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Notes from the President

The official start of fall is here and the Corvette season is winding down. There is still time for those fall drives and weekend trips to enjoy the changing of the leaves. Schools are now opening in Western New York. And as they reopen, we also prepare for the flu season along with the challenges of COVID 19. Colleges and Universities have already seen outbreaks and the caution flag has been raised for our region as cases have risen in recent weeks. Now more than ever we need to remain committed to staying safe. We still need to be careful and smart. Wash your hands, Social Distance, Wear a mask. When it comes to the flu the best protection is getting your flu shot. The time is now as October is the recommended time to get the optimum protection for the season.

At the current time we are still not able to resume monthly meetings at the church due to the restrictions on gathering size. I do plan to hold a Board of Directors meeting in October and will do a "COB UPDATE" regarding the meeting. The meeting minutes will also be posted in the Members only section of the web site.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent their club dues into Maryanne Pastore. If you have not already done so please get them in by October 10th this is to allow ample time for the proper information to be forwarded to NCCC. Thank You!

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE!

Save the Wave

October, 2020

Notes from the editor

It's 1980, Carter is POTUS and the GPS navigation system is introduced.

Pittsburgh beats the Rams in Superbowl XIV while Rubik's Cube makes its worldwide debut. In February, the Winter Olympics opens in Lake Placid where the US ice hockey team defeats the Soviet Union in the "Miracle on Ice". POTUS announces the US will boycott the Summer Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

April has the Mariel boatlift from Cuba while May witnesses the eruption of Mount St. Helens and the introduction of Pac-Man. Meanwhile the NY Islanders take the Stanley cup from the Flyers.

POTUS introduces the peace time military draft while winning re-nomination but In November Ronald Reagan beats Carter for the presidency. We also learned "Who shot J.R." while Mark David Chapman shot John Lennon.

On the radio we listened to "Another Brick in the wall" (Pink Floyd) and "Call me" (Blondie). On TV we watched "Dallas" and "The Dukes of Hazzard" while at the theaters we watched "The Shining" and "Star Wars, episode V".

The Bills go 11-5 and the Sabers skate to a 36-28-16 season.

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Submissions must be in by the 27th

Late submissions will be published the following month.

October Anniversaries

12th Jim & Nicolet Brett 29th Bob & Debbie Tkach



October Birthdays

2^{nd}	Donna Biggie
3^{rd}	Jim Brett
7^{th}	Sam Iraci
7^{th}	Jim Pepe
8^{th}	$Marty\ \overline{Link}$
9^{th}	Frank Pastore
11^{th}	Dick Brownlee
12^{th}	Chris Balmas
13^{th}	Patti Kirkland
16^{th}	Cindy Erdey
16^{th}	Kathy Huber
18^{th}	Dan Krakowski
23^{rd}	Ken Kaczka
23^{rd}	Dave Spencer
26^{th}	Joseph Peluso
27^{th}	Marianne Pastore
29th	Dan Wroblewski





2020 Calendar of Events - (March 27, 2020)

The following list of Events were reviewed by the Board of Directors and are being listed for Members to select and plan your activities. While these Events are being listed, there will be additional events that will be added as the season progresses. This calendar will be updated and available online. The updated calendar will also be posted on our web page. If you know of any events that we should add to the list, please let us know.

Shows and Events – 2020

Note: Please Check the Clutch Artist Calendar for more details......

Weekly Cruise Nights details are listed on Clutch Artist Calendar, Pages 1, 2 & 3

October 3 Hilton Apple Fest, Hilton, NY 8am-4pm

October 10 COB Club Meeting – Clarence Church – 7pm

October 11 Peek & Peek Car Show 1405 Ye Old Road, Clymer, NY 9am - 4pm

November 14 **COB Meeting** – Elections!

December 13 COB Christmas Luncheon, Ilio's DiPaolo's – Karen & George Sparks

Meetings are still Cancelled

We will make an announcement when we are able to resume.

Elections Postponed

The Board has unanimously decided to delay elections until the regular election cycle in 2021. Present officers and Board members will continue in their positions until the 2021 elections.

COB Dues for 2021

Corvettes of Buffalo will only collect NCCC dues of <u>\$25/single or \$35/couple</u>. Dues should be sent directly to Treasurer, Marianne Pastore at her home address. Dues were payable by September 12, 2020.

Only 2 Issues Left Newsletter Editor Needed

Anyone interested in replacing Larry Dudeck please let me know, without an editor there will be no newsletter!!!!!

Bob

On Friday, August 21, 2020, 21 Corvettes gathered at Tops parking lot in Derby to embark on a 58-mile journey on Route 5 West. After passing through Silver Creek and Dunkirk, we had a brief stop at **Lake Erie State Park** to admire the beautiful shoreline.

Rather than packing a picnic lunch, we were able to secure a reservation for all of us at **Meeders Restaurant in Ripley.** We had a great socially distanced lunch, complete with mile high homemade pies. The gracious owner was very happy to serve us, and had many raffle prizes for us.

After a delicious lunch, some went home via the Thruway express route while others stopped at one of the many wineries dotting US Route 20.

12 cars arrived at the Sparks home in Lake View, where the socially distanced party continued well past 10 PM.

















All photos courtesy of George Sparks

COB MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

<u>Please update your membership list information</u>. This year we will be doing this using the "Members Only" section of COB's website.

- 1. Go to COB's website "Members Only" section.
- 2. Locate your information on either the Membership or Prospective Membership lists.
- 3. Check information for name, address, phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, new Vette <u>purchased</u>, old Vette <u>sold</u>.
- 4. If you have a spouse or significant other whose name you want included with your name, please indicate this.

If you have any changes to be made, please contact me (Karen Rothenberger) by phone or with an e-mail. I will make the changes on my computer and will send the corrected lists to COB's "Membership Only" section. This section is printable so if you want a hard copy, you will be able to print the lists. Should you have a problem with printing, let me know and I'll get a hard copy to you.

All these changes are due to the COVID pandemic. We still have last year's lists that have not been handed out due to the lack of meetings. Who knows when we will be able to meet in person again at The First Presbyterian Church?

The updated lists should be completed by January 1, 2021. Thank you for helping keep our membership lists up-to-date and for understanding the need to change our new methods for this process.

Karen Rothenberger

The obituary of Jim Kelly's dad.



KELLY - John A. "Jack" Of Hamburg, entered



into rest September 2, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn J.

of the late Evelyn J.
Kelly (nee Chase);
father of John M.
(Donna) Kelly, of West
Seneca and James A. (Lynn) Kelly, of
Depew; cherished grandfather of Travis
Kelly; son of the late Samuel B. and
Annie I. (nee Jolley) Kelly. Realtives
and friends may visit the LOMBARDO
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Chapel), 3060 Abbott Rd., Orchard
Park (near Lake Ave.), Friday, from 2-6
PM, where a Funeral Service will PM, where a Funeral Service will immediately follow. Interment Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. Kelly was a US Army veteran. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4245 Union Rd., suite 108, Buffalo, NY 14225, in John's name. PURSUANT TO NYS GUIDELINES, 33% OCCUPANCY WILL BE OBSERVED. Leave condolences at www.lombardofuneralhome.com



Courtesy of The Buffalo News

Hello Everyone,

I received this information today from Peter Ricigliano about the passing of a former COB member and past President of the club. He has asked me to pass it on to the membership.

Bob

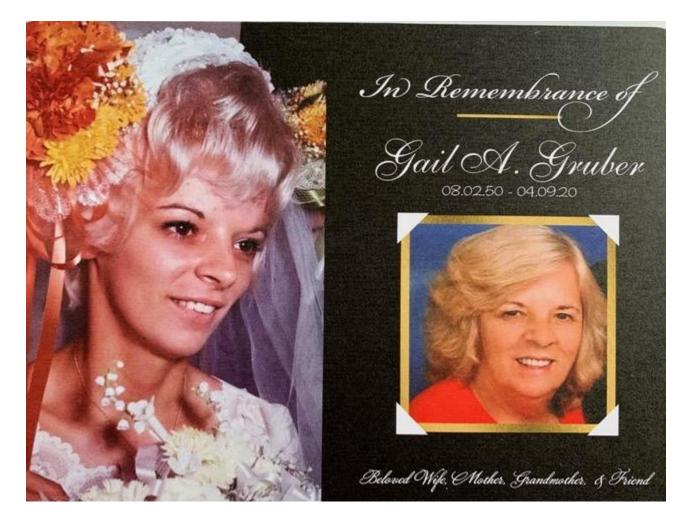
Stan Fronckowiak passed away Friday 9/04/2020. Stan was a member and past President of COB, Some of the long time club members will remember him. It you plan to attend please bring your jacket and Corvette. I know that Stan would love to see all the old friends, and Corvettes there. For more Info call Pete R at 716 634 6101

FRONCKOWIAK - Stanley J., Jr.

Of E. Amherst, NY, September 4, 2020. Beloved husband of Diane Ruminski and the late Maryann (nee Padalino); dear father of Robert A. Fronckowiak,

Christina (Marty) Nowak and Gino Marino; brother of Carol (Rob) Jordan and the late Francis Fronckowiak. Friends may call Monday, 4-8 PM, at the LESTER H. WEDEKINDT, INC. FUNERAL HOME, 3290 Delaware Ave. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial, on Tuesday, at 11:00 AM, at St. Timothy's Church, 565 East Park Dr., Tonawanda. Entombment with military honors will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Mr. Fronckowiak was a Veteran of the US Army from 1966- 1968. Please share condolences online at www.lesterwedekindtfuneralhome.com

If you wish to send a sympathy card the address is Diane Ruminski 43 Snowberry Lane E Amherst NY 14051



04/09/20 is a sad date for Mike Gruber, his family and the Corvettes of Buffalo. Mike lost his wife and we lost a dear friend and member of our club.

On September 26th, a memorial was held for Gail A. Gruber at the Evangel Assembly of God Church in Clarence, NY, where I and other club members joined Mike, his family and other friends to celebrate a life well lived and tragically lost too early.

As we entered the church, we were greeted by three photo displays of Gail during different stages of her life. They were fascinating, as some showed her huge interests in both her family and cars. One that appeared to be a modified stock car had written on its trunk cover that it was her car. This was even more at a time when men were the primary motivators in the sport. GOOD FOR HER!

While in the church, we were all reminded of Covid restrictions and I must say they were both respectful and careful in dealing with them. In the main hall, we were treated to a large screen that gave us a musical rendition of aspects in Gail's life. It made me wish that I had been a neighbor of this family, whose caring and sharing of love was evident. This was their church for close to thirty years now. To be honest, I didn't know Gail's story well, but I came away with a very positive impression of the effect she had on people. I am reminded of an unforgettable story Mike told about a first date with Gail. It seems that in his efforts to impress her, he picked her up in his Corvette, certainly something any guy would have done. What wasn't expected was that when she exited from his car, she managed to break off a piece of the door when it hit a curb. The attractions each of them must have had for one another must have been strong to weather that moment.

After Gail's service, we gathered in another part of the church for what was described as a light luncheon. It was anything but that. The quantity and delicious settings were a testimony to the way this church does things. Topping this off was a table full of desserts which were as tasty as they looked. Yeah, I had to try a few of them. Again, I was impressed!

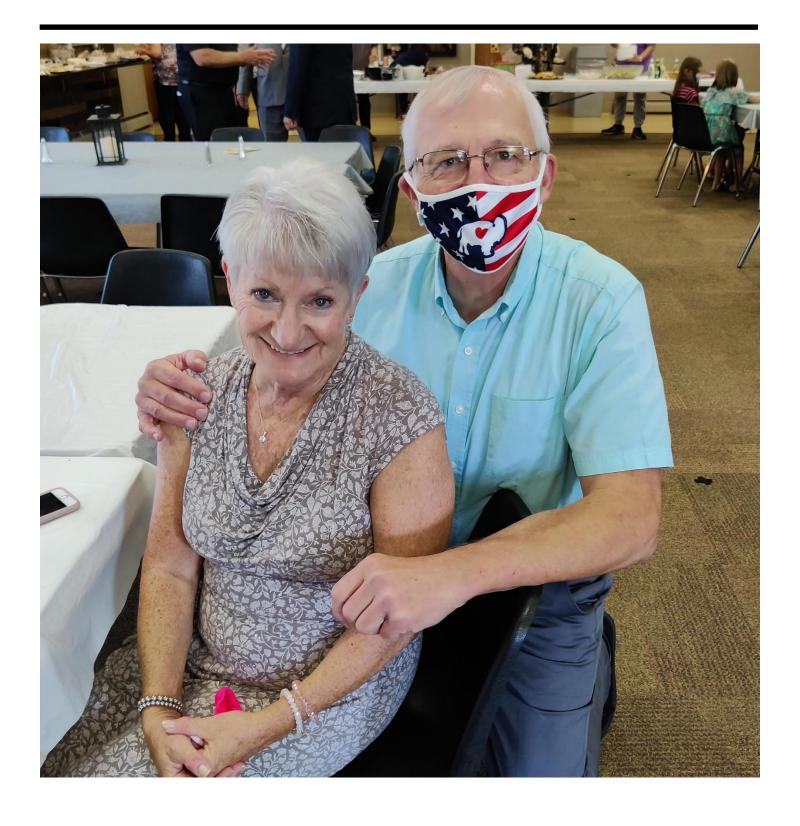
At this point, all I can say to you Mike, is "I am glad to know that you were able to live those moments, now memories, with Gail".

Dave Spencer



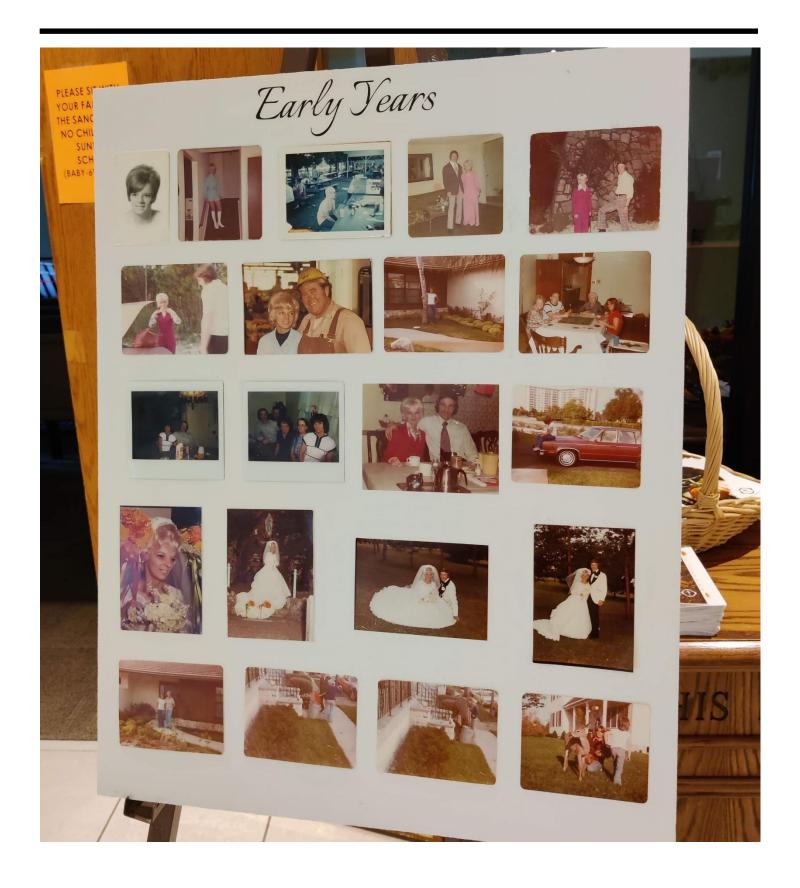


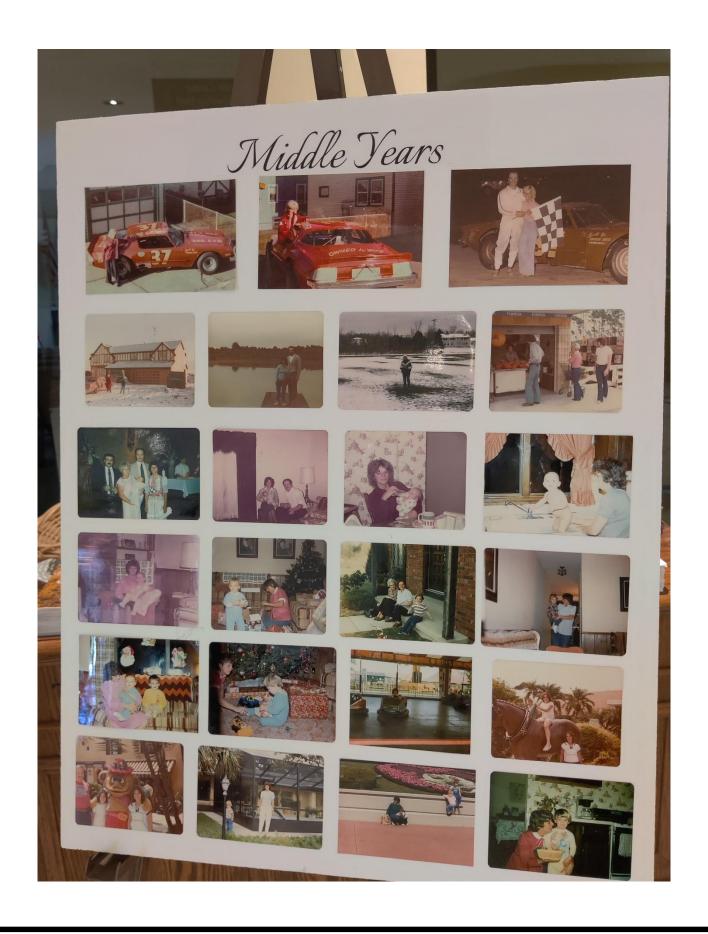






















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Every sunny Thursday from 5-8 pm at Watermark Church lot,
4999 McKinley Pkwy. Hamburg. Drifters Car Club helps out now. Marty Link



History of the Corvette, part 27

The 1980 Corvette continued to suffer fit and finish issues. These problems would largely be reduced in the next model year when Corvette manufacturing would be switched to Bowling Green, Ky. Meanwhile, the ongoing federal government mandates of fuel efficiency were being felt throughout the auto industry.

To help improve the milage numbers of the Corvette, the engineers at Chevy massaged the front end to reduce the aerodynamic drag. In addition to the lower hood line, both the front and rear spoilers were now molded into the body. The reduction from a coefficient of drag (CoD) to 0.443 from 0.503 resulted in about 12% less drag. At city speeds, this may have not be apparent but at highway speeds the drag reduction became significant. Aero-drag is a function of speed squared; thus a car traveling at 60 mph will have four (4) times the aero-drag as it does at 30 mph.

Also, as a result of reshaping the front end and other wieght saving measures, the new Corvette lost 250 pounds which helped the fuel efficiency as the total drag on the car is a combination of aero-drag and rolling friction of the tires against the pavement. Rolling friction is pretty much constant, being the same at any speed.

The federal government, in its infinite wisdom, decided the speedometers of US cars were to be calibrated at a maximum of 85 mph, regardless of the top speed the car may be capable of. This was intended to encourage drivers to comply with the 55 mph speed limits on the interstate highways.

Even with these measures, the new Corvette could not meet the more stringent polution laws of California. To meet these particular rules, all 1980 Corvettes shipped to and sold in California were powered by a 305 cu.inch engine, instead of the 350 cu.inch engine available in the other 49 states. In spite of the lower displacement and lower compression ratio, this smaller V8 was rated at 180 HP, just 10 hp less than its bigger brethren. This was made possible by the use of better exhaust headers and a more complex combustion control computer. The only transmission available for this engine was the 3 speed automatic.

The federally mandated fuel efficiency and safety standards helped push the base price to \$13,140. Buyers were asked to pay more for less and sales figures reflected this. Total units sold were were about 20% less than the 1979 model.



The 1980 Corvette with same color roof panels, molded in front and rear spoilers. Note the absence of the crossed flag emblems from the front fenders. They were a victim of the weight reduction program.



A good view of the molded rear spoiler, same color roof panels. Transparent roof panels were available as an option.



The roof panels removed, which posed a storage problem. Note the front spoiler

CHURCH DONATIONS

In the months to follow, needed donations requested by the church are as follows:

The one thing we all care about more than our Corvettes is the health and wellbeing of our family, friends and ourselves. The global outbreak and spread of COVID-19 are greatly affecting the way we all live our lives. For those still in the workforce who may be laid off are affected more than those of us who are retired. Therefore, I am asking everyone to continue to make contributions to the church food bank. I had a conversation with Jim Owen today and he tells me that they are in need of any nonperishable items as usual. He tells me that donations can be placed in an outside bench at the rear of the church. For anyone concerned, no physical contact needs to be made. Just lift the seat and place items underneath. The bench is emptied on a daily basis. I hope this message finds everyone well. Please follow all federal and local guidelines to ensure that all COB members stay healthy and safe. Thanks.

Bob

The Clarence Community Food Pantry was started in 1980 by Nancy May to assist less fortunate local families. The pantry is located at Clarence Presbyterian Church and serves residents of Clarence, Clarence Center, Town of Clarence and the Clarence School District.

Many organizations and individuals throughout the Clarence area contribute food and monetary donations as well as time and it is deeply appreciated!

Please contact Jim Owen, Coordinator for donations or client appointments. Jim can be reached at 716-310-5447 or ccp@clarencepresby.org.

October – dinner food (boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, rice, hamburger helper)

Remember all the businesses that you've asked for years and years to donate to your clubs, events, and organizations? They're calling in a favor. Answer the call.

Support the local businesses in your community! See



COVID 19

I have become aware of the following direction from NCCC concerning any event that we may be having in regards to protecting the club from any liability concerning COVID 19. This will pertain to our upcoming Caravan and Picnic. Everyone will be receiving updated information before the events. This is from Jim Walton NCCC Business manager;

NCCC coverage concerning Covid 19:

Sickness and Disease are covered in the NCCC Policy the same way as any other 3^{rd} party bodily injury claim. So NCCC is covered for any Covid 19 claims made by a 3^{rd} party. There is also Directors and Officers insurance in case you as an officer get sued directly.

What has changed is how we base the use of our waivers on the risk associated with the event. So now with the virus otherwise low risk activities, such as a club meeting, now have a higher risk. So NCCC has to rethink when and what types of events should require a waiver. The use of waivers is the primary defense against NCCC getting sued by a member.

It is mandatory that every club gathering or activity have everyone sign the standard waiver until the Covid threat has passed, even those activities which did not previously require waivers noted in FAQ's. Currently we are working with Legacy Insurance on a new waiver form that would include Covid Language. NCCC has begun to look at electronic waivers and how we might be able to use them in our organization, but for now let's keep using the paper waivers. Electronic waivers will have to meet our insurance requirements as well as the Competition Manual.

Any announcement of an activity, such as a flyer, should include that attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Also state that individuals are responsible to maintain their own social distancing and if they are sick not to attend. Hand sanitizer should be available to members after contact activities should as signing the waiver. Please use the Covid comprehensive precautions that were published by the Competition Committee for your events.

It is very important any event follows all state and local regulations. Not being in compliance could make your event illegal and put your coverage into question. Use common sense in laying out your event to limit member to member exposure.

Regards

Jim Walton, NCCC Business Manager

In light of this we are required to have a waiver signed by everyone attending any Club Meeting, Picnic, Caravan and if the Club goes together as a group to any event such as Classics on the Niagara Car Show. I have attached a waiver form file for you to print and bring with you if you desire. I have also attached a Risk Assessment Chart that I received from Frank Pastore that is a good reference for our members, family and friends.

Bob Joseph

MUSEUM EVENTS Cruise with NCM



May 14-23, 2021 Corvette enthusiasts will board the Celebrity Cruise Line for a nine-day adventure through the Southern Caribbean. The cruise includes stops at the Grand Cayman, Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire with welcome reception, a private shore excursion, embarkation luncheon and much more.

Registration is \$1,875 per person, double occupancy or \$3,750 for single occupancy. Only a few spots remain!

Thanks to Museum Board Member Shannon Lamarche of Premiere Luxury Travel for putting together this trip with all proceeds benefiting NCM!

We can thank CoB's John Myerhoff for these. Check the NCM for additional details.



Hello, Friends of St. Jude's and Corvette Enthusiasts!

Have you had enough of staying around your house? Tired of hearing the words "social distance" and "pandemic"? Are you just about ready to rip off the floor all those stickers that say "Stand here"? Me, too!

We've got something to get your mind of all of that. It's a "virus", all right. It is more like a "fever"!! **THE 2020 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY LT1**, the "hottest" and most sought-after Chevrolet in history! And, St. Jude's is getting one, and we are raffling it off on **CHRISTMAS EVE!!** Everyone one of these '20 Vettes have already been sold, so you will NOT find them in any showroom. <u>Ours has just been built and is Torch Red, with Jet Black trim, leather seats, with a removable top! It has a Mid-engine 6.2L V8, DI/AFM/VVT, 8-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission with 490 horsepower, a 10-speaker Bose® Sound System, and all kinds of goodies! Remember, too, that you could take the \$40,000 IN CASH, in you would rather.</u>

There will be only 3,000 tickets sold! Each ticket will be \$100. But you can get 6 tickets for \$500, and 13 tickets for \$1,000! You're not going to find a raffle like that anywhere! With our income down from the pandemic, we could sure use everyone's help to make up that difference.

We are asking everyone to visit our website at <u>www.winavette.com</u> or contact our office through the rectory (833-0927), or by email: <u>winavette@stjudepos.org</u>, to purchase tickets!

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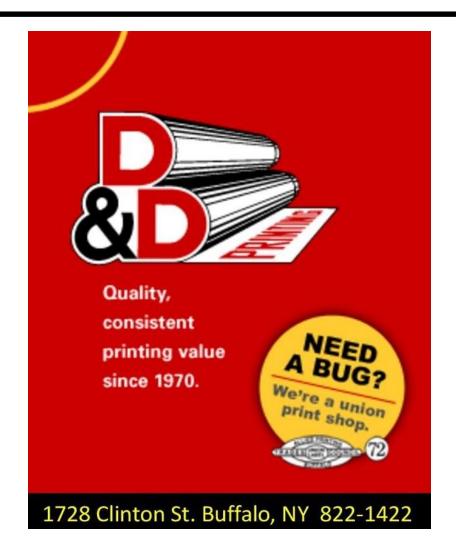




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