



River City Corvettes of Sacramento

January 2015 Newsletter

PERFORMANCE CHEVROLET on Madison Avenue is our proud club sponsor.

Business Meetings start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Dante Club. Food is not served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close to the Dante Club. Next meeting is February 5, 2015.

President Tom Mason's Message

Welcome to 2015. We had a great time at luncheons and helping take care of the Christmas for Kids gifts program, and a Great Club Christmas party. Thanks for everybody's help.

Starting the new year is Bunco. If you haven't played it, don't worry it is EASY and fun. It is a great mixer as you get to play with different club members all nite long. Then Monster Golf comes up, and there are no tee times to worry about, no frost delays, and you don't have to have a good swing. All you do is have fun golfing and then join the group for Meatballs (or other food) at the Spaghetti Factory in the same building after the golfing for something to eat and swapping a few stories about your golfing game. The Mystery Run is special to the club as the California Auto Museum is opening the museum for us on a Saturday nite as well as providing entertainment, music, ice cream and hopefully you will enjoy all of the cars that are on display. Also coming up, will be the first event in recent memory for club members that will be a trip going to the Horse races. Give this one some thought, as it is new and different and should be enjoyable and maybe you can win enough for a new Corvette or at least a hamburger on the way home. I feel I stood on my soap box long enough last nite about the upcoming Crab feed. The only thing I will say now is that The Club needs your help! Any way you can, by donating something yourself, buying a table of ten (\$375), and even asking your contacts for a donation. In regard to donations Patti Herberger will be sending out a donation letter in the near future.

In regard to the matter of donations, there has been some question as to the tax deductible status of donations. The following letter summarizes my understanding and instructions on the subject:

To: All club members; After much discussion and research about the tax status of the club versus the Sheriff's One Toy Project, this is what I have learned. The Sheriff's One Toy project Tax ID # 75-2978505 carries a tax deductible contribution approval. HOWEVER, River City Corvette Club of Sacramento Tax ID # 68-0057142 is a non-profit but it does not carry a deductible contributions approval and accordingly contributions are not deductible. For this reason, we need you to white out the Tax ID # on the donation request letters.

When you approach businesses, you need to talk to them about using their donation as a method of promoting their business. All businesses have some advertising budget. The benefit to their business is that their names and address are posted on a big board at the crab feed and on our main page of our website rivercitycorvette.org. A potential donor can check out the website to see the 2014 list.

Sorry for the confusion. This is what we are legally bound to do. Hope this clears up this issue and if any further confusion remains, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss it.

That's it for now. Thanks for your support.

Tom Mason, President

Vice President Nash Dhillon's Message

I want to remind everyone to let thier friends and family know about the crab feed. Not only to join us in the fun, but also donate something to the raffle.

Nash Dhillon, Vice President

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (January 8, 2015)

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Tom Mason.

December Meeting Minutes were recognized and approved, 1st by Rosie Bjornsen and 2nd by Jim Bjornsen.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter - *The Treasurer's Report was given by Roberta Hinchman in the Treasurer's absence. This was recognized by the membership.*

Visitors and New Members - Rosie Bjornsen – *Rosie welcomed first time visitors Henry Hanke and daughter Sofia, recognizing their beautiful yellow, C-7 convertible Corvette. Rosie then announced 8 January birthdays.*

Roberta and Bob Hinchman were thanked for bring the Birthday goodies to the January Meeting

Don and Susan Hess volunteered to bring the birthday goodies for the February meeting.

Nash's Part:

Past Events:

December 9 – Ladies Christmas Luncheon – Val McMichael and Carol Klunder

Carol spoke saying 42 woman attended the Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Fransenetti Winery Restaurant. Charity Smith was the big winner of several prizes from games that were played. Those who participated in the cookie exchange took home a nice selection of cookies. Carol announced that after four years that this was the last time that she and Val would put on the Christmas Luncheon and the coming Garden Tour. She asked for others to step up and put on these fun events in the future.

December - Christmas for Kids - Terrie (Hunt) Neil

Terrie said that this Christmas 129 families with 462 children were presented with food, warm clothing, person hygiene items and Christmas gifts. These families are identified through the Sherriff's Department as well as through contacts with approximately 20 schools who were each given 25 applications and asked to identify families in need. Terrie expressed a heartfelt thank you to club members who gave time in organizing the identified families, donated money, clothing and gifts, spent time purchasing gifts that were needed for certain age groups, and collected bikes, etc. A special thank you went to Heidi Goodman who made contact with a Blind Services agency to get ideas for Christmas gifts for one family who had a blind child. She asked everyone who participated to raise their hand and it was clear that almost the entire room had contributed to the Christmas for Kids event. Terrie advised members that she had placed donation acknowledgement letters printed on the Sherriff's Department letterhead on each table for use in tax reporting.

December 13 – Club Christmas Party - Nash Dhillon and Tom Mason

Tom said that even though we had a smaller room at the Dante Club, he understood that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the party. Tom said the food was good and the dancing was enjoyed by many.

Upcoming Events:

January 24 – Bunco – Chuck and Joyce Sathre

Joyce spoke thanking everyone for their thoughtfulness at the passing of her father. She said she appreciated the support and caring cards she received from the club. Joyce reminded everyone Bunco was a fun and easy game to play and a great way to interact with club members. She provided flyers with Bunco Night information at each table. Joyce reminded everyone that Bunco will be held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge, cocktails at 5:30, dinner \$11 (spaghetti, salad and garlic bread) at 7:00, Bunco, \$7, to follow. Joyce asked if some members could bring card tables a little earlier to set up and also asked others to bring some finger food desserts like cookies or brownies.

January 31 - Monster Golf and Meatballs - John Klunder

John said to let him know if you wanted to attend his Monster Golf and Meatballs event. Monster Golf is located at Hazel and Folsom. Cost is \$8 per person and the golf will be a "shot gun" start at 11:30. After golf the group can walk over to the Spaghetti Factory for lunch, which is located within the same building.

February 28, Mystery Run – Mystery Run Solved! Tom Mason spoke saying the mystery run will be held at the California Auto Museum which is hosting a member appreciation party for our club is Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 6 p.m. The party will include live entertainment, dancing, music, ice cream, and a bar with free entrance to the museum for the evening. The museum currently holds over 150 cars and includes a section with cars for sale. Tom said this is free to all members so come and join in a fun evening. Tom said a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next club meeting. Tom said to be sure and dress warm as the building is quite large and it can get a little cold.

March 22, Annual Club Crab Feed – Nash Dhillon and Tom Mason

Tom spoke saying there was a mix up on the date so be sure to note that the Club Crab Feed will be held Sunday, March 22. Tom went on to say that we should have another great crab feed at \$40 per person and asked club members to be sure to invite their family and friends to participate. He also asked members to seek donations wherever possible for our planned silent auction. We will have approximately 30 tables of ten seats for ticket sales. It would be \$375 to purchase a table. This is one of the largest money makers for the club and helps to fund future club sponsored events.

Nash spoke about packets of letters that were handed out to individuals prior to the meeting who will be hand-addressing envelopes and mailing letters (postage provided) to listed businesses to solicit more donations for the silent auction. For ticket information, please contact Nash Dhillon at 916-752-9100 or Tom Mason at 916-722-7858. Members are also asked to donate desserts for a silent auction dessert table.

April 25th, Day at the Races – Robert Ramirez and Peter Bradt

Robert and Peter spoke sharing information on this run to Golden Gate Fields located in Berkeley, California. Cost is \$45 per person and \$20 for minors (4-17 years old), which includes Turf Club seating, an all you can eat Turf Club Buffet, valet parking (there will be an area where we will park our own cars) and each participant will be given a free official racing program. Our club will be welcomed on the infield tote board and in the printed racing form. In addition, our group name will be mentioned by the track announcer. "Winner's Circle" privileges will be given to 6 of our club members. Peter read through the Turf Club Buffet Menu, which was quite extensive including a long listing of salads, entrees, sides and desserts with carvings of slow roasted prime rib, roasted turkey and roasted ham.

Jokester of the Month – Charity Smith shared several good jokes, which she enjoyed as much as anyone.

Featured Corvette of the Month – Charity Smith

Charity presented the Corvette of the Month photo to Ron and Jeanie Kayl. Charity asked the group for a round of applause for the work John Klunder has done for several years in taking photos for the club calendar and presenting the car of the month. Charity said she may be presenting photos in different sized frames and mountings as she will purchase frames as sales come along to try to keep costs down.

Tom Mason requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with Rosie Bjornsen providing a 1st and Jim Bjornsen providing a 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hinchman, Secretary

Happy February Birthdays to: Celeste Antonucci 2/28, Bill Cassidy 2/8, Don Hess 2/22, Gino Lavagnino 2/13, Bob Schneider 2/10 and Barbara Stelter 2/17.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: The Mounces, Hinchmans, Bradts, Vasiles, Neils, Sathres, Gloriosos, Barringtons, Masons, Klunders, Dohertys, Mort Richman, Paul Reginer and Keri Berkler.

Thank you to our **Phone Tree People**... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Roberta Hinchman, Lisa McNatt, Charity & Gary Smith, LaRee Brunelli, Marge Sutter and Chuck Sanchuk. These people really help us coordinate our events!!

A SPECIAL NOTE to support our fellow members that have businesses selling goods and/or services; Check our web site www.rivercitycorvettes.org for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!

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| Birthday Desserts | 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 a slower group, if possible. It's

**better to show up at the next location a
little late, than to drive faster than you feel
safe!**