippo, who was our CCDV recording secretary resigned in order to throw her hat into the ring and run for a position with the CECF. She was elected to CECF for a term of 2 years as well as Ed Scannapieco who was up for re-election and was elected for an additional 2 year term.

Next year there will be 3 positions up for election with the CECF.

# 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**Attention all members:** 2022 membership renewals will be sent out by the end of January via your email address. Instructions on how to renew your membership will be provided at that time. **If you have made any changes to your address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Please send your changes to:** [membership@ccdvv.com](mailto:membership@ccdvv.com). **The deadline for renewals is March 31.** After the deadline, your renewal will be at full price.

If you do not receive an invoice by the first week of February, please contact me at the membership email address. You should also check your Spam folder in case the notification was placed there.

Your payment can be made either through your credit card on the website, bring a check to the monthly meeting, or mail it to the Treasurer.

CCDV  
C/O Tim Simmons  
3549 Brae Bourn Dr.  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-3049

Once your payment has been received and processed you will receive an email, with your membership card. Print it out and cut it to fit your wallet. You will need to present this at Bryner's to receive the club discount.

We are anticipating a smoother transition this year. If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at the membership website: [membership@ccdvv.com](mailto:membership@ccdvv.com), and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.

Thanks



Treasurer, CCDV





2 Joel Fellman

Billie Stachell

4 Ellis Gray

6 Bonnie Montague

Dennis Traves

7 Jill Shapiro

Jerry Market

9 Andy Thierry

11 Mark Dash

13 John McKinnon

Barbara Pergine

15 Ed Masterson

Gerald Hoffius

Maryann Fisher

16 Helene Bierman

17 Debbie Traves

20 John Idelicato

22 Donna Hoffmayer

25 Robert Miller

Jacques Etkowicz

27 Steve Woods

28 Zachary Hamada

30 James Fischer

Anthony Buonassisi

Joseph Parente

31 Sara Adams

Daniel Bracken



# 2022 CALVACADE NEWS

Happy New Year to all our members. As we move forward with 2022 your Cavalcade committee is hard at work planning the 50<sup>th</sup> Cavalcade show. As we get closer to the show, we will have signup sheets for those that can offer some time as volunteers on various committee tasks. For now, we are looking for a few good people to lead two critical positions. **Sponsor/vendor chair** and **Advertising chair**.



The duties would be:

**Sponsor/vendor:** To obtain individuals or companies to participate at one of the three sponsorship levels and to obtain both food and non-food vendors for the show.

**Advertising:** To get the word out to as many outlets as possible promoting the show.

If you are interested in either of these positions or you would like to help with the show, feel free to contact any of the co-chairs for the show, Tim Simmons [tasimmons@gmail.com](mailto:tasimmons@gmail.com), Tom Weigand [tomweigand@comcast.net](mailto:tomweigand@comcast.net) or myself [zhamada@comcast.net](mailto:zhamada@comcast.net). Any of us can answer any questions you may have about these opportunities to help out the club. Let's all pull together to make a great show.

Zach Hamada



# SAVE THE DATES



## **January 22nd – Dinner at Graeme Park Pizza**

**Graeme Park Pizza  
801 County Line Road (and Easton Road), Horsham  
Saturday, January 22nd – 6:00pm  
B.Y.O.B.**

Please join your fellow Corvettesters for the first dinner of the new year at Graeme Park Pizza.

You can check out their menu at: <https://www.graemeparkpizza.com/menus>

Please sign up on the website forum or text Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111, to join in this dinner.

Thank you.

The next page is a flyer that all club members can print & provide to non-club members.



Please consider yourselves as "Goodwill Ambassadors"  
that invite other Corvette Lovers to join our club.

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**Mail:** CCDV Box 397, Willow Grove, PA 19090



## *The CCDV BREAKFAST at LANCERS DINER, 12/04/21*



Lancers Diner is located at 858 Easton Road in Horsham. This eatery was recommended by Denny & Eileen Matlack.

Weatherwise, it was a dry and partly sunny Fall day to drive our Vettes to Horsham, and about six Corvettes decorated the Lancers parking lot. After breakfast, we were able to assemble for a beautiful group picture behind Joan & Kevin Allen's bright yellow C-5 Corvette coupe.

The breakfast was attended by twenty-four hungry Vettesters, .....PLUS..... one of Santa's helpers (AKA Denny Matlack), .....PLUS ..... "THE GRINCH" (AKA John Pergine, in full costume - much to the delight of children in the Diner!)

The breakfast choices were many and delicious, and everyone had a terrific time! The laughs and smiles were constant! These monthly Roving Breakfasts are a great way for new members to try an activity and to meet the great bunch of fun members in this club. The 26 who attended the festivities were:

Fran & Joanne Schmidt...and...Joan & Kevin Allen  
Barb & "The Grinch" Pergine ...and... Tim Simmons  
Wayne & Linda Zaks...and...Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim  
Bob & Jahn Landis...and...Jack & Dor DeLong  
Evelyn & Cliff Hamilton...and...Tom Weigand  
Denny & Eileen Matlack...and...Pete & Stella Nikolopoulos  
Johnny Bacon & Kathy Benischeck...and Tracey & Ray Marijczuk

On Saturday, Jan. 8th we'll breakfast at The Eagle Diner in Warminster at 9:30am. I hope that you can make it. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



**Join us for**  
  
**BREAKFAST**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**JANUARY 8, 2022**  
**At 9:30 a.m.**

**RSVP by 1/7/22 to Johnny Bacon**  
**at 215-208-6620,**  
**OR respond on the CCDV**  
**Website's FORUM**

**Our next location is:**  
  
**EAGLE DINER**  
**739 Street Road**  
**Warminster, PA 18974**  
**215-672-8228**  
**Rain or Shine**



***A BIG THANK YOU and a “Tip O' The Hat” to John & Barb  
Pergine, Who Recommended this Venue!***

***We are limited to 30 people.***



**Hope to see you there!**

**Johnny Bacon**



# CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY





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## FUN & GAMES



# WINTER PROJECTS

## WEATHERSTRIP LUBRICANTS

Winter is an excellent time for long term care on your Corvette and weather stripping is essential for noise reduction and air and water integrity over the life of the vehicle. It is also very expensive to replace; for example, the C-4 one-piece rear roof/side window in OEM latex rubber costs about \$170.00. A complete weather-stripping kit is over \$1,000.00. Newer vehicles also are expensive to replace the weather stripping.

From my materials laboratory background, by talking to detailing experts, from personal experience (most important), from long term ownership extending over 41 years and from mistakes, products that lubricate and protect the weather stripping have been tried and evaluated. The following list details what I use:



1. **GM Super Lube with PTFE part no: 1#12371287.** This is an excellent silicon-based gel with Teflon designed for metal, rubber and plastic components. It would be a *“first choice”* on most vehicles.

2. **GM Dielectric Lubricant part no: 1#12377900.** This is also a gel used for electrical connectors to ease assembly and protect the contacts from corrosion. It also works very well as a lubricant and is recommended for weather stripping.



3. **Dow Corning High Vacuum Grease.** This is a silicon-based gel lubricant designed for glass to rubber applications such as found in laboratory apparatus. It can be purchased on Amazon.com.



4. **Dow Corning 55 O-Ring Lubricant.** This is a silicon-based grease commonly used in laboratory applications for O-ring seals. But its' real beauty for car applications is that it also *slightly swells the rubber for better sealing*. And it is offers additional oxidation protection. Again, Amazon.com but it is expensive.





Yes, I have made mistakes such as using an aerosol product. Never do that as the propellant can dry the rubber. And I avoid the commonly sold water-based liquids advertised for vinyl and rubber applications. I severely damaged sections of my original '92 weather stripping with one of these products—started cracks every where I applied the product within a short period of time after application.

Dow Corning 55 O-Ring Lubricant really works by slightly softening and swelling the rubber, an especially useful characteristic for older vehicles. When I restored my '66 over 40 years ago, I first replaced the weather stripping with aftermarket parts but the fit was very poor. Luckily, I had carefully removed and saved the original weather stripping and glued it back on. The original weather stripping has now been maintained with Dow Corning 55 O-Ring Lubricant for 41 years of my ownership of this vehicle and at 55 years of age is still in excellent condition. See me for more information on this special laboratory product. On the '92, those sections that I damaged were carefully cleaned and I applied the Dow Corning 55 grease working it into the cracks. Most are now not noticeable as they swelled shut. And the rubber is still soft and pliable and both water and air tight when this car was donated to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Application of any of these products is very simple. Clean the weather stripping with a soft cloth and take a small dab of the grease between the thumb and forefinger or use a soft cloth and rub it on all accessible areas. Let the lubricant remain on the weather stripping for an hour or so, and then carefully remove any excess with a soft towel. I do this several times a year and the results in preservation are excellent. If it turns white over time, you have applied too much lubricant; clean and repeat the process. Prevention of damage is just a simple chore with excellent long-term benefits and a good winter maintenance project.



**Jack Delong, Ambassador National  
Corvette Museum  
Delaware Valley Corvette Club**



# *HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD MEETING*

## *DECEMBER 9, 2021*

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING** **December 9, 2021**

Membership Meetings will start at **7:00pm**.

- **Activities – See Web-Site for details**
  - December 11, 2021 Holiday Party Cardinal Hollow Winery, Lansdale
  - January 8, 2022 Breakfast Eagle Diner Warminster
- **Membership – 345 Members**
- **CCDV Name Tags – Candy Merlino – cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com**
  - New Members – get your name tags, new car, get your new name tag
  - Anyone interested in purchasing Name Tags please contact Candy Merlino. They are \$20.00 each, at least three orders are needed to send to the Company.
- **CCDV License Plate – Tim Simmons**
  - Anyone interested in purchasing a Club License Plate contact Tim Simmons;
    - Regular CCDV Plate - \$33.00
    - Personalized CCDV Plate - \$141.00
- **2022 Calendars for 2022** - available for purchase \$12.00  
Pick one up at the General Membership Meetings or  
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Keep up to date on upcoming activities and events!

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