

The Gas Cap February 2024



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everything is going well for you and your family so far this year. The weather since the fall season started was doing well until the 3rd week in January. in which we had two snowstorms and very cold weather. I don't know how you feel about snow, but I hate it.

Speaking of cold weather, the January General Membership meeting had a small number of members in attendance due to the cold and blustery weather. The guest speakers did show up but due to the small turnout I asked them if they could reschedule the talk until the February GM meeting. They said they would have no problem doing that.

A steering committee has been formed to work with CECF consisting of 4 Board Officers (Ed Bonk, Tom Weigand, Tim Simmons, and Dennis Trayes) that will focus on the future of our CECF raffle and the annual donations to our charitable foundations. The lack of support for CECF and the effort to sell the raffle tickets caused us to put together this committee. Since we are only a committee and not being on the CECF Board allows us to perform this assignment.

I have placed a call to the Phillies event coordinator to see if they would like our cars on display for any of their events. Let's see what their response will be.

The February General Membership meeting will be at the Warminster VFW on the 21st starting at 7:00 pm.

As a side note the New Jersey Ocean City Corvettes on The Boardwalk Corvette show is filling up rapidly with only 79 openings left at this time. So, I suggest you sign up now and do not wait much longer if you want to put your car in the show. You can register on-line at their web site.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date - 338!!

Attention all members: 2024 membership renewals will be sent beginning 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:* <u>membership@ccdv.com</u> 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 by bring a check to the monthly meeting, pay online at <u>CCDV.com</u>, click on membership and click on renewal, or you can mail it to:

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.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at: <u>membership@ccdv.com</u>, and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible. Thanks



Treasurer, CCDV

CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING January 11, 2024

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

Activities – Activities – John B. / Candy M.

- Saturday, January 6th Dinner at Iron Oven on Street Rd @ 5pm smaller group due to bad weather
- Saturday, January 13th Breakfast at Lancers @ 9:30am limit of 30 and at 28 so far. John noted that last year they gave \$300 in sponsorship money to Cavalcade.
- Sunday, February 11th Breakfast at Warminster West @ 9:30am
- Saturday, February 24th, Dinner at Giovanni's Pizza
- Cruise Nights for the season will be: Saturday April 20th, Saturday May 18th, Sunday June 16th, Sunday July 21th, Saturday August 17th, and Saturday September 21st due to the location already having their own activities scheduled for the third Saturdays in June and July.

• Cavalcade September 14th and September 28th for rain date

Membership – • Total number of members – 338

CECF -

Checks were mailed out to the following charities:

٠	Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Society	\$1,000.00
٠	Lenape Foundation	\$1.000.00
٠	Sunshine Foundation	\$1,000.00
٠	Martha's Choice Marketplace & Community Farm	\$1,000.00
٠	Juvenile Diabetes RF	\$1,000.00
٠	Caring for Friends	\$1,000.00
٠	Manna on Main Street	\$1,000.00
٠	Foster Angels on Earth	\$1,000.00

CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – <u>cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</u>

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 - <u>tasimmons@gmail.com</u> Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00

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Ed Bonk

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Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2024: Candy Merlino & Tom Weigand

Club Store Chairperson: Frank Kitchen

Cruise Night Chairpersons: Candy & Chris Merlino

Nametag Chairperson: Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jack DeLong

Technical Chairperson Joe Parente

CCDV 2024 Wall Calendar



2024 CCDV Wall Calendars are now available for purchase (\$12.00 each). Calendar measures 18" high x 12" wide, when open. You can buy one at our next General Meeting February 21st.



https://www.ccdv.com/cavalcade-of-corvettes/

Volunteers Wanted!

To make sure we have another great show in September - we need volunteers in the Spring and Summer months to help with: getting donations/items for the auction, handing out flyers at local car shows, putting up show posters at local businesses, and/or putting up show signs at intersections (closer to show date).

The Auction is a primary source of funding from this show, for the charities supported by the club - so we want to make sure there are plenty of good quality items.

To be able to cook our own food again (like egg sandwiches and hamburgers) we need a grill (or 2) the day of show, as well as several medium/large size coolers for ice, waters, sodas, and other perishables - along with helpers for the day.

If you have any questions and/or are interested, in helping with any of these activities/supplies, please send an email/text to the committee co-chairs Tom Weigand (tomweigand@comcast.net / 215-920-6929) & Candy Merlino (cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com / 215-779-9454) stating which of these you are interested in so we can co-ordinate with you.



CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for BREAKFAST!

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024 At 9:30 AM

Warminster West Diner

333 West Street Road Warminster, PA 18974 (215) 674-3646 Rain or Shine

RSVP by 3 PM on 2/10/24 to Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620 OR Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

> Hope to see you there! Johnny Bacon!

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CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for **DINNER**!

Saturday, February 24, 2024 At 5:30 PM

Giovanni's Pizza Restaurant

2190 York Road Jamison, PA 18929 (215) 918-0818 Rain or Shine

LIMIT 20 People RSVP by 3 PM on 2/23/24 to Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620 OR Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

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CCDV Roving Breakfast Lancers Diner January 13, 2024

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 diner. It was a cold windy morning, but fortunately, we were all able to fit inside the lobby area to keep warm as we awaited our tables.

As usual, the food was well-served, hot and tasty! 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
- Steve & Sue Magaruh...and...Bob & Jahn Landis
- Nils & Sharon Jonaitis...and...Stan & Maryann Fisher
- Linda Zaks....and....Jeff Kauf....and....Candy Merlino
- Ray & Tracey Marijczuk..and...Pete & Stella Nikolopoulos
- John (Johnny Bacon) & Kathy Benischeck

On **SUNDAY, February 11th we'll breakfast at Warminster West Diner at 9:30am**. I hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon



CCDV Roving Breakfast Lancers Diner January 13, 2024



CCDV Dinner at the Iron Oven

It was a dark and stormy night. (Just like the night in all SNOOPY'S novels.) It was raining, snowing, and sleeting - the perfect weather to drive our beautiful Corvettes out to dinner.... NOT! But fear not readers, the weather was dry and warm inside The Iron Oven. Unfortunately, and understandably, we had cancellations, but 10 intrepid souls braved the elements and were rewarded with a very enjoyable time. The restaurant's menu included many choices beyond Pizza, and we CCDVettesters ordered everything from Dinner Salad to Chicken Parmesan. Everyone enjoyed the well-prepared and delicious food! It was great fun to catch-up, converse, and laugh with our fellow club members.

Happily, as we left – in accordance with the weather forecast – it was only raining, and the streets were only wet and a little mushy. Attendees were Shari Pfrommer & Jack Getty, Jeff & Julie Kauf, Kevin & Annamarie Allen, Candy & Chris Merlino, and John & Kathy Benischeck.

But wait...there's more! Kudos to Jeff Kauf for joining CCDV's Cavalcade Committee to help in Promotions. And a Thank You to Julie Kauf who will be providing Spreadsheet Analysis for the Cavalcade Committee.

Our next CCDV Roving Dinner will be held at **Giovanni's Pizza Restaurant in Jamison on February 24th at 5:30pm**. We are limited to 20 people. Hopefully you can join us.

Johnny Bacon

CCDV CALVACADE CHARITY AUCTION 2024

CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2024

We are now accepting donations for our upcoming **Charity Auction Event on September 14th.**

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 21st meeting** call/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

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







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HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



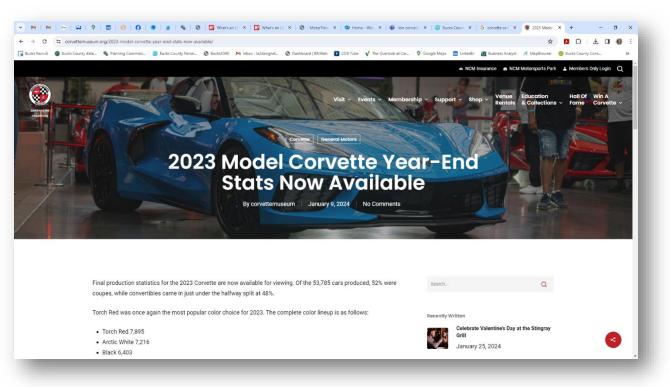
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Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)



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.

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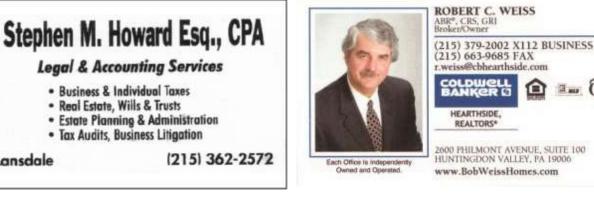
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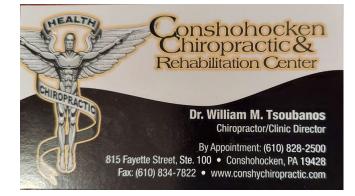






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