

## The Gas Cap August 2023



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message, I can see the sun outside my window. This is the first weekend since Father's Day it has not rained. And again, we had another Cruise night rain out. I won't write any more on the weather as I don't want to Jinx the rest of the summer.

At the Oreland, Pa July 4th parade we had 17 Corvettes in the parade. This year the organizers must have invited every kid from the surrounding communities because there were more kids standing along the curbs than ever before. I had 4 big bags of candy, the same as in the past years, and I still ran out just before the end of the parade. I wasn't the only car that ran out of candy. These kids get more candy during this parade than Halloween night.

The July General Membership meeting had a sad moment when Dave Petersen came up to the podium and spoke a few words about Chuck Walker who passed away a few days prior to the meeting. Chuck was a long-time member of the club and played a significant role in the creation of our 'Cavalcade of Corvettes' annual show. I presented the 25 consecutive year membership plaque to *Carol Vagnoni* who has been a member since 1994.

Congratulations to Carol for your loyalty and dedication to our club. The Golden Shaft award was presented to *Evan Stone* who stepped up to take on the role of Gas Cap editor and did a great job with the July issue.

I continue to look for guest speakers for the meeting so if you know a person who might to be a good guest 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.

### WANTED!

**Technical Chairperson** – This position will be a communication link in getting an answer or giving direction for technical questions. This position is a Board position with voting rights.

The **August General Membership** will be at the Warminster VFW on the 16th starting at 7:00 pm.

I wish you and your families the best.



## WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

## Welcome!!

William (Wilma) Ratzke - 1989 Red Coupe Louis (Rivka) Dattlo - 1993 Polo Green Coupe Nils (Sharon) Jonaitis - 2018 White Coupe Denise Lewis - 2017 Blue Coupe Mitchell Gordon - 2023 Rapid Blue Coupe Paul (Lisa) Fitzpatrick - 2001 Torch Red Coupe

## **Total Members to date - 319!!**



## **CCDV BOARD MINUTES**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING July 13, 2023

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

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

- 17 club corvettes were in the Oreland 4th of July parade, some members ran out of candy
- **Sunday July 16th** Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk (rescheduled due to conflict at location)
- Saturday July 29th Dinner at The Iron Oven (5:30pm) location 1134 Street Rd, Southampton, PA
- Sunday August13th Breakfast at Metropolitan Diner @ 10am location 750 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454
- Saturday August 19th Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk
- Club Picnic –Saturday Sept 9th @ Jim & Edy Doan's house max of 70 people
- Corvettes on the Boardwalk Sunday Sept 10th watch for more details about caravanning and staging location
- Holiday Party Saturday Dec 9th trivia/prizes/professional DJ max of 70 people

### Cavalcade - Saturday Sept 23rd

- 72 total registrations 47 members/25 non
- Trying to get a Mr. Softie ice cream truck
- Still in need of volunteers for selling 50/50 raffle tickets/parking in 2 hour shifts/ setup and takedown of tables and tents

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## CCDV BOARD MINUTES (cont'd)

### **CCDV Name Tags**

Please contact Candy Merlino – <a href="mailto:ccdv@yahoo.com">ccdv@yahoo.com</a>
 New Members – get your name tags.

New Car - get your new name tag.

Tags are \$20.00 each, at least three orders are needed to send to the Company.

### **CCDV License Plates**

Anyone interested in purchasing a Club License Plate, please contact: Tim Simmons - <a href="mailto:tasimmons@gmail.com">tasimmons@gmail.com</a>
Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00



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## **CCDV BOARD & COMMITTEES**

Club Leadership:

**President:** 

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Candy & Chris Merlino

**Nametag Chairperson:** 

Candy Merlino

**National Corvette Museum** 

**Ambassador:** 

Jack DeLong

**Technical Chairperson** 

Joel Fellman (Interim)

## Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF)

### The 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.

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.

## Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF) (cont'd)

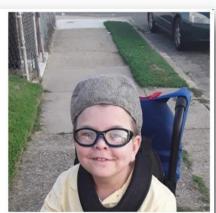
This committee would report to the CECF Board and would be responsible for planning and conducting fund raising for our foundation by raffle or other means and should be a minimum of three people from the club. To be successful we need to get some fresh perspectives and ideas to generate the member participation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

We welcome yours!!

Charles Milstein, President Chris Merlino, Secretary Bob Lear, Treasurer









## **CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!**

## Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars Saturday, August 19th, 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)



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





## 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!!!

Pre-registration ends August 21st\*\*\*

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





CORVETTE CLUB of DELAWARE VALLEY and Bryner Chevrolet

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023/Rain Date 24th 10AM to 3PM (Set up 8AM)

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Partial proceeds from the show benefit various charities.

For Additional details, visit our website at <a href="https://www.ccdv.com">www.ccdv.com</a> and click on the Cavalcade of Corvettes.

For registration information, contact Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111 or barb9409@comcast.net

Special Appearance by the Philly Phanatic!

## Cavalcade Charity Auction 2023

We are now accepting donations for our upcoming Charity Auction Event at the Cavalcade of Corvettes on **September 23rd, 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! We are specifically looking for aircraft/airplane items, Ferrari items, Indy Car items and fishing items.

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 in need)

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 @ <a href="mailto:cmm">cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</a> 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

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

















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## CCDV 2024 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 (i.e.: 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 different 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: <a href="webmaster@ccdv.com">webmaster@ccdv.com</a>. 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.





## **CCDV Roving Breakfast**

## The CCDV BREAKFAST AT LANCERS DINER ON JULY 8, 2023

Our own Eileen and Denny Matlock recommended this Diner, which is located on Easton Road, in Horsham. Since the owner of Lancers Diner (Pete) was very generous and donated \$300 to our 2023 Cavalcade of Corvettes, I thought it would be a good idea to patronize his establishment. Although our Cruise Nights are struggling with the rainy weather this year, our breakfasts have encountered much better weather. It was a warm and sunny day that brought 24 hungry CCDVettesters, with their beautiful many-colored Corvettes, out to our morning party. We welcomed new breakfasters Phil and Leslie Amann. (Phil, you might recall, was the bartender at the Warminster VE Club where our meetings were once held. Phil is the proud owner of a beautiful black C-6, which he won from one of our CECF's raffles.) The food was well-served, hot and delicious!

This is a morning party with lots of laughs. Plus, it's an easy and great way for new members to join an activity. Everyone had a blast!

The attending CCDVettesters were:

- Denny & Eileen Matlack....and.... Joan & Kevin Allen
- Candy & Chris Merlino....and.... Bruce & Linda Houser
- Jack N Dor DeLong....and.... Linda & Wayne Zaks
- Jack Householder....and....Al DePue
- Bob & Jahn Landis
- Barbara & John Pergine
- Jeff & Julie Kauf
- Phil & Leslie Amann
- Paul McMullin
- Johnny (Bacon) Benischeck

On **Sunday, August 13th** we'll breakfast at **The Metropolitan Diner at 10:00am**. We hope to see you there.

**Johnny Bacon** 

## CCDV Roving Breakfast

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## CCDV Roving Breakfast August 13, 2023

## Join Us for BREAKFAST!

Sunday, August 13, 2023 At 10:00 AM

## **Metropolitan Diner**

750 Upper State Road North Wales, PA 19454 (215) 361-1603 Rain or Shine

RSVP by 3 PM on 8/12/23 to
Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620
OR
Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

A BIG "THANK YOU" and a "Tip O' The Hat" to

Jeff & Julie Kauf,

Who recommended this venue!

Hope to see you there!

Jonny Bacon!

## **CCDV Dinner Out**

## The Iron Oven Dinner 7-29-23

The Iron Oven is located on Street Road in Southampton. This restaurant was recommended to me, and it did not disappoint. The staff members were very friendly, and our server made sure we had everything we needed.

The menu covered it all from pizza to sandwiches, salads, great appetizers, and full dinner selections. I know my flatbread and huge shrimp cocktail were delicious. John & Paul got the ribs again and these were better than the last time.

It was good it rained while we were inside because we didn't have any room for ice cream afterwards. We had fifteen members in attendance.

There will not be a dinner in August due to vacations, a busy month and getting ready for Cavalcade.

Thank you, Barb Pergine



## 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 8th Generation Corvette
- Ages 3-12 or 125 lbs maximum capacity
- 12 Volt Power (goes 2.5 mph on low, and 5 mph on high), Standard plug-in Charger included
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- 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 November 15, 2023 @ 8pm (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









## Matchbox Corvette & Display Case Raffle Drawing, September 23rd, 2023

**Al DePue** has generously donated this Matchbox car case and 144,  $1/64^{th}$  scale Corvette Matchbox cars for a raffle for charity. The mirrored glass case measures 24"H x 32"W. The approximate value of the case and cars is \$1,000.00.

Tickets will be available at Cruise nights, meetings, and Cavalcade. Drawing to be held on 9/23/23 at Cavalcade. You do not need to be present to win.

See **Candy Merlino** for details and tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. All proceeds will go to a charity.







## CCDV Picnic September 9th, 2023

## All money must be received by August 20th, 2023

## **CCDY Picnic**



Saturday, September 9th 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

### MENU

BBQ Boneless Chicken - Grilled Chicken - 1/3 lb. Black Angus Burgers - Hotdogs

Pasta Salad - Tossed Garden Salad - Fresh Fruit Salad

Baked Beans - Corn on the Cob - Lemonade - Iced Tea - Water

\$10 Per Person

We ask that everyone please bring a small dessert (1 per couple, 1 per single)

Location is at Jim & Edy Doan's House

131 Covered Bridge Road, New Hope, PA 18938

Tables will be under the big tent. Bring lawn games!

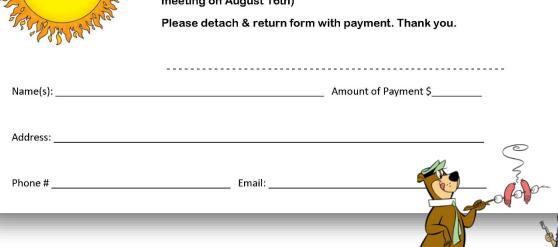
Limit of 70 people. Bring those beautiful Corvettes!

MUST SIGN UP & PAY IN FULL BY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023!



Barbara Pergine, 1115 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

(Or give the stub below and payment to Barb at the August monthly meeting on August 16th)



## SAVE THE DATE! FUN TIMES AHEAD!

## 2023 CCDV Holiday Party

# Saturday, December 9, 2023 6 pm to 10 pm Spring Mill Country Club, Ivyland



## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!



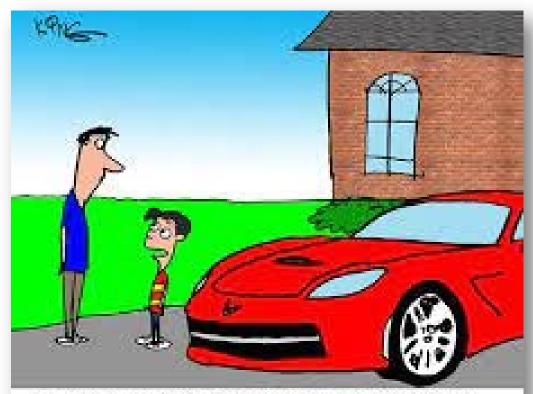
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Mary	Scannapieco	8
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Bob	Hulmes	9
Robert	Landis	9
Stella	Nikolopoulos	11
Evan	Fiorentino	11
Reynold	Rahmer	12
Robert	Schreiber	12
Elke	Peterson	12
Joanne	Crawford	14
Tracey	Marijczuk	15
Jeff	Hey	21
Kathleen	Benischeck	21
Jerry	Balchis	23
Scott	Shapiro	25
Rose	Ferrante	26
Phyllis	Shupp	28
Don	Lemek	30

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

## **Chuck Walker**



## JOEL'S JOLLIES



"I was so good at building model cars, I thought I'd try my hand at real cars. Putting a new engine in it was a challenge." 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

Email: info@ccdv.com

Phone: (215) 938-7722

Mail: CCDV Box 397, Willow Grove, PA 19090

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## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **FOR SALE**:

Vintage Rare 27" FUGI – 10 speed Special Road Racer – S10S (bought new) Blue, light weight magnesium frame all in beautiful condition.

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New Gel Tech seat

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Joel Fellman 215-500-0644



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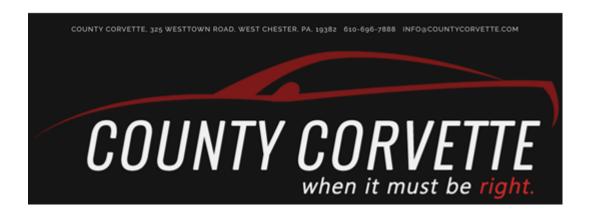






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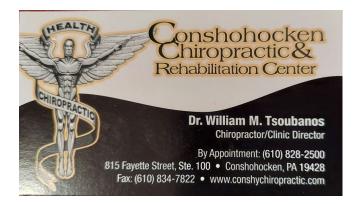




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Keep up to date on upcoming activities and events!

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