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# River City Corvettes of Sacramento

## January 2016 Newsletter

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**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 Feb 4, 2016.**

### President Robert Ramirez' Message

*It's hard to believe 2015 has ended, but what a great year it was. We had many great runs and events. Just this last month was the ever so popular and extremely successful ladies luncheon and our triumphant Xmas for Kids, which was full of emotion and pride. To round out the year, we had our Xmas party. Although there were a few issues, it was great seeing everyone all dressed up and it looked like everyone had a great time. The music was, as always, spectacular and the dancing went on until late. One last item I need to mention. Our highly anticipated club calendar was distributed. Many thanks to our generous sponsor, Performance Chevrolet, for providing the funds, and to John Klunder for the effort and talent required to put them together. Now, let's talk about 2016. It's going to be another great year. Although the new calendar is full of frills and thrills, we are always looking for more. So don't be shy. If you have an idea, just bring it to me and we'll get it done. Our club's fundraiser is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can help by donating your crafts and specialties, or asking your contacts for donations. Every little bit helps. Well, I've said enough so I'll close by saying have a great month, drive safely and we'll see you soon.*

**Robert**

### Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

*Happy New Year to all from Jeanie and myself. Hope your holidays were enjoyable and wonderful.*

*The event year is full of many functions for all to enjoy. Many 3-day trips and also fun lunch runs. Pick the ones you want and join other members for laughs and fun, not to mention great food.*

*Thanks a ton to Terrie and Ann for the Christmas for Kids project. What a joy to see the people receive their gifts. A lot of tears, hugs and thank you's. To all that helped, Thank You!*

*Have a great and safe year,*

**Ron**

### RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (January 7, 2016)

*The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Robert Ramirez.*

**Corrections/Additions to Prior Meeting Minutes - Robert Ramirez:** *Robert asked if anyone had any corrections and/or additions to the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Dave Gaustad to recognize and approve the December 3, 2015 minutes as written, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti Herberger.*

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter:** *The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and was recognized by the membership.*

**Visitors and New Members - Rosie Bjornsen:** *Rosie wished a happy birthday to the 8 members having a birthday in January. Rosie introduced prospective member John Childers and asked him to introduce himself to the membership. John indicated he obtained his first Corvette while in high school and has been fascinated with Corvettes ever since. He currently owns a 2008 Crystal Red Z06. A vote for membership was taken and John and his wife Cathy were welcomed as new members of the RCCS. Rosie also recognized first time visitors Patricia Sabot, Ty Peña and Ian White. Rosie thanked Michael and Sharon Condon for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the January birthdays.*

### **Past Events:**

**December (multiple dates) - Christmas for Kids charity: - Terrie (Hunt) Neil/Ann Petrie:** *Terrie thanked everyone for their generosity and continued support of the Christmas for Kids charity and the many needy families the charity helps. Terrie identified and thanked a number of RCCS members for generous cash donations, several members who had made large donations of clothing and blankets to the charity, and those who donated a significant amount of time building over 100 bicycles and/or stuffing gift and food bags, as well as those who volunteered on distribution day. Ann thanked the*

membership for continued support of the project and she reported this year's effort assisted 156 families including over 500 children. Ann told the membership about the family she escorted to the eyewear store to get new glasses for the whole family and how touching it was to watch the children with their new glasses. Ann prepared and displayed a poster board containing numerous pictures of the Christmas for Kids warehouse and distribution event.

**December 5, 2015 - RCCS Christmas Party – Ron Kayl:** The annual RCCS Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at the Dante Club. Cocktails started at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following. There was a DJ with dancing after dinner. 117 members and their guests participated in the event. President Ramirez indicated he had received a significant amount of feedback from the members regarding the quantity and quality of the food and the deficiencies in the service for the event. He thanked the membership for providing the feedback and indicated he had passed on the information and his concerns to the management of the Dante Club. In response, the Dante Club did not charge the RCCS room rent for the January monthly meeting.

**Raffle:** The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Jeanie Kayl and Rosie Bjornsen graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening. There were a total of 21 gifts donated.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**January 16, 2016 – Golf Balls and Meat Balls – Paul Regnier/John Klunder:** John and Paul invited the membership to participate in the Monster Golf and Meatballs event scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016. The event will be held at Monster Mini Golf located (within the Nimbus Winery building) at 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 (916) 294-0000, ([www.monsterminigolf.com](http://www.monsterminigolf.com)). Monster Mini Golf is an exciting indoor monster themed glow in the dark 18 hole miniature golf course that offers a host of fun activities at every turn. This is not your average mini golf course! Whether you're visiting for the first time, or the hundredth, you feel the excitement and adventure of playing mini golf among a scary but cool monster décor with custom and animated props at every turn. Golf cost is \$8 per person with a "shot gun" start beginning at 11:30. After golf the group will walk over to the Old Spaghetti Factory for lunch, which is located within the same building. Questions and/or RSVPs please contact Paul Regnier. Flyers, a map, and sign-up sheets were placed on all tables.

**January 30, 2016 – Bunko – Chuck/Joyce Sathre:** Joyce invited everyone to the RCCS Bunco Night event which will be held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge, located at 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742, (916) 635-8038, on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Spaghetti Buffet Dinner (spaghetti, salad and garlic bread) will be served starting at 6 pm. Bunko will begin at 7:30 pm sharp. Dinner will cost \$12 per person, Bunco costs \$7 per person (\$5 for Bunko and \$2 to cover the costs of bartender fees and room cleanup). Dinner/Bunco fees must be paid to Chuck/Joyce Sathre no later than Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Make checks payable to Chuck or Joyce Sathre and they can be delivered in person or mailed to P.O. Box 141, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. There will be no refunds for the Spaghetti Dinner after January 20<sup>th</sup>. Joyce asked if anyone had a card table to bring it and requested participants bring desserts to share if they so desired. Flyers with Bunko Night information were placed on each table during the meeting.

**February 20, 2016 – Bowling and Pizza – Jerry Neil/Terrie (Hunt) Neil:** Terrie indicated this event will be held at AMF Rocklin Lanes, 2325 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677, (916) 624-8216, ([www.amf.com/rocklinlanes](http://www.amf.com/rocklinlanes)). Lanes will be reserved from 4 to 7 p.m. She indicated she needed commitments from at least 30 members to be able to reserve the lanes. Terrie requested a hand count of those interested in participating and the hand count indicated there were enough members interested to move forward. The cost for bowling (including shoe rental) will be \$20 per person. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

**April 2, 2016 – RCCS Fund Raiser – Ron Kayl:** Ron advised that work on the 2016 RCCS major fundraiser has begun. The donation letter the RCCS sends out to merchants in the area will be prepared and sent out sometime in January. If you are interested in volunteering to help coordinate this event please contact Ron.

**April 11-13, 2016 – Monterey Run – Ron Kayl:** Ron and Jeanie Kayl are organizing a run to the Monterey area. This run is planned as a Monday-Wednesday run taking in the sights of Monterey. They are looking to get a preliminary idea of the amount of interest in this run and requested a show of hands for those members interested in attending. The run may include a tour of former movie sets in the Monterey area and may possibly include lunch at the Tap Room at Pebble Beach. The run is still in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming.

**April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Peter Bradt:** Peter said this is a first-time official RCCS run and it is expected to be a "gearheads delight". Peter provided information on many of scheduled events including the opportunity to participate in "parade laps", "hot laps," multiple raffles, and potentially take a peek at the 2017 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Zora ZR1, which may be on display. Lodging will be at the Laurel Inn and Conference Center, 801 West Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA, 93906, (831) 449-2474, ([www.laurelinnhotel.com/contact.htm](http://www.laurelinnhotel.com/contact.htm)). Room cost is \$85 per night and includes a continental breakfast. Ticket pricing and information can be found at [www.mazdaraceway.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/uscc\\_ticket\\_prices\\_11.5.15\\_web.pdf](http://www.mazdaraceway.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/uscc_ticket_prices_11.5.15_web.pdf). Flyers with additional information were placed on each table.

**September 24-25, 2016 – Fall Colors Run - Rudy Antonucci:** Rudy is organizing his annual Fall Colors Run again this year. Preliminary itinerary includes travel from Sacramento to Minden, Nevada on Saturday. Overnight accommodations will be at the Carson Valley Inn Casino, 1627 U.S. Hwy 395N, Minden, Nevada, 89423, (775) 783-6629 or (800) 321-6983, extension #1, ([www.carsonvalleyinn.com](http://www.carsonvalleyinn.com)). A block of 25 non-smoking/ king bed rooms have been reserved. Room rate is \$105. Participants will enjoy a buffet style lunch at the Carson Valley Inn Casino on Saturday. On Sunday, the group will travel to the Bridgeport/Twin Lakes area to take in all the fall colors and grab lunch in Bridgeport before heading home. A “save the date” flyer was distributed.

**REMINDER: Run and event planners please provide copies of run/event flyers to Bill Vasile, the Webmaster, so he can get the information about your run/event on the website.**

**Raffle – Round Two:** The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$420. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$210, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$105. Terrie (Hunt) Neil was the lucky winner of \$52 and Connie Gaustad was the lucky winner of \$53.

**Robert Ramirez requested all persons who would like to make presentations or discuss upcoming events and/or runs during the general membership meetings need to contact Patti Herberger the week prior to the meeting and let her know so that she can add them to the agenda prior to the meeting date.**

**Jokester of the Month - Ed Dunbar:** Ed shared two jokes with the membership. The first had something to do with a couple of hapless bank robbers who set out to rob a financial institution but ended up robbing the local sperm bank. The second was about the choices Donald Trump would face in hell after dying, which ultimately led to Mr. Trump trading places with Monica Lewinsky.

**Corvette of the Month – John Klunder:** John announced the January 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Don and Patti Herberger. John presented Patti with a magazine cover type photograph in a beautiful black frame of their 2008 Crystal Red Corvette. Patti wanted Don to go on a trip with her to New York City last April, but he said he’d already been there (when he was 9 years old), and would prefer to stay home. The photo places BOTH of them in front of the famous Statue of Liberty. Patti provided the Liberty photo for John to use as a background and John provided the car photo and the clouds. Don & Patti have been RCCS members for 15 years and have participated in most, if not all of the runs and events during that time, and Patti has served as both President and Vice President. Patti has been the RCCS Phone Tree Manager and producer of the monthly agenda for the last several years. She is a true jack of all trades on behalf of the RCCS. Congratulations Patti & Don!

**2016 RCCS Member Event Calendars – Robert Ramirez:** Robert reminded the membership the calendars are published and available for those members who have not received theirs yet. Please contact Robert if you have not picked up your calendar.

**Club Jackets – Jim Bjornsen:** Jim advised that a couple of the jackets in the recent order for men’s jackets had some issues with the name lettering and some puckering on the back. The vendor, Totally Trophies, has agreed to re-do the jackets. If you are one of those who recently ordered a jacket with the RCCS emblem on it and are not satisfied, please contact Totally Trophies and give the vendor the opportunity to correct any issues you may have.

Jim and Mary Bartylla volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate February birthdays.

Anne Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce Sathre. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler, Secretary**

**Happy February Birthdays. Celeste Antonucci 2/28, Bill Cassidy 2/8, Don Hess 2/22, Bob Schneider 2/10, and Barbara Stelter 2/27.**

**Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Mounces, Hess’s, Heidi Goodman and Dave Bull, Licastro’s, Keri Berkler, Barringtons, Dunbars, Pierces, Neils, Sathres, Stelters, Brunellis, Masons, Schneiders, Dohertys, Butlers and Klunders.**

**Thank you to our Phone Tree People... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Rick Sutter, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Roberta Hinchman, Lisa McNatt, Charity & Gary Smith, LaRee Brunelli 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](http://www.rivercitycorvettes.org) for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!**

| <b>RCCS - Officers &amp; Volunteers for 2015/2016</b>    |   |                                  |  |
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**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!