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## River City Corvettes of Sacramento December 2011 Newsletter

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***Business Meetings start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Dante Club. No food will be served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close to the Dante Club. Next meeting is January 5, 2012.***

### **President Craig Burnett's Message**

*Wishing all our members and guests a safe and happy Holiday Season!! At our next meeting on January 6, 2012, VP Barbara Stelter will be filling in for me as we'll be on a New Year's cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean. Congratulations to George and Molly Barnes for their Vette being selected as Corvette of the Month!! Everyone was so happy to see George back after several related health issues. It was with pleasure, that on behalf of your Club, we were again able to make a substantial donation of \$2,800 to Terrie Hunt's charity, "Christmas for Kids". The Board will re-visit our charitable donation policy in an upcoming meeting. Our budget for the year is \$3,000 in the RED and we'll be looking for ways to either increase income or reduce expenses.*

*Remember our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Dante Club on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40 per couple with the Club underwriting the second meal. This is always a wonderful night of dinner and dancing to the tunes of Dee Jay Brian Bills. Last day to pay or cancel your reservation is December 6<sup>th</sup> by contacting Barbara Stelter or mail your check made out to RCCC, note your dinner selection, to Joel Karam @ 113 North Falls Dr., Folsom, CA, 95630.*

*Our Crab Feed will be held at the Dante Club on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The tickets are \$45 per ticket which includes dinner and dancing. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the dinner Members, **Please** start contacting your favorite restaurants, entertainment venues, wineries, etc. and bring your raffle donations to our January meeting. The Crab Feed's raffle raises money to support your Club in order to increase revenue. The raffle money enables your Club to not have to raise dues or eliminate the three free meals that our members received.*

*Thanks to Richard and Ann Petrie who volunteered to bring the cakes for tonight's meeting and for those members who helped them cut and serve the cakes. Our next meeting is January 6, 2012 and Sue and Jay Byler have volunteered to bring the birthday cakes. Please send me an email if you'd like to volunteer to bring a cake to a future meeting. As a reminder, the Club reimburses you for the cake's cost, just bring the receipt; the budget for the monthly cakes is \$45/meeting.*

*Wow, we had the biggest one night of raising money by our raffle/50-50, \$421 less the \$80 to the 50-50 winners netted us \$341! A big thank you to everyone who brought a nice gift to our monthly business meeting. Many members were lucky, including yours truly in winning a raffle prize. Our raffle volunteers, Dennis & Marj Kocher and Bill & Gayle Crenshaw work very hard and make the raffle fun and an important fund raiser for the Club. THANK YOU!!!*

### **Vice President Barbara Stelter's Message**

*Thanks to all who attended the December Meeting!! Again, just a reminder I need to know by Tuesday, December 6th if you need to cancel your reservation for the Christmas party. Otherwise, you will be charged \$40 for your dinner. Don't forget to invite your friends to our Crab Feed on January 28th, 2012, which is our only fundraiser for the year. Also, donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated!!*

*I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!*

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (December 1, 2011)**

*President Craig Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:02*

*Anne Dunbar made the motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting, Brenda Mounce seconded. The minutes were approved as written.*

*The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Joel Karam; then a thanks to Performance for their support.*

*Rosie announced her retirement and introduced new visitors, Ike & Jan Eichman. They were recruited by Jay & Sue Byler and George & Marie Ramos. The 21 December birthdays were announced.*

*Thank you to the Yates' & Petries for the cakes.*

*Craig read a letter from the Linder family thanking the club for support and assistance at Dottie's memorial service. He congratulated John & Val McMichaels for 20 years at Performance Chevrolet. He announced the retirement of Jim & Brenda Mounce.*

*Patty Vassilopoulos thanked everyone for their cards and prayers concerning her father's passing.*

*The Bylers volunteered to bring the cakes to the January meeting.*

*Terrie Hunt was presented a check from the club for \$1,500 for Christmas for Kids, money raised at the silent auction at the birthday bash.*

*The first raffle numbers were drawn. It was also noted that \$421 was collected in raffle money.*

*Mort Richman announced that the Carmichael Kiwanis is sponsoring a candy sale to help the San Juan School District. They will be at Carmichael Center at Fair Oaks and Manzanita. They also sponsor Taste of Carmichael which helps to raise funds for Christmas for Kids.*

### **Past Events Barbara Stelter**

*11/5 Vettes for Vets – Tom Mason – There was a good turn-out. Jim Barber won the People's Choice Award, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Thank you to John & Performance Chevrolet for their sponsorship, along with the Auto Museum. John also provided the trophy. There will be a few changes made next year.*

### **Up Coming Events – Barbara Stelter**

*12/10- Christmas Party- Barbara – 99 have paid so far. She needs a headcount by next Tuesday. Once you reserve, if you need to cancel after that date, you are responsible for the un-paid dinner. The club pays for one dinner. The room will not be open for decorating before 4:00, and she needs volunteers to help. Cocktails are at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. This is a semi-formal affair.*

*Christmas for Kids - Terrie Hunt – Thank you for all the generous donations. Rick Sutter will be doing the accounting. A group of our members toured the Sheriff's Dept. Toy Project on Tuesday. They were amazed at the facility. Donations of time, expertise, and materials are made by Heald College, Lions Clubs, Salvation Army et al. The Lions donated 15 bags of blankets. To save time, instead of wrapping each gift, the gifts will be sorted by family and wrapping paper included so that the parents can wrap the gifts. Also, instead of delivering the packages, parents will pick them up. If a family has no transportation, they will be delivered. Terrie thanked Anne Dunbar, Patti Herberger, Marge Sutter and Ann Petrie for all their help. She also explained that the organization is not affiliated with the club for liability reasons. A sign-up sheet is going around for volunteers. Patty V. is responsible for large amounts of donated Campbell's soup. She needs help loading the truck this coming Tuesday.*

*Terrie stated that \$2,800 was raised at the silent auction during our birthday bash, however, only \$1,500 was given to the charity. This was due to a board decision to give Kops to Kids \$1,500, even if that much was not raised. The auction items were donated with the understanding that the proceeds would go to Kops to Kids, and it was also the understanding of those bidding. It is in the minutes, as well as the newsletter that the proceeds would go to Kops to Kids. If indeed only \$1,500 of the money is being donated, that is deception. As such, she said either every silent auction raffle participant (donor or ticket purchaser) should be advised that only \$1,500 of the silent auction proceeds were actually given to Kops to Kids, or alternatively the remaining \$1,300 could be authorized to be paid to Kops to Kids. Terrie asked for a motion on whether to authorize payment of the \$1,300 to Kops to Kids. Rosie Bjornsen asked several times if the motion was for this one-time only, or was for future years charitable donations as well.*

*Rudy Antonucci addressed the membership about the issue, and explained the history of RCCS's donation policy to charity. Originally, the Board of Directors had set an amount of \$500 to the charity, and this was raised in later*

years to \$1,000 and then to the present amount of \$1,500. Rudy clarified that the motion to approve the \$1,300 additional payment to Kops to Kids was for this year only, and that the RCCS Board of Directors would take up the issue as to future charitable donations during the upcoming year. A motion was made by Rich Petrie and seconded by Rosie, that the remaining \$1,300 be donated. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**1/28 – Crab Feed – Barbara.** This is the club's major fund raiser of the year, and we need everyone's support. Only 24 tickets have been sold so far. This is the money we use to pay for insurance, as well as the 3 free meals we receive each year. We need raffle donations. The cost is \$45, of which \$40 is for the Dante Club charge of \$40 per person, and the additional amount is for the DJ and decorations. She suggested having a dessert auction, like last year to raise additional funds. There are tables of 10, and tickets available to sell to friends and family. She needs volunteers to sell raffle tickets. Prime rib will be available for those who prefer. The cocktail time will begin at 5:30, to give people more of an opportunity to view the raffle prizes. This year there will be ticket bags for each item, to give you a better chance to win a prize you like.

**2/18 – Bunco – Sathres – Rancho Cordova Elks – Spaghetti dinner at 6:00, \$10 per person. Bunco 7:30 sharp.** The cost is \$7, of which \$2 goes for clean-up and bartender and the remaining \$5 is for prizes for bunco winners. They need card tables. Singles are welcome.

**2/25 – Bowling – Rosie –** she asked for a headcount before proceeding. There are enough that want to participate.

**3/24-3/25 Presidential Library Run – Kochers–** Last year people felt more time was needed at the museum. This year one day will be spent at the Reagan Library and one at the Nixon Library. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the museums. Call the Posada Royale for reservations, 805 584-6300, \$97 per night, breakfast included. 25 rooms are available and 18 are already taken.

**5/11-13 – Calloway Manufacturing tour – Dennis Kocher –** 15 suites blocked at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, at \$114 per night. Call 800 826-7827 for reservations.

**4/6-8 – Pismo Run – Gary Smith & Jim Bartylla –** we will be staying at the Cliffs Hotel, call (800) 826-7827 for reservations. Make sure you tell them you are with RCCC. We will be stopping at Dona Esther's in San Juan Bautista for lunch on the way down. There will be a cocktail party Friday night, bring a dish to share. Margaritas will be provided. Dinner Saturday night will be at A.J. Spurs.

**4/21 – Spring Fling Dinner Dance – Barbara –** the theme will be "the 50's".

**4/27-29 – San Simeon; Kelly & Anne -** flyers will be available at next meeting. All the info is the same from last year.

## **Raffle**

**Johnny K's Korner:** John told 5 jokes concerning St. Peter and cowboys, a couple of old cowboys, making retirement interesting, a preacher with visual aids, and a man accosted by a homeless man. LOL

**Car of the Month: John Klunder –** Drum roll please. Clues: 1) All Corvettes are red. 2) They are virgins. 3) She wanted a sports car, but doesn't like to drive fast. 4) Both were State Workers. 5) For some 300 is a challenge, for some not. Congratulations to George & Molly Barnes and their red C-6 coupe.

**See Klunders** for name tags.

**Sweatshirts – Val McMichaels –** nothing new.

**Jim Bjornsen – Shirts and Jackets;** You can order your own shirts/jackets, or go through Jim Bjornsen. Our supplier/embroiderer contact info is on our website, and they have a new phone number, also on our website. Jim said that Joel Karam just had some shirts embroidered, and it was done while he waited so he didn't have to make a second trip. He liked their service and product.

**Tom Doherty – hats –** new style and colors, \$15.

**Barbara Stelter** will be sitting in for Craig at the January meeting.

**Rudy Antonucci** made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Mason seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.

**Respectfully submitted by Kelly Barrington, Secretary**

After adjourning, Rudy announced that John McMichaels was donating \$5,000 to Christmas for Kids. Thank you John & Val.

**Thanks to our Raffle Donors:** the Burnetts, Hinchmans, Schneiders, Yates's, Vasiles, Harris's, Barringtons, McMichaels, Mounces, Mort Richman, Dunbars, Klunders, Barnes's, Brunellis, Karams, Dohertys, Terrie Hunt, Jerry Neil and the Masons.

**Happy January Birthdays to:** Grant Adorador 1/28; Mary Bartylla 1/13; John Cicotte 1/21; Ed Dunbar 1/16; Chuck Jilbert 1/18; Carol Klunder 1/21; Herb Lindner 1/29; Ann Petrie 1/14; Dodie Pockress 1/5 and Donna Towers 1/13.

**Thank you to our Phone Tree People...** they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Pam Cameron, Dianne Burnett, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Margo Henderson, Dennis Kocher, Tom Mason, Lisa McNatt, Charity Smith, Terry Snow, Marge Sutter and Chuck Sathre. These people really help us coordinate our events!!

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Birthday Cake	Rotating	Rotating	Rotating

**SAFETY NOTICE: We have nice cars in our club and some of us like to drive very fast, but it's very important to put SAFETY FIRST!!! If you are not comfortable going fast, especially on a club run, please stay within your speed comfort zone. Stay toward the back of the pack, or volunteer to run with the slower group, if possible. It's better to show up at the next location a little late, than to drive at a speed you don't feel safe!**