



Vette Ventures

The Newsletter of the **Corvettes of the Bay** Car Club

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Thank you to each of you for the fun and friendships our cars have provided to each of us as COTB members.

On a personal note, both Kathy and I have enjoyed the honor of representing our Club and all our members, as President. We are grateful to the many members who work behind the scenes to provide our members with a good informative prospectus of Corvettes of the Bay. Until we serve as an officer, we just do not realize how much is done by our fellow members.

Feed My Starving Children Green Bay MobilePack emailed out to all their volunteers and financial supporters the following: Classic Cars and Classic Hits: The Music of Neil Diamond. One of their board members, Paul Evanson, graciously agreed to hold a concert on Thursday, August 22, at St. John Lutheran Church in Ashwaubenon. Paul sang the music of Neil Diamond to a packed lawn on a beautiful summer evening. Audience members sat back, relaxed, sang, and danced the night away. Prior to the music starting, there was a Corvette show hosted by the one and only Corvettes of the Bay, as well as burgers, brats, and other food items available as part of the free will offering, with over \$3,500.00 being raised for our MobilePack. Thank you to all our COTB Members who participated!

COTB was well received by the Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club at the Brown County Library Auditorium Downtown Green Bay on October 8th. Thank you to the members who brought their Corvettes for "show and tell." Pictures are available attached or online.

The Village Grille menu at the Bellevue Location for December 10th, 2024, starting at 5:00 pm: Menu is Soups, Sandwiches and Salads: \$15.95 per person.

This month I would like to recognize and thank Deb VandenAvond for the years of outstanding work on behalf of all the Corvettes of the Bay members. She provided each of us with emails with information she received and then immediately sent out to all members keeping us properly informed and up to date, along with other duties.

Respectfully, I would urge every member to thank Deb for her years of service to our members. It was sincerely appreciated. Also, a great big thank you to Diane Lyman and Cheryl Yursis for stepping forward to assume the duties from Deb as she steps down. Please thank both members.

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On another note of importance, Dan Brunmeier, a friend to all of us, is battling cancer – chemo treatments in Milwaukee. Please send him a get well card at the following address:

Dan Brunmeier, 2425 N. 61st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

Dan chaired runs/events to Rennes Health & Rehab Center and Emerald Bay Assisted Living. He would like us to continue these two runs. We need a volunteer to chair these runs. Rennes contact is Lisa at 920-615-3805 and Emerald Bay contact is Paige at 920-660-4082. Please let me know if you can chair one or both runs. Thank you.

Our speakers for November were J.J. Carter, Corvette Sports, and Pat Knapp, Classic Mechanics, both MPIWJW Companies.

Upcoming Runs:

November 9th – Green Bay Yachting Club 20th Anniversary of Green Bay’s Premier Veterans Day Commemorative Event. Contact is Bill Mieke.

December 3rd – Corvettes of the Bay Christmas Party at The Village Grille on Bellevue Street. Christmas Party reservations should be made and paid for by November 5th, or call Kathy at The Village Grille on Hoffman Road. You can pay \$50.00 per person at either of The Village Grille locations by cash or credit card. A great selection of food formally presented with tablecloths and cloth napkins. And a Christmas Performance from “Let Me be Franks”. Enjoy!

Thank You: Gene and Linda Blohowiak for having the pull tabs collected more than thirty-six pounds. Thanks to all who have provided the pull tabs for this rewarding program for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Member of the Year Award:

The COTB Board of Directors will vote at the end of each year for the recipient of this award. The winner’s name(s) will be listed within the Members’ section of the Corvettes of the Bay Website and will be displayed at The Automobile Gallery in Green Bay. The award should be based on meeting most or all the following: Active and involved in the club, willing to share ideas to improve the club, demonstrated a willingness to help the club grow in numbers and activities, was heavily involved in planning events, and fun to be with.

Corvettes for Sale: Please check out each dealership’s website:

Gandrud – www.gandrud.com

Bergstrom – www.bergstromgreenbay.com

Jorns Chevrolet - www.Jorns.com

Rabideau Auto Sales – www.rabideausautomart.com

VOLUNTEERING – The Backbone of America and our “Corvettes of the Bay Club”.

Thank you for being a member of our Corvettes of the Bay Club.

Sincerely,

Tony Yaggie, President

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2024

Call to Order/Silence cell phones/Welcome: President Tony Yaggie called the meeting to order at 6:57pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 70 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Brad Yaggie. President Tony also recognized the Veterans in the group.

Moment of Silence: President Tony read a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, entitled, "To Laugh Often and Much." "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people, and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics, and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded."

Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes: President Tony called for a motion to approve the October minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Ed Villiesse, motion carried.

Membership:

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance: None today.

President's Report:

- Announcement: Mary Thiry reports Dan Brunmeier is battling liver cancer. Dan is undergoing chemo treatments at Froedtert Hospital through mid-December, has no side effects from the treatments, and the medical team will assess his progress at the end of the month. Dan is staying with his son in Wauwatosa; our thoughts and prayers are with Dan and family.
- The Annual Meeting for 2024 is December 10th at The Village Grille in Bellevue.
- Upcoming meetings in January, February, and March will be held at The Village Grille on Hoffman Road, and you can order off the menu.
- Dan Terrien gave an update on Board members for 2025. Dan Brunmeier withdrew his nomination due to his health, and Brian Jones stepped up to take that position as a Member at Large. Dan thanked Brian, Cheryl Yursis, and Diane Lyman, who will be the new Board Members in 2025. Tony thanked the three Board Members who are leaving their positions at the end of this year: Dan Terrien, Cathy Harrison, and Luann Poll.
- President Tony presented Mike Golla, COTB member and cancer survivor, a Jeopardy Board featuring all of the races at Road America. Mike is a Road America enthusiast; the board was signed by COTB members to show support. Praying for your continued good health, Mike!!!

Special Guests:

- JJ Carter with Corvette Sports/MPI, Sheboygan Falls. JJ reports MPI is an umbrella with multiple divisions that can restore any type of automobile from Corvettes, to muscle cars, to exotics. Another acquisition to serve the Corvette market in the northern territory is at Woodfield Court Motor Condos in Suamico. JJ happened to stop at the condos to set up a schedule for Cars and Coffee, which is a Classic Mechanics event in Appleton, and met with Grant, one of the partners. MPI purchased a 66x50' condo with two lifts, so diagnostics can be performed at the location. They are planning a Grand Opening event in the near future.
- Pat Knapp with Classic Mechanics/MPI, Appleton. Pat discussed the season for Saturday Coffee and Cars has come to a close, however, he is exploring ideas to keep car enthusiasts visiting during the winter months. MPI purchased the former Piggly Wiggly store on Northland Avenue, and converted it to a 33,000 square foot facility with 25,000 square feet of shop space, 2,000 square foot retail front and 2,000 square foot event center. Classic Mechanics can work anything from oil changes, tune-ups, and brake jobs, in addition to full restorations.

Treasurer's Report – Terri Villiesse

- Membership Dues/Renewals started October 1st; good through December 2025.
- Terri Villiesse reported the status of the club's assets and last month's sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. Current number of members is 237, 43 singles, 95 duals, and 4 honorary members. President Tony called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Cheryl Yursis, motion carried.

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Website – CorvettesoftheBay.org – please review – great source of information.

Past Runs & Events - This information is available on our COTB Website including added details.

- October 4-5 Fall Run: Sally & Rick Northrop, Cheryl & George Yursis. Cheryl reports the fall colors were out and weather was fantastic; all had a great time.
- October 7-9 Feed My Starving Children Green Bay MobilePack Packing Event: Tony Yaggie. Another successful year – 520,992 meals were packed, feeding 1,427 kids for a year, and 2,797 volunteers worked side by side! Our Corvette Show hosted by our “One and only Corvettes of the Bay” where \$3,500.00 was raised – THANK YOU!
- October 8 – Green Bay Area Retired Men’s Club Event Downtown Brown County Library Auditorium Event: Tony Yaggie reports a number of Corvettes from our club in attendance. There were 125 members from the Retired Men’s Club and rides were given to many.
- October 16 – Corvette Sports Run, Sheboygan Falls: Joe Torrez reports there were 17 cars, 23 members who participated. Jim Wallner/MPI, JJ and Pat took members on a tour of the facility. Dinner at Legend Larry’s followed, a great time for everyone!

Upcoming Runs & Events – This information is available on our website: CorvettesoftheBay.org, including added details and possible New Runs & Events not posted at the time of this printing.

- November 9 – Green Bay Yacht Club: Bill Mieke. 20th Anniversary of Green Bay’s premier Veterans Day Commemoration event at the Green Bay Yacht Club. In Bill’s absence, President Tony discussed logistics of the event. At 9:45am meet at vacant parking lot SE corner N Quincy & Day Streets. (*If weather is unsure or you have already put your car up for the winter, feel free to drive another vehicle). At 9:55am depart for parking at Green Bay Metro Boat Launch. 10:00am Registration at Yacht Club for Military Veterans (100 Bay Beach Rd just to the south of the Green Bay Metro Boat Launch) with coffee & rolls, at 11am Ceremony with Lunch to follow.
- November 23 – Bus to MCACN (Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals). Dan Terrien reports the bus he and Joe Torrez coordinated has been cancelled due to a lack of participation. There is another bus which will be leaving from Manitowoc, which was coordinated by Doug, a Garage Session member; this information can be found on the COTB website.
- December 3 – COTB Christmas Party Event: The Village Grille & Let Me Be Frank’s Christmas Program. \$50.00 per person includes complete meal & Christmas program – pay The Village Grille at either location.
- January, 2025 - Twin Brothers, Howard: Diane Lyman reports she and Kay Daugherty are planning a dinner to ring in the new year the third week of January.

Corvette News/Other News:

- Joe Torrez reports he and Mary Ann purchased a condo at Woodfield Court Motor Condos, which is directly across from MPI; fun times ahead!
- Darrel Burnett from The Automobile Gallery reports a very busy past five weeks; he swapped out 45 cars in 30 days! There is an incredible collection of 1950’s convertibles. Darrel states numerous people stop to read the COTB plaques for Member of the Year, storyboard information about the Corvette on display, and COTB storyboard. Darrel states he knows a few people who joined COTB as a result of the display.
- Darrel reports on Saturday, December 7th, Daddy D Productions will have an Old-Fashioned Christmas event at The Automobile Gallery. There will be an option to have a meal provided by Biebel’s Catering or just the show. Tickets may be purchased on their website, <https://daddydproductions.com/shows/season-tickets>.
- Dan Terrien reports when he first joined COTB, he met Gene Wagner – he was also the first to display his Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. Dan states Gene fought colon cancer in the past and is now enduring treatment for liver cancer. Thoughts and prayers to Gene and family.

Please see website for Corvettes for sale:

- Joe Rabideau Dealership
- Bergstrom Dealership
- Gandrud Dealership
- Jorns Dealership
- Displays at The Automobile Gallery – Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. Scott & Vicki Blahnik’s Corvette is on display now.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval:

President Tony asked for motion, motion made by Ed Villiesse, meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club's Post on Facebook

The Corvette Club of the Bay spoke at our meeting Tuesday. They brought six classic cars parked in front of the library. Beautiful cars!

October 8, 2024

Brown County Library Downtown Green Bay



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Tony Yaggie
Vice President - Guy Ringle
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Terri Villiesse
Board Member - Cathy Harrison
Board Member - Luann Poll
Board Member - Dan Terrien

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ADAM KONITZER (NOV 1)
DICK ROSIN (NOV 2)
MARILYN HEIM (NOV 6)
MYKE SCHMIT (NOV 6)
CAROL JACOBS (NOV 7)
MARK AERTS (NOV 8)
BARRY MUNDT (NOV 10)
SUE ENGLEBERT (NOV 14)
BRIAN JONES (NOV 15)
RON WACH (NOV 15)
LLEW ROCK (NOV 16)
ED WALLANDER (NOV 16)
WENDY BESSON (NOV 17)
KEITH BAUER (NOV 24)
MIKE ROHR (NOV 24)
ED VILLIESSE (NOV 28)
JOHN DAUGHERTY (NOV 30)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MARTY AND ROCKY HOCKERS (NOV 9)
BRUCE AND SUE ENGLEBERT (NOV 10)
KELLY AND JUDY MARTIN (NOV 10)
JOSH AND AMY DORNER (NOV 11)



The more you put into the club...the more you get out of it!!

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2024

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

November open
December open

2025

January Diane Lyman & Kay Daugherty
February open
March open
April open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

Nov 9 Veterans Day Run/Green Bay Yacht Club - Bill Mieke

Christmas Party, December 3 - Tony Yaggie

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to debvan81664@gmail.com. She will add it to the events calendar on the website and e-mail the information to club members.

Visit the Events/Community tabs at www.corvettesofthebay.org
to see the most up-to-date list of events!

SCRIP Cards available for purchase at monthly meetings

(a great fundraiser for our club)

- Shell Gas Cards - \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts
- Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards - \$30 each for 5 Ultimate washes

Contact our treasurer to purchase cards.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club is collecting pop can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please save your tabs for this worthwhile cause, and bring them to our monthly meetings. You can give them to Gene or Linda Blohowiak.



Contact The Editor

If you have any questions or concerns with the content of the newsletter, or would like to submit an article, please contact the editor, Diane Lyman, at dtlyman@hotmail.com.

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Meeting Location



The Village Grille

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