

# The Gas Cap

### June 2023



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend celebrating the unofficial start of summer, but the real reason there's a Memorial Day is to honor all the men and women who have died fighting for our country. I always take a moment to say a prayer on that day in honor all of them.

The **May** General Membership meeting was a lot of fun. **Tim Simmons** was our speaker who showed on the VFW projection screen two places that members can purchase club apparel with the **CCDV** logo. **Special T Logo** (specialtlogo.com) and **Squad Locker** (teamlocker.squadlocker.com) both are on-line. You can also continue to purchase club apparel at the GM meeting from **Frank Kitchen** who sits at the club store table.

I presented the **25** consecutive year membership plaque to **Dave Urbanek**. Congratulations to **Dave** for your loyalty and dedication to our club.

I continue to look for guest speakers for the meeting so if you know a person who might to be a speaker let me know. The topic does not have to be car related provided it is an interesting topic for the attendees to listen to as well as learn something new.

The **Golden Shaft** award was presented in absentia to **Carole Canazaro** who is stepping down as Gas Cap editor to focus more on her personal life. Thank you, Carole, for a great job in the role and I wish you the best in your future.

#### WANTED!!!

**<u>Technical Chairperson</u>** – This position will be a Communication link in getting an answer or giving direction for technical questions.

<u>Activity Chairperson Coordinator</u> – This position will help coordinating all the club activities and work with the Activity Chairperson.

<u>Gas Cap Editor</u> - The position on average a minimal amount of time (3 hours) required each month in putting the information together. Just so everyone knows that if I don't have a **GC** editor there will be '**NO**" Gas Cap in the future starting with the month of **July**. You will need to sign in to our web site to get information concerning club activities and events.

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 club activities in keeping our club strong and elite. Contact me if you're interested in more details as to what is involved.

The **June** General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **21**<sup>st</sup> starting at **7:00 pm**. This meeting will be conducted outside in the VFW parking lot.

The **Oreland 4<sup>th</sup> of July** parade is coming up soon. We will meet at the **Acme** on Limekiln Pike and Twining Rd. in Dresher, PA at **9:00 am** the morning of the parade. Bring candy for the kids!!

I wish you and your families the best

Ed





WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

### Welcome!!

#### Steven Zebovitz – 2021 Blue Corvette Joanne Prego – 2001 Maroon Convertible Clint Ehlers – 1957 Venetian Red Convertible Joe and Wendy Gaul – 1964 Red Convertible Silvio Tino and Caryn Fischetti – 2017 Blade Silver Metallic

Total Members to date - 308!!



# CCDV BOARD MINUTES

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING May 11, 2023

• Can now pay for new registration and renewals on website with credit card using new service Stripe.

-51 pre-registered for the show -all Best in Class Trophies are sponsored -all Major Trophies are sponsored -27 of the Top 50 trophies are sponsored.

Activities – Activities – Barb P / John B. / Candy M.

- Saturday June 17th Second Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk (Continuing on 3rd Saturday of the month until September).
  - Saturday June 10th, 2023 at 9:30am Breakfast at Eagle Diner

Membership

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CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – <u>cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</u> Tags are \$20.00 each (at least three orders are needed to place an order)

#### **CCDV License Plates**

Please contact Tim Simmons - <u>tasimmons@gmail.com</u> Regular CCDV Plate - \$33.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$141.00



## 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:** Joel Fellman Chairperson *Johnny*"Bacon"Benischeck Jacques Etkowicz Rose Ferrante Ang Grippo Zach Hamada Penelope Hunt Kerry Duke **Barb** Pergine

#### Gas Cap Editor: TBD

**Public Relations:** Dennis Levitt & Rose Ferrante

Website: Tom Weigand webmaster@<u>ccdv.com</u>

#### Committees:

Activity Chairperson: Jack Blumenstock Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2023: Zach Hamada & John Pergine Zach Hamada & John Pergine Club Store Chairperson: Frank Kitchen 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







### CECF SCHOLARSHIP Winner - Skylar Fryling May 24, 2023

Skylar Fryling received this year's CECF scholarship award of \$3,000 to continue her education at the Automotive Training Center in Warminster.

The Event was held on the 24th of May and presented by Tim Simmons at the Upper Moreland High School Auditorium.



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# The Golden Shaft Award

Thank you, Carole, for all you do for CCDV!!!

Carole Canazaro, Gas Cap Editor



### CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!!!

# **Corvette Club of Delaware Valley**

C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars Saturday, June 17th, 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 of Pedal Car!



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





# MAY CRUISE NIGHT!!!

#### May Cruise Night

Mother Nature and the weather folks were very wishy washy as to the conditions for Cruise Night at The Shops at Valley Square on May 20<sup>th</sup>. But the rain ended before we got there, and we still had a good time. Most folks didn't want to take the chance and bring their cars out, so we only had 10 cars. There's always next month!!

Thank you to Candy Merlino, Rose Ferrante, Penny Hunt and John Benischeck who sold 50/50 tickets and snacks. The income from the 50/50 tickets was \$25, and we made \$85 from the hotdogs, pretzels, sodas, and water sales.

Our trophy winners were little Miss Sophia, who happens to be Jeff & Julie Kauf's granddaughter. Jim Naylor with his 2022 Red Corvette and Tony Layne with his Blue and Yellow Stripe 2019 Dodge Charger. Jacque brought his 1978 Vette and Tim brought his 55 blue Chevy instead of his Corvette.

Here are the pictures from the event. Hope to see everyone again next month on June 17th. Barb Pergine

















The Emblem on the front says this car was made in Alberta, Canada.

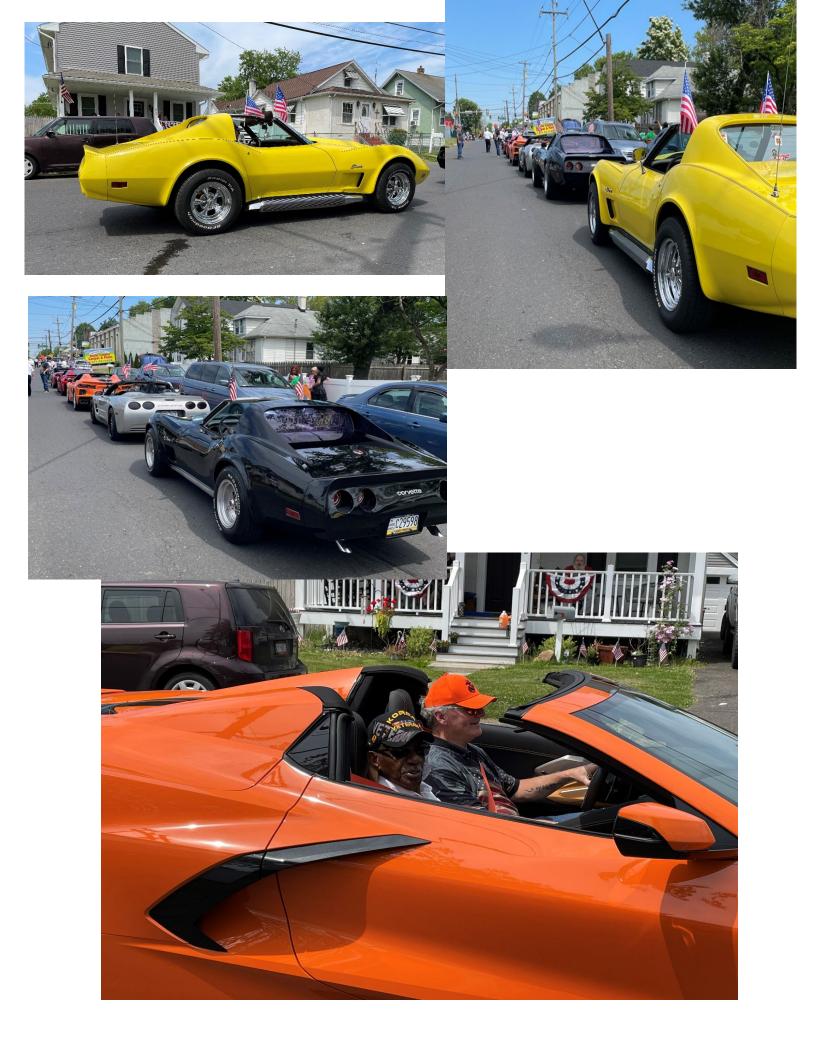
# Croydon Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>!!

The Parade started at 11:30 am and was a mile long. There was a Memorial ceremony after the Parade at the VFW. Our lineup was Denny and Eileen Matlack, Non- member John Shannon, Courtney and Ella Conti, Cliff Hamilton with ride along Veteran from the VFW, Chris Merlino, Candy Merlino and Joel Fellman. Cars were decorated for the parade. A great time was had by all!!

Thanks for your participation!









# Oreland Day Parade July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

One of our youngest CCDV members, Ella Conti, 12 years old, will be singing the National Anthem at the conclusion of the Oreland, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. She is singing for Springfield Township Little League Baseball sometime between approximately 11:30-12:00 at the intersection of Enfield Road and Lyster Road in Oreland at Marlow Field which is at the end of the parade route.

She is also singing the National Anthem later that day at Trenton Thunder Stadium in NJ for the evening ball game at 6:55 pm!!!!

In September she will sing the National Anthem at the Corvette Cavalcade for CCDV on September 23rd.

You can see Ella sing on You Tube at EllaContiLive. Go Ella!



# Play to Win – Toy Corvette!! Drawing, December 1st, 2023

# Win this Kid's Ride-in Toy Corvette



Corvette Club of Delaware Valley



- Huffy brand Toy 8<sup>th</sup> Generation Corvette
- Ages 3-12 or 125 Jbs maximum capacity
- 12 Volt Power (goes 2.5 mph on low, and 5 mph on high), Standard plug-in Charger included
- Fully Assembled, 2 seats, Opening Doors, Seatbelt, Headlights, & Sound
- A \$320 Retail Value \*\*This is a great Gift for the Holidays \*\*
- Tickets are \$10 each (Only 350 tickets to be sold)
- Please purchase tickets online: Scan QR Code or go to:
- https://www.ccdv.com/kids-ride-in-corvette-raffle/
- Drawing to be held December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 (Need not be present to win)
- Free delivery within 20 miles of Willow Grove, PA
- 50% of proceeds benefit local charities
- This car is displayed at: Bryner Chevrolet, 1750 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046



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

### **Cars For Cavalcade**

We always hope this year's Cavalcade will be better than the last. So, I am proposing if there are 85 member cars registered for the

show, I will buy pizza for everyone at the October general meeting at the VFW out of my own pocket.

We will be cooking our own food to make more money for the club this year. Cortney Conti's daughter will be singing the National Anthem a cappella. The kids ride in red Vette and 144 match box cars with display case raffles will be featured.



#### John Pergine

\*\*\*Registration is now available on the CCDV WebsiteAll preregistered cars will receive a free t-shirt!!!\*\*\*

# **Cavalcade Charity Auction 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 <u>no later</u> than the August 16th meeting Call or Text Candy at 215-779-9454 or email @ <u>cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</u> if you have any questions. Let's make this year even better than last year! Thanks in advance - Candy

### **CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2023** Themed Basket Ideas – but individual items are still welcome!!!















Now accepting donations for our Charity Auction Event on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring items to Club meetings or Cruise Nights to give to Candy – NO later than August meeting. If you have any questions - call/text Candy at 215-779-9454 or <u>cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</u>







# 2024 CCDV Wall Calendar

- The club plans to build a CCDV Wall Calendar each year.
- Sales of the calendar will help to pay various club expenses (insurance, hall rental, website, etc).
- The calendar is 18" Long x 12" Wide (when open).
- We encourage **all club members** to submit a photo of their Corvette for inclusion in the Calendar.
- Submitted photos will also be placed onto our website.
- Here are some **Rules of Thumb** for your photos:
  - Include your complete name & year of Corvette (ie: John Smith 1992 LT-1).
  - Be aware of the **background** in your photo (try to exclude trash cans, poles, vehicles, fences, random people, parking lots lines, large shadows, etc).
  - Don't point your camera towards the sun (best to have the sun at your side).
  - Watch for excessive sun glare on your windshield or chrome.
  - Keep windows down to prevent reflection or glare
  - A "closed hood" looks better & requires less print space than an "open hood" photo.
  - Verify your email address hasn't changed since joining the club. This information must stay current.
  - For the 2024 Calendar, please submit a new or differ
  - rent photo of your Vette. We won't be re-using old photos. If you submit a photo, it will be in the calendar.
- Email 1 or 2 of your favorite photos to: <u>webmaster@ccdv.com</u>. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement email (sometimes messages with attachments are sent to the Spam folder).
- Photo submittal deadline is October 7th 2023.
- Calendars should be available for purchase by mid November.





# Reading Phillies Game Sunday, May 28, 2023



#### Reading Phillies, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

A great time was had by all at the Reading Phillies game. The weather was just gorgeous all weekend, for a

change, over the Memorial Day weekend. We couldn't have asked for a better day. We all enjoyed the good food at the *All you can Eat for two-hour Buffet*. I must say, the BBQ ribs and pulled pork were outstanding again and freshly grilled chicken.

Between innings they kept everyone entertained with the slingshot of T-shirts, baseballs and this year hotdogs into the crowd. The Reading team mascot, Screwball was on hand for pictures with everyone as well as Bucky the Beaver, the Turtle, Hotdog Ostrich Guy and the Philly Phanatic was in rare form with his shenanigans. I received an Aaron Nolan bobblehead for being the group leader along with a letter for 4 seats at another game. This gift will be available at the next meeting during the monthly raffle.

We all had a good time laughing and catching up with each other as we watched

the R-Phils win the game against the Harrisburg Nationals. Thank you to everyone who attended. What a great day at the park!

Barbara Pergine

Attendees: John & Barb Pergine, Tony



Buonassisi & Rose Ferrante and family, Denny & Eileen Matlack and their granddaughters and friend, Kevin & AnnMarie Allen, Ken & Cathy Roton, Dennis & Debbie Trayes, Chris & Candy Merlino and son, Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim and their family and John and Kathy Benischeck.

## CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

# Ben and Irv's 5/13/23

#### The CCDV BREAKFAST at BEN & IRV'S on MAY 13, 2023

BEN & IRV'S is located on County Line Road in Huntingdon Valley. Twenty-six very hungry Vettesters joined the party. Former CCDV President Richy Josephs drove his red C-8 up from center city Philadelphia to join us. It was such a pleasure to see Richy again. Unfortunately, Richy's sweet wife Sandy could not make the trip, but she is in our thoughts. Happily, we were joined by three newbie breakfasters: Matt Kramer (a 25-year CCDV member) and Joe and Wendy Gaul, who are new members of CCDV. (Joe stopped at our table to say hello, but I didn't see his cheerful wife Wendy.)

The menu contained some delicacies we don't see at every breakfast, and Barry Hunsicker jumped on the Nova Lox and Bagel platter. We all enjoyed the food, which was well-served and delicious. The conversation and the camaraderie of the entire group was Outstanding! Everyone had a great time!

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 CCDVers attending were: Joe & Wendy Gaul and Barb & John Pergine

Denny & Eileen Matlack and

Fran & Barry Hunsicker

Joan & Kevin Allen and Richy Josephs

Wayne & Linda Zaks and Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim Matt Kramer and Bill & Kathy Cmorey, Pete Nikolopoulos and Tim Simmons, Jeff & Julie Kauf and Bruce & Linda Houser, and John & Kathy Benischeck

On Saturday, June 10th we will meet for breakfast at THE EAGLE DINER in Warminster at 9:30am. We hope to see you there. Johnny Bacon



# CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

#### Join us for BREAKFAST

Our next location is:

Eagle Diner 739 Street Road Warminster, PA 18974 215-672-8228

Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. - Rain or Shine



# RSVP by 3:00 p.m. on 6/9/23 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 John and Barb Pergine, who recommended this venue!!

> Hope to see you there!! Johnny Bacon

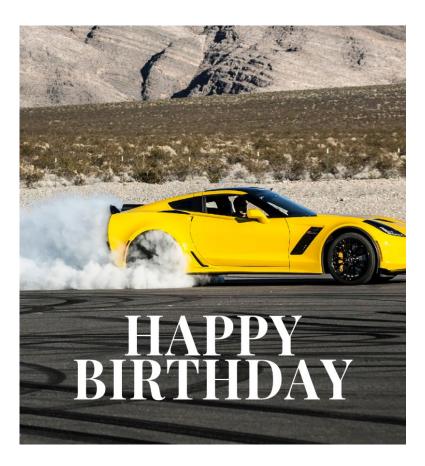
# Dinner at Giovanni's Pizza Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

#### Giovanni's Pizza Dinner 5-27-23

We had a fun time again at our monthly dinner at Giovanni's Pizza with 17 members in attendance. As always, we all shared stories and had lots of laughs all evening long. The restaurant was full, and we were glad our dinners took a bit longer to get to us so that we could share stories and enjoy each other's company. What a nice get together with friends.



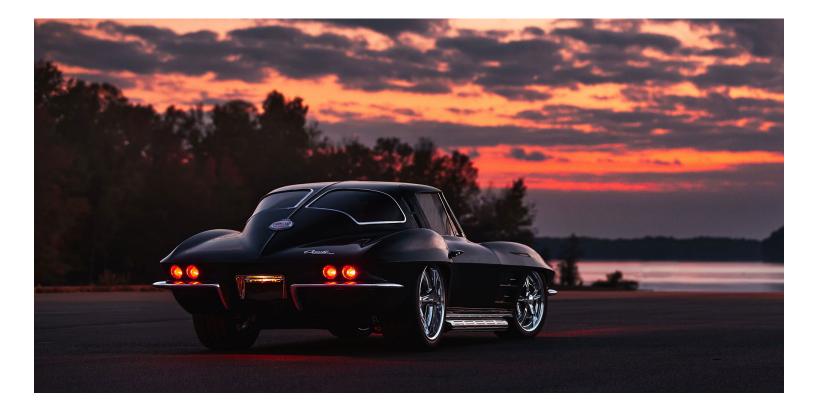
# HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	
Bob	Milnes	1
Jerry	Adler	2
Dave	Harp	2
Tom	Smith	2
Ulla	Kukora	2
David	Sinn	7
June	Kramer	9
Joseph	Gries	10
David	Gifford	11
Paul	Doerflein	13
Brian	Canty	14
Matt	Kramer	15
Lance/Chip	Miller	15
Paul	DeMeester	19
Charlie	Milstein	19
Kenneth	Lynch	20
Pete	Carroll	22
Ed	Bonk	23
Kerry	Duke	27
Ray	Marijczuk	28
Michael	Wohrle	28

# 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



EMAIL hpayne@detnews.com @o5

"And the new hood scoop is functional. It sucks the doors off Porsches." 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:

Breakfasts, Car shows, Charitable Events, Monthly Membership Meetings, Monthly Cruise Nights, NCM Events, Parades, Picnics, Dinners, Tours, Trips & more...

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

With over 255+ 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

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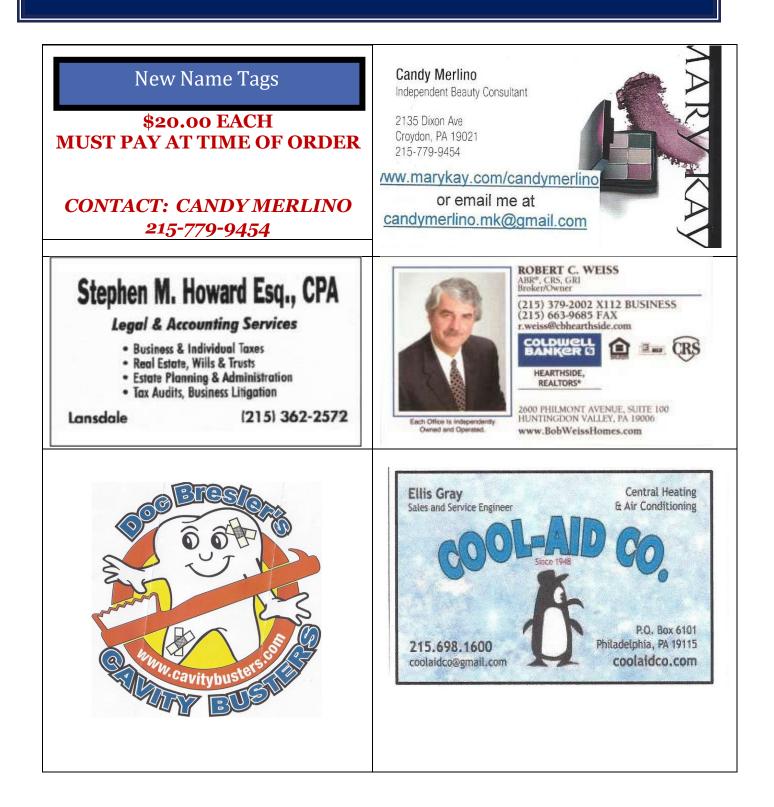
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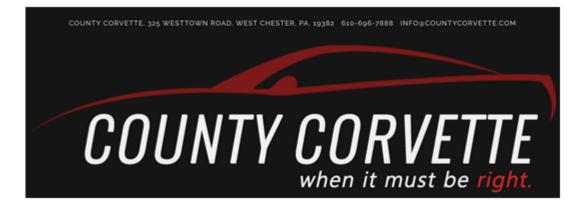
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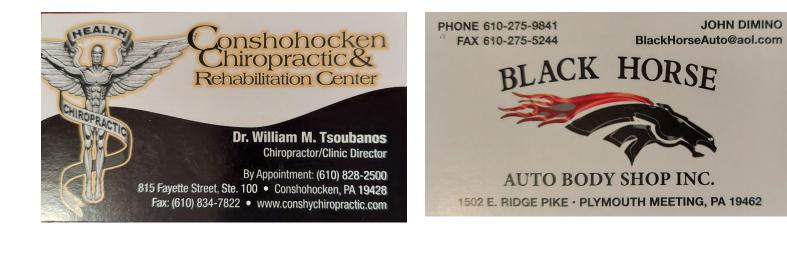




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