



# ***The Gas Cap***

## **November 2022**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although the **Fall** season is here, there are still a few club events remaining until the end of the year. Check our **CCDV** website, [www.CCDV.com](http://www.CCDV.com), updated regularly for the dates and details.

At the **October** General Membership meeting I presented **Jim Neelans**, who could not make the **August** meeting with his **25** consecutive year membership plaque. Congratulations **Jim** for your loyalty and dedication to our club.

The **Golden Shaft Award** was given to **Henry Weikel** for his assistance throughout the years bringing out the club tent to '**Corvettes at Carlisle**' and setting it up and providing water and snacks for our members as well as working many years at the '**Cavalcade of Corvettes**' show and helping make the show successful. Thank you, Henry!

The **Tri-State Corvette Show** at Peddler's Village, we were awarded the Best Club Participation Award with sixteen cars in attendance. Congrats to those who put their cars in the show!

The **CECF** ticket raffle will be pulled at the **November General Meeting**. If you have any raffle tickets, please bring them to the meeting or if you still need a ticket, please visit [www.CCDV.com](http://www.CCDV.com), click the Charities tab and the CECF link there to purchase your tickets.

For the **6<sup>th</sup>** consecutive year, our club will be in the **Philadelphia Veterans Parade on November 6th** driving **Veterans and Gold Star Mothers**. I will again this year drive the **Grand Marshall**. If you would like to participate in the parade with your Corvette text me (**267-253-7460**) and let me know.

I am still looking to fill the **Technical Chairperson** position who will be a communication link in getting an answer or give direction for technical questions. The position is a Board positions with voting rights. **Joel Fellman** is temporarily filling in for this position. Please consider volunteering for this position if you have knowledge of computers.

I am also looking for a person(s) to take over the club store as **Denny and Eileen Matlock** will be stepping down at the end of the year. Please consider donating your time in helping out the club.

The November **General Membership Meeting** will be held at the **Warminster VFW** on November **16<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7:00 p.m.**

I wish you and your families the best

Ed







*WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!*

**Welcome!!  
Christian Brandt  
Jim and Nancy Hale  
Michael Wohrle**

**Total Members to date - 361!!**



# CCDV BOARD MINUTES

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2022

Activities – Barb P / John B. /Jack B./Tim S.

- October 15th - Breakfast at Eagle Diner @ 9:30am in Warminster
- October 23rd – Road trip to America on Wheels Museum, Allentown, PA
- October 29th - Giovanni's Pizza @ 5:30pm at 2190 York Rd, Jamison, PA
  - November 6th – Veterans Day Parade – more details to come
  - November 20th - Covered Bridge Run – more details to come
- December 10th – Holiday Party from 6 - 10pm – at Spring Mill Country Club

### Cavalcade of Corvettes

- Zach Hamada and John Pergine are the co-chairs
- New Date of September 23rd – planning to have it at MBIT again
  - New Judges, DJ, and trophy system
  - Plan to sell own food
- Trying to get a celebrity guest to hand out trophies

### CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – [cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com](mailto:cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com)

Tags are \$20.00 each

(at least three orders are needed to place an order)

### CCDV License Plates

Please contact Tim Simmons - [tasimmons@gmail.com](mailto:tasimmons@gmail.com)

Regular CCDV Plate - \$33.00

Personalized CCDV Plate - \$146.00



# 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  
Penelope Hunt  
Laurie Long  
Barb Pergine  
Jack Blumenstock*

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*Dennis Levitt & Rose Ferrante*

**Website:** Tom Weigand  
*webmaster@[ccdv.com](http://ccdv.com)*

## **Committees:**

### **Activity Chairperson:**

*Jack Blumenstock*

### **Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2023:**

*Zach Hamada & John Pergine*

### **Club Store Chairperson:**

*Denny Matlack*

### **Cruise Night Chairpersons:**

*Candy & Chris Merlino*

### **Nametag Chairperson:**

*Candy Merlino*

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

*Jack DeLong*

### **Technical Chairperson**

*Joel Fellman (Interim)*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CORVETTE ENTHUSIAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CECF)

Hello Club Members,

The board of The Corvette Enthusiast Community Foundation is hoping that you and your families are in the best of health. We are seeing nice participation from our members who are able to make it to the meetings, but we also need our members who are unable to make it to the meetings to help. Even if you purchase one ticket your donation will help our charities.

These past couple of years have seen so difficult for the club and its members, but like the Americans that we are it only makes us stronger. So, what is new with CECF, the clubs charitable arm?

This year CECF has decided to do a Cash Raffle it will have a First, Second, Third place winners. The values of the winning prizes are as follows, **Grand Prize will be \$5,000 cash, Second Place is \$1000, Third Place \$500.** In addition, we have decided that any club member that sells ten tickets will be given a separate club raffle ticket. This ticket will go into a raffle that only our club members may win. If a member sells 30 tickets, they will have three raffle tickets in the drawing etc.

In 1994 when CECF was create it was done with the intention of having its members involvement in selling these tickets. We are a charitable club. The purpose, to help those who are less fortunate with disabilities.

We are asking all of our members to get involved and if you know a family member, a friend, a relative or even if you came across someone who might have been challenged, think about this saying "I came across a man who was walking down the street who had no shoes, until I came upon a man who had no feet". Just a little food for thought.

You can go to [www.ceccharities.org](http://www.ceccharities.org) our website will have more information and you may also purchase tickets with a credit card or pay pal. **The Drawing will be held November 16<sup>th</sup> at the General Meeting!**

PS. If you've sold your tickets or if you need additional tickets, we will have then available at the next monthly meeting. Tickets also available online at [www.ccdv.com](http://www.ccdv.com)

Thank You for your club participation.

**The Board of CECF**



CECF a Non-Profit Foundation

## **CHARITIES**

Juvenile Diabetes, Caring For Friends,  
Martha's Choice, Lenape Foundation,  
Manna on Main Street,  
**PURCHASE TICKETS BELOW**



# *CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CCDV 25 YEAR MEMBERS!!*

Congratulations to Jim Neelans

Our CCDV Member for the last 25 years!!



# *THE GOLDEN SHAFT AWARD*

This is an award presented by the President to a member of the club for outstanding service.

This award was given to  
Henry Weikel  
Thank You Henry for your many years of  
assisting the club at Corvettes of Carlisle and  
Cavalcade of Corvettes.  
Your help is very much appreciated!!



The winner receives bar privileges for the night.



# *Covered Bridge Tour*

*Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.*



## Washington Crossing Historic Park to Perkasie

**Total Time & Distance:**

*2 hours, 42 minutes / 50.2 miles*

**START:** WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER

- 1- VAN SANDT COVERED BRIDGE  
266 Covered Bridge Road, New Hope
- 2- LOUX COVERED BRIDGE  
6303-6329 Carversville Road, Pipersville
- 3- CABIN RUN COVERED BRIDGE  
6083-6209 Covered Bridge Road, Pipersville
- 4- FRANKENFIELD COVERED BRIDGE  
Hollow Horn & Cafferty Roads, Erwinna
- 5- KNECHTS COVERED BRIDGE  
2500 Slifer Valley Road, Riegelsville
- 6- SHEARD'S COVERED BRIDGE  
8000 Covered Bridge Road, Quakertown

**END:** Country Place Restaurant\_

***You can still get home to see the Eagles game!***

“The Country Place” a great place to eat, but we are limited to 20 people to attend the restaurant.

**NOTE: Country Place only accepts cash, no credit cards. They do have an ATM on site.**

Corvettes not required Non-members welcome.  
Sunshine Event (Canceled if Raining - wet leaves).

**Sign-up on the website or sign-up sheet & route instructions will be available at the November Meeting.**

*Jim*



*They're Here!!*  
*2023 CCDV Calendars*  
*Get Yours While Supplies Last!!*



**The 2023 CCDV Wall Calendar is now available!**

- Calendar measures 18"h x 12"w (when open) & features over 100 CCDV Corvettes.
- Cost: \$15

How to buy:

**In-Person:** Pick up one at any of our CCDV Mtgs or Events

**Mail:** Make check payable to **CCDV** & mail to:

Tim Simmons - 3549 Brae Bourn Dr.

Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Be sure to send in your best pics for next year.

[Click Here for info](#)

*Thanks Dave P. from Bryner Chevrolet for your purchase of 50 calendars, We appreciate your support!!*





## UPDATE ON LIVE AUCTION - OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

It was a bright crisp morning on Saturday the 22nd of October 2022 and member, Bob Landis was in fine form as he auctioned off a 1959 Corvette for Gary Fluck Auctions. Something he has wanted to do his whole career as an auctioneer. His talent closed the deal at 77k!!  
Nice going, Bob!!

*Jim*



# America ON WHEELS

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Club Members (Left to Right): John Benischeck, Bruce and Linda Houser, Candy Merlino, Annamarie and Kevin Allen, Tom Weigand, Tim Simmons, and Jack Blumenstock toured America on Wheels car museum on Sunday, October 23.

What a great place to visit. Then we headed over to the Hamilton Family Restaurant afterward to have a great meal while Bruce kept us advised by video on his cell phone of the Phillies in game 5 of the NLCS.



**2022 CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Saturday, DECEMBER 10, 2022**  
**6 pm to 10 p.m.**



**SPRING MILL COUNTRY CLUB**  
**80 Jacksonville Road, Ivyland, PA 18974 - (215) 675-6000**

**It's hard to believe, but the Holiday Party is right around the corner,  
Come join us for a fun night out, dinner, music & dancing!!**

**Your choice of dinner:**

Chicken Asiago, Salmon, or The Petite Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala Duet

Hors D'oeuvres - 6 pm – 7 pm

Sit-Down Dinner - 7 pm – 8 pm

Rose's & Dor's Trivia Game – 8 pm – 8:30 pm

Dancing - 8:30pm – 10 pm

CASH BAR

*We are limited to 70 people, so reserve your spot early!!*

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**Payment Due by November 18, 2022**

Mail checks payable to CCDV to:

**John Benischeck - 15104 Dahlia Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19116**

**Chicken Asiago - \$29.00**

**Salmon - \$37.00**

**Petite Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala Duet - \$46.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**If you have any questions, contact John Benischeck at  
215-208-6620 or Rose Ferrante 215- 343-5552.**

**Payments may also be made at our Monthly  
Membership Meeting.**



# CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

## *The CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST at EAGLE DINER on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

The Eagle Diner is located on Street Road in Warminster. This eatery was recommended by John & Barb Pergine. It was a beautiful sunny day – perfect for exercising our beautiful Corvettes.

Although the Diner does not officially take reservations for breakfast, Marco (the manager) graciously had a long table set up to accommodate our group. The food was delicious. and everyone had a great 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 15 attending CCDVers were:

Barb Pergine, Tim Simmons, Tracey Marijczuk, Jeff & Chris Biscardi, Joan & Kevin Allen, Jeff Kauf, Fran & Barry Hunsicker, Stan & Maryann Fisher, Jack Householder, John & Kathy Benischeck

**On Saturday,  
November 12<sup>th</sup>,  
we'll breakfast at  
CRACKER  
BARREL in  
Plymouth Meeting  
at 9:30am.**

I hope that you can  
make it!

**Johnny Bacon**







# CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

**Join us for BREAKFAST**

*Our next location is:*

**Cracker Barrel  
2095 Gallagher Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
610-828-2221**

**Saturday  
November 12, 2022  
At 9:30 a.m.**

**Rain or Shine**



**RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on 11/11/22 to Johnny Bacon at  
215-208-6620 OR Post your response on CCDV's website –  
in the FORUM**

*A Big Thank You and a "Tip O' The Hat" to John and Barb Pergine who  
recommended this Eatery!*

*Hope to see you there!!*

*Johnny Bacon*



# *DINNER AT SANTUCCI'S*



**Dinner at Santucci's**  
**460 W Street Road, Warminster**  
**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm**



Please join your fellow Corvettesters  
for our monthly dinner at Santucci's.

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



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

## *Another Page in it's History – Our '66 Coupe*



Forty-two years ago in 1980 while sitting in a lounge while our wives went shopping I bought a 1966 Corvette coupe over a handshake and a glass of beer. My friend across the table owned a speed shop in Thorndale, Pennsylvania, and also had a car dealer's license and he specialized in muscle cars predominantly mid-year Corvettes especially big blocks and fuelies. He mentioned that he 'was going to roll' a very basic 1966 Corvette coupe in my favorite color Nassau Blue; he was not at all interested in such a basic car as the only options were a 4-speed manual transmission, positraction, an AM/FM radio and tinted glass.

Buying this car was a pure unadulterated spur of the moment decision; I knew little to nothing about Corvettes and had always looked at them as something for the 'well to do', certainly not Dor and me in 1980. Dor came back from shopping and showed me her new acquisition, shoes, and then I told her of my new buy. She said, "I guess that's OK"! Wow, did that whim purchase change our lives to this day. At first the '66 was a fun weekend driver, then came some car shows mostly Bryner/CCDV shows, and it judged very well except for the undercarriage. That dirty undercarriage led to a membership in the National Corvette Restorer's Society, a complete body-off restoration, and a lot of learning by doing. The car was apart for over three years scattered throughout our home and mom's also at times. The project came together in 1985 just in time for the CCDV Car Show and it was

awarded Bryner Gold and first in class – not bad for a daily driver to the mill. I still call her my ‘steel mill queen’. She was never pampered believe me, this was a daily four-season driver and that included salt and snow too.

One evening in the fall of 1985 I decided to sort out all the bills and receipts by putting them in date order and get all the records in three ring binders for the historical record. While doing this I looked at some of the original paperwork that came with the car and that included the original dealer’s order form with the buyer’s name, signature and seven-digit telephone number – remember there were no area codes in 1966. I wondered if the number was still in service and where it was located. In those days you could actually talk to a living human being – a Bell Telephone operator which I did, and she told me the number including area code was still in existence in the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania. I immediately called the number, and an elderly lady answered my call, you could tell by her voice that she was elderly. I asked her if she knew anything about a 1966 blue Corvette and there was a long period of silence and then she answered my question with words I’ll never forget. This is what she said: “That was my son’s and he hated to lose it”. I asked if I could talk to her son, and she told me that her son no longer lived with her. One aspect of that conversation that I’ll always remember was her reference to “her son”. It was actually her son-in-law but to her, Ron was her son. She gave me Ron’s telephone number which I immediately called.

Ron answered the phone and I told him that I owned his 1966 Nassau Blue Corvette and he almost immediately said that I should talk to his wife Ginny; you see Ronnie, as his wife always called him, was not a talkative person and that’s Ronnie. So, I talked to his wife Ginny for quite some time certainly well over an hour and she told me of their marriage while she was still in high school and Ron went into the Army for two years, and both of them living with her mom to save money and a trip to the local Chevy dealer to buy an Impala a family car as they expected to have children. It was during that trip to the Chevy dealer while they were on the showroom floor that Ginny said to Ron, “Ronnie if you don’t get that Corvette now, you’ll never have one”. That is how this Corvette came into their family; it was their daily driver even for vacations with a young daughter behind the seats of the coupe.

As many of us remember, Pittsburgh steel mills and related businesses were failing in the late 1970’s and house payments and a roof over the family’s head were the number one priority for Ron and Ginny. At one point, Ron was working several parttime jobs to keep the family solvent. What could be sold? The Corvette of course. In a matter of months and after several dealer trades, I became the new owner of this “steel mill queen”.





Ginny and I became close friends and every year at Christmas we exchanged Christmas cards, caught up on our families and I sent photographs of the car with a brief description of what we did with it that year. This personal contact between Ginny, Ron and I took place every year from 1985 to this date, December of 2021.

I wondered what was wrong, we always hear from them? And Dor and I had visited Ron and Ginny at their home near Pittsburgh; Ron in person was a wonderful host, and Ginny and I always talked several times a year. But last year 2021 there was no Christmas card from Ginny and when we eventually spoke in January, we were told that Ron was in very bad medical condition. Ginny was the primary caregiver with help from their daughter and granddaughter both so special to them.

Then came the telephone call from Ginny, it was July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and I immediately knew the news was not good. Ronnie had passed away that morning and Ginny wanted us to know just hours after Ron's passing – Dor and I the second owners of that blue Corvette and a friendship now spanning 37 years bound by a special blue '66 Corvette. I was moved to tears.

Ginny had assisted Ron for four years and we spoke several times in the subsequent days of how difficult it was for them, how her daughter supported her and of their love for that Corvette, "Ronnie if you don't get it now you'll never have one", and how she felt it was God's will that we, Dor and I, had become the second owners and restored it back to its' original condition a task that they had wanted to do but never could.

As I thought after one of our extended phone conversations after Ron's passing it occurred to me that only two sets of hands have actually ever driven this car in 57 years, only two Ron and I.

Dor and I sent a card of our condolences on Ron's passing and included with the card was of course a most recent photograph of the blue '66 Corvette. And I can never forget Ginny's words repeated to me over the years so many times,

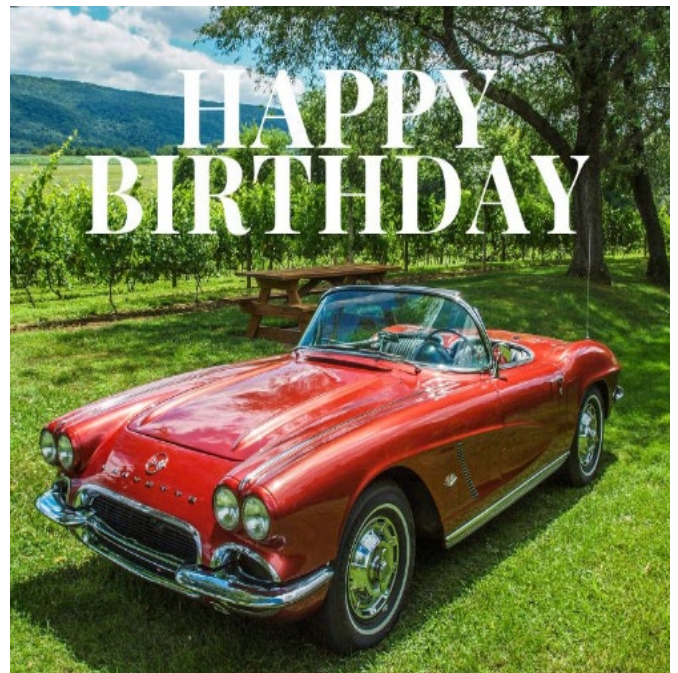
"Drive it, that's what we did, Ronnie and I".

Jack DeLong, September, 2022.



## *HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

| <b>First name</b> | <b>Last name</b> | <b>BD</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Bob               | Dreyer           | 1         |
| Edward            | Johnson          | 1         |
| Berneace          | DiValentino      | 6         |
| Kevin             | Allen            | 7         |
| Catherine         | Roton            | 8         |
| Paul              | McMullin         | 12        |
| Jean              | Dautel           | 13        |
| Barry             | Hunsicker        | 14        |
| Maureen           | Wurst            | 14        |
| Helena            | Kozak            | 15        |
| Janice            | Baughner         | 16        |
| Sue               | Carnahan Jr.     | 16        |
| Richard           | DiValentino      | 17        |
| Frank             | Leone            | 19        |
| Jim               | Neelans          | 21        |
| Daniel            | Supplee          | 21        |
| Daniel            | Wurst            | 21        |
| Donald            | Conwell          | 22        |
| Anthony           | Corrado          | 23        |
| Norman            | Clemmer          | 24        |
| Jack              | Householder      | 24        |
| Richard           | Wise             | 26        |
| Evelyn            | Hamilton         | 27        |





# CCDV ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



## Executive Board

| Name          | Title               | Role/Responsibilities                            |
|---------------|---------------------|--|
| Ed Bonk       | President           | Presidential Responsibilities                    |
| Tom Weigand   | Vice President      | VP, Website, Calendars, Cavalcade                |
| Tim Simmons   | Treasurer           | Treasurer, Membership, Cavalcade, License Plates |
| Candy Merlino | Recording Secretary | Cavalcade, Cruise Nights, Name Tags              |
| Dennis Trayes | Corporate Secretary | Corp Secretary, Archive Docs                     |

## Board Members at Large

| Name             |             | Role/Responsibilities  |
|------------------|-------------|--|
| Joel Fellman     | Chairperson | CECF Liaison, Cavalcade, Club Historian                          |
| John Benischek   |             | Activities (Roving Breakfasts), Cruise Nights, Cavalcade, Picnic |
| Jack Blumenstock |             | Activities   |
| Jacques Etkowicz |             | Bylaws, CCDV Ops Manual Project Manager                          |
| Rose Ferrante    |             | Public Relations, Cavalcade, Cruise Nights, Picnic               |
| Angelo Grippo    |             | Activities   |
| Zach Hamada      |             | Cavalcade  |
| Penelope Hunt    |             | Cavalcade, Cruise Nights   |
| Carole Canazaro  |             | Gas Cap Newsletter Editor  |
| Barb Pergine     |             | Activities (Monthly Dinners), Cruise Nights, Cavalcade           |

## JOEL'S JOLLIES



"My family is coming over for the holidays, so I was hoping we could park your Corvette in our driveway? I want them to think we're cooler than what we really are."

## Gift Ideas

Looking for that Special Gift, check out the link below. Many cool gifts for that Corvette Lover in your life... 😊

### Corvette Gifts - Etsy





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.

Please Consider Joining Us!

## Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)



We participate in a wide variety of Fun-Filled Activities:

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Established in 1958, we've donated over \$600,000 to dozens of local charities.

With over 360+ members, you're bound to have a great time while making new friends who share your Corvette passion.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

**Website:** [www.ccdv.com](http://www.ccdv.com)

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# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!!

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## **2022 Gas Cap Advertising Rates**

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| 1/4 Page           | \$       | 1/4 Page               | \$144.00 |
| 1/2 Page           | \$       | 1/4 Page               | \$288.00 |
| Full Page          | \$       | Full Page              | \$576.00 |
| Non-Members        |          |                        |          |
| Full Page          | 1 Month  |                        | \$90.00  |
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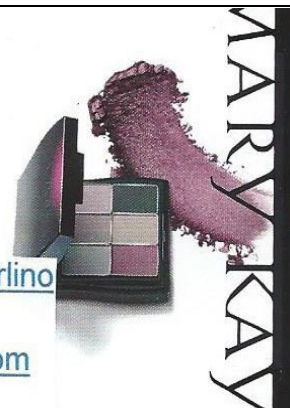
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