

# The Gas Cap April 2023



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of **April** is here, and our first Cruise night will start on the **3**<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of this month! As in past years this event has always been very successful and I'm positive this success will continue throughout the summer. **Candy** and **Chris Merlino** will again host this fun event.

The March General Membership meeting as always was a great night. The guest speaker was Jeffrey "Zippity" Duda, the Captain of the Atlantic Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green in 2024. He did a fantastic job of explaining what the caravan involves, such as all the options available like; the roads getting there, the hotels to book a room and what transpires throughout the week. For more information their website is www.corvettecaravan.com/atlantic.

The **Golden Shaft** award recipient was not at our last meeting so I will try and present it at the **April** meeting, but I was able to present the **25** consecutive year membership plaque to **Matt Kramer**. Congratulations to **Matt** for his loyalty and dedication to our club.

I am still looking to fill the following positions:

- **Technical Chairperson** position who will be a communication link in getting an answer or give direction for technical questions.
- **Gas Cap Editor** which only requires only a little knowledge of Word and an hour or two of time each month.
- **Activity Chairperson** coordinator as **Jack Blumenstock** will be stepping down for personal reasons. This position will help coordinate all the club activities.
- All these positions are Board positions with voting rights.

As you can see, I'm looking for members to step up and take on some of the responsibilities in keeping our club strong and elite. Please contact me if you're interested or know of someone who might be a good fit for these open positions!

The April General Membership Meeting will be at the Warminster VFW on the 19th starting at 7:00 pm.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed



#### Welcome!!

Bill (Eileen) Watts - 1967 Pearl Grey Stingray Convertible
Greg (Dani) Durphy - 2022 Elkhart Lake Blue Z51 Convertible
Mike Meyer and Lisa Halteman – 2023 White Pearl 3LT Z51
Rob and Libby Hammerschlag – 2005 Lemans Blue Coupe
Ed Barkanski – 2006 Metallic Silver Coupe
Ed Edmunds - 1963 Silver Blue Metallic
Robert Hulmes – 1957 Black Convertible, 1966 Red Coupe, and 1978 Pace Car

# Total Members to date - 372!!



#### CCDV BOARD MINUTES

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING March 9, 2023

Activities – Activities – Barb P / John B. / Candy M. /Jack B./ Zach H.

Cavalcade – flyers, registration, sponsorship forms printed to hand/mail out. Consider picking some up to help us get the word out about this event.

We have our first Cavalcade registration – Courtney & Frank Conti

- Saturday March 11, 2023 at 9:30am Breakfast at Santiago's, 935 Horsham Rd
  - Saturday March 18, 2023 at 5:30pm Dinner at Santucci's Pizza, Street Rd
- Saturday April 15th First Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk (continuing on 3rd Saturday of the month until September).
- Sunday, April 30th Reading-Phillies Baseball Game & Buffet, Leave Conshohocken at 12:45pm --- only 3 tickets left.
- Additional upcoming events Trip to America on Wheels (Allentown, PA) during the upcoming Corvette Display (Joel), Fabspeed Motorsport (Ft. Washington, PA) for a facility tour (Jacques), Trip to County Corvette (West Chester, PA) for a facility tour, & possibly lunch (Pen & Zach).

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Tags are \$20.00 each
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#### CCDV BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Frank Kitchen

Cruise Night Chairpersons:

Candy & Chris Merlino

Nametag Chairperson:

Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum Ambassador:

Jack DeLong

**Technical Chairperson** 

Joel Fellman (Interim)

# Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF)

#### **Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation**

The Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation was formed in 1994 as a 501c.3 tax exempt organization by the members of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley to be used to conduct tax advantaged charitable giving and educational scholarship activities of the club. Our foundation has contributed to date \$551,000 to worthy causes including The Sunshine Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, many local food banks including Manna on Main Street, Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard, Caring for Friends, as well as other local community organizations such as Lenape Valley Foundation, Foster Angels on Earth, Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Society, and many others.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like you to consider ways you might contribute towards our charitable giving. Many of us have been very fortunate and might consider donating something of value that the foundation could monetize. Of course, cash donations are always welcome. Our foundation does receive some cash donations each year. You might prefer to sell something that is no longer used by you and consider donating a portion or all the proceeds to the foundation. You might possibly be thinking about downsizing your collection and want to donate an automobile to our foundation. You might want to consider a Directive in your Trust or Will to benefit the Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation. While overall the raffle this year was a success, there are some concerns regarding club member participation.

Here are some facts regarding this past year's raffle:

- A total of 1402 tickets were sold, totaling \$28,040.
- However, more than half (764) of the tickets were sold by only 2 club members
- Total Club Membership is 363. Only 36 club members participated and only 12 CCDV Board members participated. This level of participation is not a recipe for future success.
- This is your club and your foundation.

# Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF), Cont'd

The CECF Board has given significant thought to how CECF can and should conduct fund raising this year and in future years as well. To be successful, we need as much participation as possible from club members.

To continue our charitable giving the Officers and Board of Directors would like to form a CECF Raffle Committee. We are seeking three or four volunteers. Please contact Charles Milstein, Bob Lear or Chris Merlino. We need to determine from the CCDV club members their level of interest in a raffle. What type of raffle? How we should go about conducting the raffle, etc. We need to know what club members want and are willing to support.

This committee would report to the CECF Board and would be responsible for planning and conducting fund raising for our foundation by raffle or other means and should be a minimum of three people from the club. To be successful we need to get some fresh perspectives and ideas to generate the member participation necessary for success. These are our thoughts.

We welcome yours!!

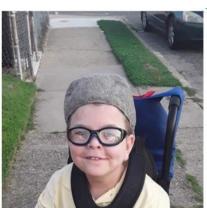
Charles Milstein, President

Chris Merlino, Secretary

Bob Lear, Treasurer









### 25 Year Membership Award

Matt Kramer receives the 25 Year Membership Award Thank you, Matt, for your loyalty and dedication to CCDV!



#### CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!!!

# Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars Saturday, April 15, 2023 5pm to dusk

In the parking lot behind The Shops at Valley Square,1501 Main Street in Warrington, PA.

(between Rt 611 & Valley Square Blvd) Kids: Bring your Power Wheels or Pedal Car!



Free to enter – Pretzels & Hotdogs \$2 50/50 Drawing – Trophies – Open to All





# Join Us at the Croydon Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>!!



When: Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
Assemble at 10:45 am at VFW, 901 Bellevue Ave, Croydon
Please meet at the Croydon VFW and we will go to the staging area together.

The Parade will start at 11:30 am and is 1 mile long.

There will be a Memorial ceremony after the Parade at the VFW.

Decorate your cars for the parade if you choose to do so.

Please sign up in the forum if you will be attending, so we can let the parade planners know as a courtesy.

If you have any questions, please call Candy Merlino 215-779-9454.
Thanks!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes Saturday, September 23, 2023

\*\*\*Registration is now available on the CCDV Website
All pre-registered cars will receive a free t-shirt!!!\*\*\*

# CAR SHOW \* CAR SHOW \* CAR SHOW 51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes 2023





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023/Rain Date 24th

10AM to 3PM (Set up 8AM)

@ MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2740 York Road, Jamison, PA 18929 (www.mbit.org for directions)



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#### **CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2023**

We are now accepting donations for our upcoming Charity Auction Event at the Cavalcade of Corvettes on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

If you have new, unopened, unused items that we can put into our auction and would like to donate them we could sure use it/them!

Think of it as Spring cleaning or practice for downsizing!!

If you have a business and can donate a service or gift card, that's great, too!

Vendors are very generous to our Charity Auction every year and we appreciate everyone's help to make this year's event successful.

#### List of some ideas to get you thinking...

Bottles of wine/ other alcohol and/or glasses or other stuff to go with

Memorabilia /apparel (signed or unsigned) - sports or car related

Models of cars / die cast models (either corvette or not)

Tickets to sporting or concert events

Car care supplies/ car cleaning supplies

Restaurant Gift card/certificates -for either specific services or \$ amounts

Designer handbags / wallets / tote bags

Pet store gift cards / toys & treats for pets

Tools or tool sets

Tailgate party themed basket

BBQ themed basket

Adult coloring books and supplies basket

Large wicker/plastic baskets or trays – to group items in – always on the lookout for these

Bring collected items to the Club meetings or Cruise Nights to give to Candy Merlino

#### no later than the August 16th meeting

Call or Text Candy at 215-779-9454 or

email @ cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Let's make this year even better than last year!

Thanks in advance - Candy

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Themed Basket Ideas – but individual items are still welcome!!!















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NO later than August meeting. If you have any questions - call/text Candy at 215-779-9454 or cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com







# 2023 The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Z06 Corvette Coupe Sweepstakes Ending August 31, 2023

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) has acquired a 2023 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Z-06 Corvette Coupe for a sweepstakes than ends on August 31, 2023. This stunning 670 horsepower monster is in Carbon Flash Metallic, and has the Z07 Performance Package, White Leather GT2 seats with red stitching, Satin Metallic Stripes, Brembo Carbon Ceramic brakes, and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badging.







CHARITY: By donating to this amazing cause, you are helping the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association make a huge difference in the lives of individuals with autism and intellectual

disabilities. The PVGP is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization that stages a 10-Day Motor-sport Festival complete with car shows, charity fundraisers and two weekends of racing, one at Pitt Race and the second through the city streets of Schenley Park.



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# CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST Santiago's 3/11/23

#### The CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST at SANTIAGO'S, 3/11/23

Santiago's Café (formerly known as Parkside Café) is in Horsham, PA. This venue was recommended by Paul McMullin and Barbara Blenheim. Santiago's is a small Eatery nestled away in the middle of the Babylon Business Campus. Happily, we were able to sit as a group in a small private room. Phyllis Shupp – who is a Travel Agent - filled us in on the three cruises she and Hank took (with friends) during January. And I found out something else ...which is rather important to my long-term health: Don't aggravate Jahn Landis...

because she is an excellent shot with a shotgun. (Jahn and Bob Landis hunt flying fowl and shoot clay targets.) It's too bad that I can't enlist them to help with my "Canadian Geese problem" since Canadian Geese are a protected species.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch: The food was delicious. The bacon was crisp, and everyone had a terrific time! The laughs and smiles were infectious! 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 28 CCDVers attending were:

Stan & Maryann Fisher...and...Barb & John Pergine
Denny & Eileen Matlack...and... Fran & Barry Hunsicker
Joan & Kevin Allen...and...Candy Merlino...and Kerry Duke
Wayne & Linda Zaks...and...Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim
Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton...and... Bob & Jahn Landis
Peter & Stella Nikolopoulos...and...Hank & Phyllis Shupp
Jeff & Julie Kauf...and...John & Kathy Benischeck

On Saturday, April 1st we'll breakfast at ZOTO's DINER on Route 309 (above the Montgomeryville Mall) at 9:30am.

I hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon







### CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

#### Join us for BREAKFAST

Our next location is:

ZOTO'S DINER 1100 Bethlehem Pike Line Lexington, PA 18932 215-822-1948

Breakfast Buffet \$15.99 + tax + tip (Includes tea or coffee)



Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Rain or Shine

RSVP by 3:00 p.m. on 3/29/23 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 Kerry Duke and also to Bob and Jahn Landis, who recommended this venue!!

Hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon

# DINNER AT Santucci's Saturday, March 18, 2023

#### Santucci's Square Pizza 3/18/2023

We had a great time at our monthly dinner at Santucci's Square Pizza on Street

Road in Warminster. We had 20 Vettesters who chowed down for Italian food and the cooks did not disappoint us again. I love it when we can take leftovers home to enjoy for the second time around. It was wonderful to see Lorna and Paul Bearn again and catch up on things. Denny was the only one who had room for dessert. They call it a chocolate peanut butter bomb! Looks delicious!















### DINNER AT Andy's Diner Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

Andy's Diner 505 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30pm

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

Andy's Diner is a 50's style diner with just about everything on the menu and dinners include the soup and salad bar. You can check out their menu at: <a href="https://www.andysdinerandpub.com/menu-2">https://www.andysdinerandpub.com/menu-2</a>

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

Thank you.





# HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



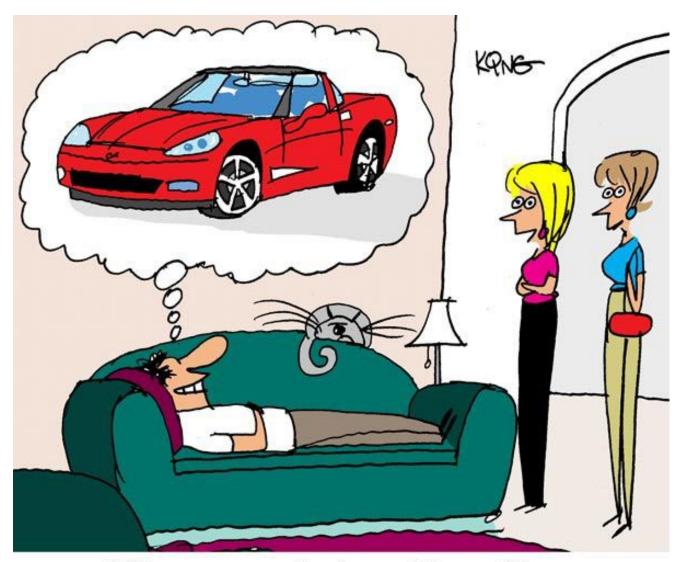
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Joseph	Remich	7
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Claire	Baker	9
Frank	Schmidt	9
Robert	Sellers	9
John	Tambourine	9
Edie	Doan	10
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David	Howard	21
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Donald	Hohwieler	25
Allan	Kramer	25
Paul	Hoffmayer	28
Michael	Schmidt	28
Dor	DeLong	29
Anthony	Rich	29
Jerry	Fretz	30

# Let's Pay Honor to Some of Our Members Who Have Driven into the Sunset...

Robert Levin
Donna and Walt Boyco
David Jasner
William Klick
Stanley Tkaczuk
Michael Vischer
Jim Scaffidi
Robert Tierney
Bob Bearn
MaryAnn Lenzi
Mark Ercolani
Frank Suntheimer



### JOEL'S JOLLIES



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."

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.

#### **Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)**



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

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With over 370+ 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.

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Contact: Lorna Bearn

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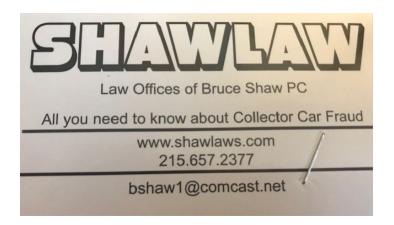
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