

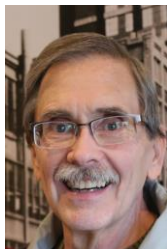
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APRIL 2022



President Bob Joseph:



With spring officially here, it is time for everyone to start planning for the upcoming summer season. Time to take the covers off and getting out for the first run of the season. I want to thank Lynda and Bruce Graham for hosting the COB pizza party at this month's meeting. Anyone who has not signed up and are planning to attend, please contact Lynda, so she is sure to have enough food for everyone.

The sign-up sheet for this month's dinner cruise at Pasquale's Restaurant in West Seneca will be available at the meeting, or you can give Norma a call to add your name to the list. I also want to thank everyone who has participated in bringing our club back to normal scheduling for future events. I hope you, the membership can appreciate their efforts.

In summary, the Corvettes of Buffalo Officers, Board members and Committee members are working very hard to make our club successful. It's admirable to see your dedication and commitment to the club's success. I also want to thank anyone who has gotten out into the community to recruit financial support for the club. In conclusion, please remember this is your club and we need everyone's support to be successful. We all need to be involved, especially new members. Getting involved in the club is the best way to meet fellow members and make new friendships. So please, find your place in the club and we will have a terrific season.

Save the Wave

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Looking forward to seeing everyone, with us heading back to NYS at the end of April.

Dear COB friends... In this issue, we bring up an important phase in our quests for the ultimate driving machines. Check out George's and my articles on following pages. Me, I love all automobiles, especially those that are unique in some way, and Corvette is certainly that. While this may create division in our ranks, electrification will change many things about the Corvette. Already we have seen a (million dollar) electric C7. Would you drive it? What about the prospect of fewer repairs? Yes, everyone worries about battery replacement and the need for recharges, but technology is working on that. Would you like a 1000hp 2026 Corvette that will take less than 2 seconds to get to 60mph?

Again, I'd like to thank those members that have sent me articles – we have an assortment in this issue.

In this issue you will also meet the very first president of COB, Frank Inzinna, and his very charming wife Barbara. I was recently surprised to receive emails from Barb and have included one here.

Next month, I will share my recent experience at a Stingray Chevrolet Z06 unveiling. Bernie and I also met up with members John Meyerhoff and Mary Carol Plott there.



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Submissions must be in before the 25th

Late submissions will be published the following month.

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

11th Dan & Debbie Wroblewski

14th Frank & Marianne Pastore

16th Leon & Eileen Kuczmarski



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

7th Bob Meegan

8th Tracy Kowalske

11th Jim Lawson

21st Norma Joseph

22nd Debbie Wroblewski

23rd Bob Joseph

28th Dave Huber

Current Scheduled Club Events 2022

April 9-10th Watkins Glen track day (details on page 7)

April 9th Regular Meeting & Pizza Party

April 25th Pasquale's West Seneca Dinner Cruise

April 27th-May 2nd Season Kickoff Event

May 14th Regular Meeting

May 27-30th Gilmore Museum Trip

June 11th Regular Meeting

June 17th Van Bortel ZO6 Debut

June 22nd WNYCC Cruise Night (West Herr)

June 27th COB night at the Wurlitzer

July 9th Regular Meeting

July 21st COB Car Show

July 30th-31st Vettes at the Beach (Syracuse)

August 7th COB Caravan

August 14th COB Picnic

August 25-27th Corvettes at Carlisle

Sept. 3rd Olcott Beach Car Show

Sept. 4th Classics on the Niagara

Note: Next month this list will be condensed, Visit our Website Events page for the more complete listing of future events.



Lynda Graham, Activities Director

Editor: More details on some of these events are on following pages



Requested Church Pantry Donations...! April: evaporated /condensed milk, cereal, condiments



Pasquale's Restaurant
3720 Seneca St. W. Seneca NY

Monday April 25th 6:pm
April Dinner Cruise

Join us for Dinner
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Memorial Weekend



Gilmore History Museum
Barry County, Michigan



Air Zoo History Museum
Portage, Michigan

May 27 thru 30

Last Day to sign up is April Meeting

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2022 NCCC Convention hosted by East Region

June 12 through 17, 2022

At Harrah's Atlantic City, New Jersey

Located @777 Harrah's Blvd, Atlantic City

Sue Blum: Attached please find a write up for the Super Cruise.

I'm looking for people to possibly join the committee, sign up for positions will begin at the March Meeting. This year's committee is Chaired by myself; committee members are Bruce Mussehl, Harry Kwiek and Mike Blum.



Corvettes of Buffalo Super Cruise

Gate Proceeds to Benefit WNY Heros
(a Local Veterans Group)
www.WNYHeros.Org

July 21, 2022 Rain date-July 28th

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\$30 total, with no charge for spectators

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2 hour drive for about 122 miles

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Guided Tours are BACK!

John Meyerhoff

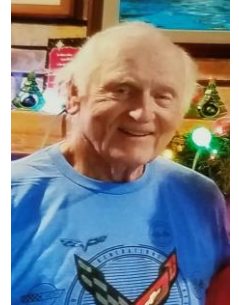
EXCITING NEWS! Guided Tours are officially back at the National Corvette Museum. Guided Tours occur 7 days a week during two time slots, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. CT. With an additional \$5 fee, you can enjoy an educational, enriching Corvette experience. Through our Guided Tours, Museum guests can gain a more thorough insight into the history of the Corvette. Our knowledgeable tour guides will spend an hour leading the tour groups through the Museum and sharing important stories and details throughout! Guided Tours are limited to a group of 20 on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to seeing you on a Guided Tour!

2022 Michelin NCM Bash

April 28-30, 2022

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and the Ladies' Oasis.

Seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm presenter's ability to be onsite. Those that are not with us here at the Museum will be doing live interactive sessions similar to those held at the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash.



Experience the Corvette Bundle!

The NCM Motorsports Park introduces a new experience for the upcoming driving season...the Corvette Bundle! This product showcases the performance capabilities of both the C7 and C8 Corvettes. Guest will have the opportunity get behind the wheel of both cars for four laps each on the 3.2-mile, 23 turn track. This lead/follow experience is packed with exciting speeds, high adrenaline, and lots of fun.

. ALSO, on the World stage: MiM Le Mans Tour | June 3 - June 14, 2022 Join us on our 5th adventure to France for the 24 Hours of Le Mans race. Here is the chance to see Corvette Racing against the world's best GT cars in the most famous race of all. Just a few highlights of the tour include stops in London, Paris, and of course Le Circuit de la Sarthe (Le Mans Track). We will have professional guides with us the entire trip to assist with our travels. After four nights in London and 3 nights in Paris, we will travel to Angers where we will stay throughout the Le Mans

NCCC News: Mike Buccilli (our new NCCC Governor)

Reminder: NCCC Convention is June 12-17 and April 15 is the last day for the discounted rate of \$220 a person and April 30 is the first day for one day passes



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From the camera of Gene Colucci: after a visit to the NCRS 43rd. Winter Regional in Lakeland, Florida



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Gary Watts. (February 26th) I am so glad you are enjoying the 72' so early in the season with other corvettes. As I look outside and see it still snowing, it's hard not to be jealous of your weather and the longer season you have there. Most older corvettes owners don't put many miles on their classic cars for fear of getting them dirty or problems on the road. Looks like the 72 found a good home and is used like when I had it. We still have about 2 to 3 months before we will be back on the road.

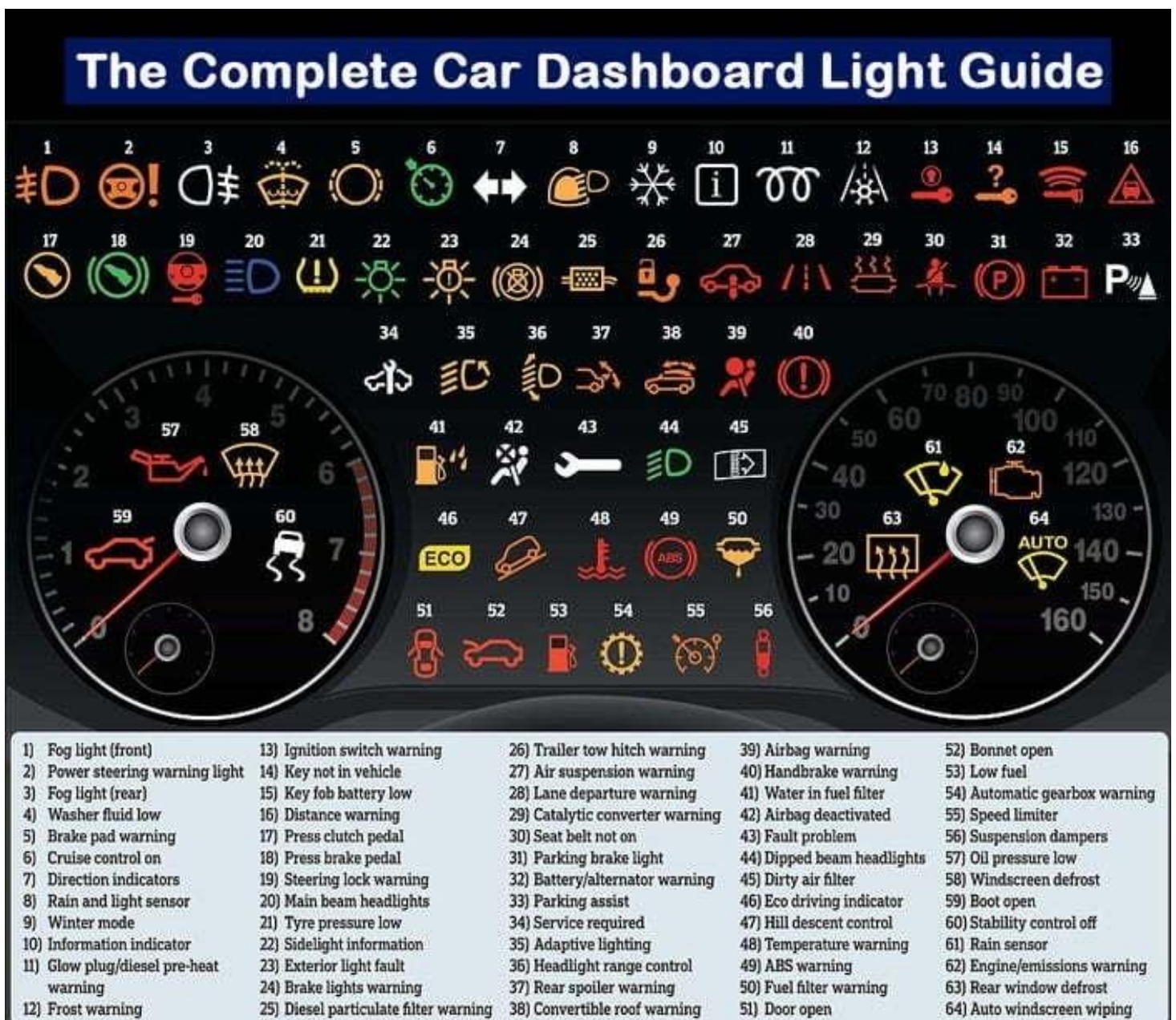
The virus seems to be slowing down here and hopefully we will be going to more normal times, like no masks inside buildings. About all we can do at this time is to have meetings, meet for coffee, and plan for the warmer weather. I see you are saving the wave for us across the pond

Stay safe, Pete

Hi Peter (Ricigliano), hope you well, spring arrived today so I took the 72 on a 90 mile round trip to the south west region monthly meet. Our car was very well received and much admired. First time they had seen it. 13 cars turned out so not bad for Feb. The sun helped. Still working on the workshop and vette room. Take care Pete, your friend across the water.



Dick and Sue Brownlee sent this guide:



FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING – (Editor) Send me things!

Hi Dave - This is Barb Inzinna. It's been longer than a while. In fact, it seems more like a lifetime ago that Frank and I were part of COB. We have periodically seen some of the original members at Carlisle over the years. I love seeing the banner and the group gathered around it.

We've been in NJ for almost 39 years! We currently live in Voorhees, NJ (Philadelphia is just across the bridge). Frank and I are still into Corvettes, currently have a 2019 GS Elkhart Blue Metallic and have been part of Lakes Corvette Club since 2017. I have been the newsletter editor of our Corvette club for a few years. I recently went through some boxes we have of old COB/Western New York materials. I found an article I wrote for the COB newsletter and decided to use it in our March 2022 issue as one of our Car of the Month articles. Looking back 40 some years, WNY, COB and the people in them were such a special part of our lives.

I've looked at some of your newsletters and appreciate the time and effort you put into making it each month. The Club's website also looks great. It seems like the club continues to be very active with a variety of activities. It took us a long time to find a club that could rival COB - between raising a family (of 3 sons) and the distances in NJ, it took us a long time to have the time and to finally find the right club to be part of. Nothing will ever compare to our years with WNY and COB. Still, we enjoy our Corvette and a great group of people who currently share the passion.

Just wanted to say hello and often wished we did more to keep in touch. Life sometimes gets in the way of good intentions and fun. Hope you are well. Spring is just around the corner, COVID seems to be waning and getting back on the road is a high priority.

Save the
Wave
Barb



George and Karen Sparks: Hi David - you are always requesting articles/stories for our Club newsletter.....

Well, I've been working on something for you/COB.

Just a brief sidebar, we had a Prius many years ago and enjoyed the Hybrid very much. Now with the advances in "green energy" and all the hoopla surrounding global warming, I've been curious about the "next generation" of non-fossil fuel vehicles. The designs and engineering features are across the board marvelous. Since I'm mostly a GM guy I had some interest in the soon to be available to order the Cadillac Lyriq. However, the price point is in the usual Cadillac arena. Chevrolet is releasing more EV - Electric Vehicles and we are on the waiting list for one of their upcoming models.

Upon asking/searching for information on these types of vehicles, I discovered that there is so much to know about this change from going to a gas station and plugging in to an outlet. And that is about the simplest explanation I can provide to you. Thus, I have attached what you and other readers may find of interest. Information regarding EV's. It is a multiphase story, beginning with a "preface" followed by several "chapters" and ending with an "epilogue". I am by no means a writer.

"SPARKY"

To EV or not to EV?



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"EV'S APPEAR TO BE THE VEHICLES OF TOMORROW, BUT IT'S STILL TODAY." FORBES

NEXT MONTH: SEE "EV" CH 1 – LEVELS, GEORGE "SPARKY"

Editor Dave (Buffalo News): For car designers, electric vehicles offer a blank canvas

As internal combustion engines go away, interiors, exteriors are getting new shapes.....By Paul Stenquist

NEW YORK TIMES: The internal combustion engine is exiting stage left. Although it provided great transportation and performance thrills for many years, it will no longer play a leading role. In its place under the hood will be, well, very little.

Ready or not, the curtain is going up on electric vehicles, or EVs, and most of their mechanical components don't sit where fossil-fuel engines once performed. Electric motors – far smaller than gasoline engines – are mounted between the wheels. A large transmission no longer gobbles up passenger space. No drive shaft is needed, thus no tunnel in the middle of the floor. The rear seat doesn't have to be positioned to provide room for a fuel tank.

The EV's power source – the battery – is heavy and large but of minimal height. Situated within the area protected by the wheels, it serves as part of the chassis – a structural member. Nearly all the parameters of vehicle packaging have changed.

Given a new and radically different platform on which to build vehicles, designers are rethinking their approach; the sheet metal that adorned gas-guzzlers can be a misfit here.

"A lot of us are still petrol heads, but there's something exciting about the way cars are evolving," said Dominic Najafi, chief exterior designer for Jaguar, which makes the I-Pace electric SUV. "We cherish the classic cars, but we welcome the future car."

To make a profit, the automakers must sell a lot of EVs, and maintaining two vehicle categories long term would appear to be financially unsound. Although conventional vehicles will remain in production for a decade or more, no one interviewed for this article mentioned new designs for the old guard.

"One has to think about EV design in a somewhat different way," said Bob Boniface, Buick's director of global design. "It's a more efficient form of transportation, so there is an expectation that styling aesthetics reflect that. Traditional grille shapes change due to different cooling requirements; aerodynamic devices and surfacing become more prominent."

How that translates to the road will be revealed this summer when Buick joins the electric crowd. Like other new General Motors EVs, its model will be created on the Ultium modular platform.

Kai Langer, design chief for BMW, sees electrification as an opportunity for designers. "With combustion engines, there was a mandated configuration," he said. "In this new world, you have different options."

The size and weight of the battery compel it to be placed low and between the wheels, Langer said. That allows for a flat floor. The cowl – a structural element between engine compartment and passenger area – can be moved toward the front, increasing interior space. "From a design standpoint, there's not really a downside to electrification," said Dave Marek, executive creative director for Acura. He added that his design team was focused on how an automobile relates to the occupants. "Electrification allows you to embrace the senses more fully," Marek said. "I think the customer expects some electrification inside. Maybe in the form of mood lighting."

Marc Lichte, Audi's head of design, relishes the opportunities that electrification provides. "It is our enabler to design the most attractive Audis ever," he said, explaining that short overhangs, made possible by the absence of engine and fuel tank, are an aesthetic advantage. The longer wheelbase required to accommodate a battery is attractive, he added, and so are the large wheels needed to support the weight of the battery.

"Cars with combustion engines had a different character," Lichte said. "They were making a sound."

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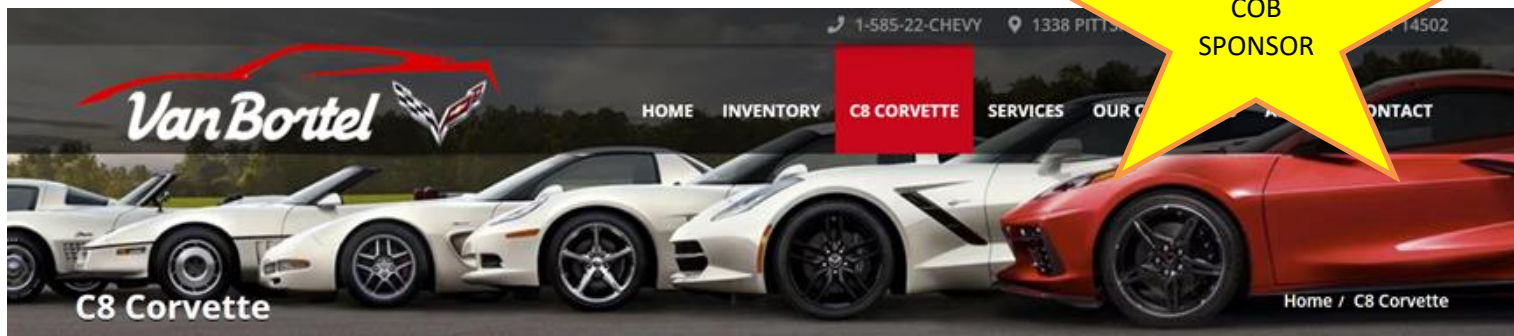
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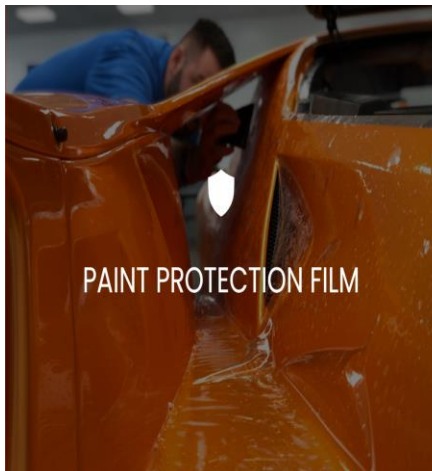
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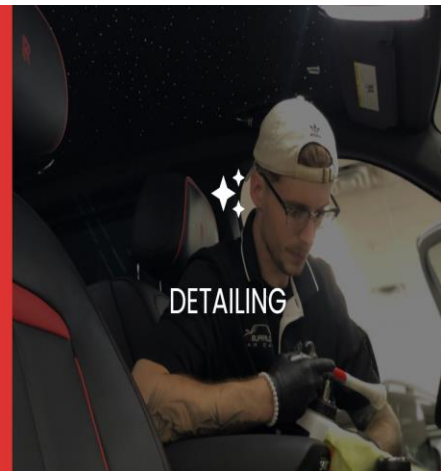
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Newsletter Editor Notes:

Restaurateur Russell J. Salvatore and infectious disease specialist Dr. Rajinder Bajwa will be honored when Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center brings back its annual gala fundraising event, the Premier. The black-tie formal, scrapped this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, will be held Jan. 15 in the Seneca Niagara Casino in the Falls, the medical center announced. The event usually draws a sellout crowd of about 900. The 2020 Premier raised about \$275,000 for the hospital.

Co-chairs of the 2022 event include Buffalo Common Council member Darius Pridgen and his son, Pastor Craig Pridgen, and Dr. Ravinder K. Devgun, Memorial's chief of anesthesiology, and his wife, Sukhmender S. Saran.

Bajwa, Memorial's chief of infectious diseases, led the hospital's response to the pandemic.

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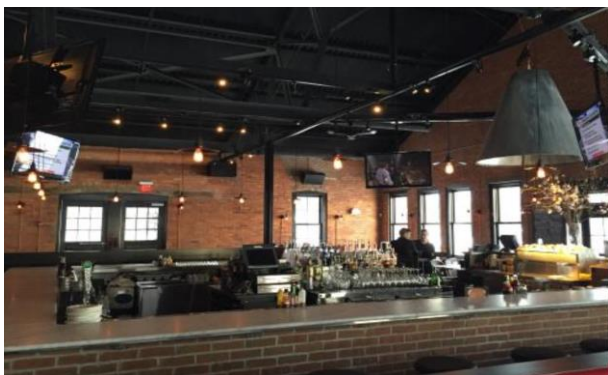
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