



# **The Gas Cap**

**March 2024**



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm happy that this month will be the start of the **Spring** season (**March 19<sup>th</sup>**) and it won't be long before the summer season will be here. And next month will be our first **Cruise** night of the year which means it's time to polish the vette and start your engines.

On a sad note, last month, we lost two club members: **Donna Hoffmayer (Sands) & George Seymour** who have been members for a long time. The club mourns their passing.

The **February** GM meeting had a very good turnout and the guest speaker from **Burns Collision** did a nice job promoting their shop and partnering with **Bryner Chevrolet**.

As I stated last month, we are in the process of focusing on the future of **CECF** but its progress has been delayed until after the tax season.

I made another call to the Phillies event coordinator to see if they would like our cars on display for any of their events. So far, I have not received a call back.

**The March General Membership meeting will be at the Warminster VFW on the 20th starting at 7:00 pm.**

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed



## WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

**Total Members to date - 340!!**

**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: [membership@ccdvd.com](mailto:membership@ccdvd.com) 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 [CCDV.com](http://CCDV.com), click on membership and click on renewal, or you can mail it to:

Treasurer  
CCDV  
C/O Tim Simmons  
3549 Brae Bourn Dr.  
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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: [membership@ccdvd.com](mailto:membership@ccdvd.com), and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.

Thanks

Treasurer, CCDV

# CCDV BOARD MINUTES



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING February 08, 2024

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

Activities – Activities – John B. / Candy M.

- **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast at Warminster West @ 9:30am
- **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, Dinner at Giovanni's Pizza
- Cruise Nights- first of the season will be **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Membership** – • Total number of members – 340

### CCDV Name Tags

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

New Members – get your name tags.

New Car - get your new name tag.

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Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00

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Tom Weigand

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Tim Simmons (215) 582-6750

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Candy Merlino

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Dennis Traves

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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 March 20<sup>th</sup>.**



## Cavalcade 2024 – **We need your help!**

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

### **HELP WANTED!**

Due to a recently planned family wedding on Sept 14, **Tom Weigand (Cavalcade Co-Chairperson)** will not be able to attend our show. So, **we need a volunteer to Co-Chair the event with Candy Merlino.** Candy will be busy with the always successful Charity Auction Tent.

The new Co-Chair will need to oversee & assist with the many facets of the show:

- Liaison with MBIT folks
- Liaison with Twp or Police (as needed)
- Handle table/chair placement
- Assist with Judging (a new endeavor for CCDV)
- Assist with setup/breakdown
- Keep a list of all volunteers w/cell phone numbers
- Ensure the building/restrooms are respected by all
- Handle any ad-hoc issues
- Attend monthly Zoom meetings

Contact Tom or Candy if interested. Thanks

### **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](mailto:tomweigand@comcast.net) / 215-920-6929) & Candy Merlino ([cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com](mailto: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!**

Saturday, March 9, 2024

At 9:30 AM

### **Red Lion Diner**

1520 Easton Road  
Horsham, PA 19044

*Rain or Shine*

RSVP by 3 PM on 3/08/24 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 **Kevin & Joan Allen**, who recommended this eatery!

**Hope to see you there!**  
**Johnny Bacon!**



# CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for **DINNER!**

Saturday, March 16, 2024

At 6:00 PM

**Yard House**

2500 W. Moreland Road

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(215) 830-9310

*Rain or Shine*

RSVP by 3 PM on 3/15/24 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**,  
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**Johnny Bacon!**

## CCDV Roving Breakfast Warminster West Diner February 11, 2024

The Warminster West Diner is located on Street Road in Warminster – a stone's throw away from where our monthly General Meetings are held. This eatery was recommended by Jeff & Julie Kauf. Amazingly, it was a clear Winter Day, with no salt on the roads, so several of our Corvettes decorated the parking lot. We 28 CCDVers were seated at one “loooong” table.

Our gathering was graced by the presence of Rose Ferrante's mom ALICE! Alice has been on the mend for many months, and we are so glad that she was able to join us. (In case any of you noticed that Alice shoved a \$1 bill in my shirt pocket, all I can say is: “I plead Not Guilty, and I hereby invoke the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment!” LOL)

There were lots of laughs and interesting conversation, and the 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 28 attending CCDVers were:

- T. Wayne & Pattie Lankford....and Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton
- Joan & Kevin Allen.....and.....Fran & Barry Hunsicker
- Linda Zaks.....and.....Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim
- Chris & Anthony Merlino.....and....Bob & Jahn Landis
- Rose Ferrante & Alice & Tony Buonassisi...and Richy Josephs
- Jack n Dor DeLong....and Eileen & Dennis Matlack
- Jeff & Chris Biscardi...and Jeff Kauf...and...John & Kathy Benischeck.

**On Saturday, March 9th we'll have breakfast at the Red Lion Diner on Easton Road in Horsham at 9:30am.** I hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon

# CCDV Roving Breakfast Lancers Diner January 13, 2024



## CCDV Dinner at Giovanni's February 24, 2024

In February we were back at Giovanni's in Jamison for some tasty Italian food and that Oh So Tasty Fresh Baked Bread & Butter. Our reservation was at 5:30, and our group of 16 was able to sit together at one long table. We were waited on by the beautiful and charming Emily, who worked hard to make sure that all our cuisine needs were fulfilled. The conversation was animated, and loud at times, as everyone enjoyed themselves. Everyone had a blast!

Interesting factoid: In the sixties and seventies – as a Thank You for their service - NASA Astronauts were leased new Corvettes by GM (through Jim Rathmann Chevrolet, in Florida, for \$1.00 per year.) Well, I happened to sit next to Jeff Biscardi, who worked at Rathmann Chevrolet in the early 70s, and Jeff actually performed maintenance on the astronauts' Corvettes. How cool is that? (Very, Very Cool!!)

Meanwhile, back at the ranch: The portions at Giovanni's are very large, so most of us took enough food home for our next evening meal. The sixteen attending CCDVers were:

- Jeff & Chris Biscardi
- Candy & Chris Merlino
- Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton
- Bob & Jahn Landis
- Jeff & Julie Kauf
- Denny & Eileen Matlack
- Jack & Dor DeLong
- Johnny (Bacon) & Kathy Benischeck

On **Saturday, March 16th** we'll dine at the **YARD HOUSE** Restaurant at the Willow Grove Mall at 6:00pm. I hope that 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 @ [cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com](mailto:cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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

Thanks in advance - Candy

# CCDV CALVACADE CHARITY AUCTION 2024

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



Now accepting donations for our Charity Auction Event on September 14th.  
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 [cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com](mailto:cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com)

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

# HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	Date
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Eileen	Matlack	5
Kathy	Cmorey	7
Dennis	Crouthamel	7
Harry	Hey	7
Barbara	Grippio	9
Barb	Thierry	10
John	DeLong	12
Robert	Lear	12
Robert	Whinney	15
Henry	Weikel	17
Allan	DePue	18
Patrick	Phillips	18
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Tripp	Becker	19
Jeff	Kauf	20
Ken	Stacey	20
Tom	Weigand	20
John	Gillin	22
Courtney	Conti	23
Chuck	Pitt	23
Connie	Tambourine	25
George	Forster	25
Susan	Worth	25
Candy	Merlino	26
Raymond	Brown	27
Daniel	Ritting	27
Amy	Parente	28
Alfred	Lamanna	29

# In Memoriam

## Paying Tribute To Members Who Have Passed

### **DONNA L. HOFFMAYER (SANDS)**

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### **George C. Seymour**

George passed away on February 9th, 2024. Services were held at Saint Dominic's Church, 8504 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.







## NEWSWORTHY

If you have a personal corvette related story that you would like to share, please send to the Gas Cap email address at [gascap@ccdvt.com](mailto:gascap@ccdvt.com). I am always looking for content and welcome all suggestions.

## JOEL'S JOLLIES



*“They say the early bird gets the worm. Why can’t the early bird get a new Corvette?”*

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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.

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If you have any questions, please contact us.

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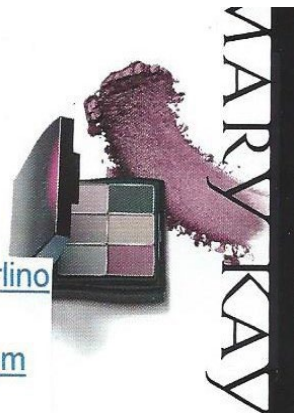
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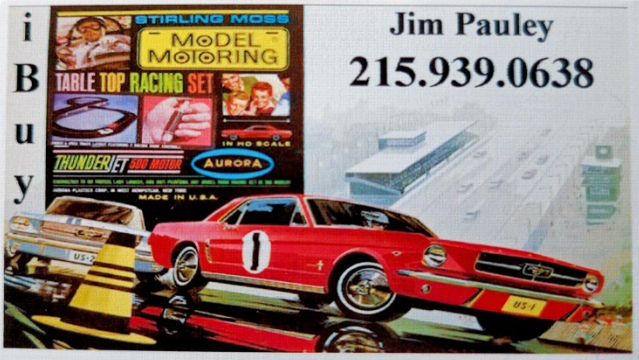
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