

DECEMBER 2021



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President Bob Joseph:



I am glad to see that Sue Brownlee and Rose Ricigliano have organized lady's luncheons in November and December. Thank You ladies and let's keep this going in the coming year.

Jim Kuczmarski and myself have been working with Dorothy Camping on the new Website and I am happy to report that it is almost complete. All that is left is transferring achieve information from the old site to the new one which will be done by Dorothy. At that point we will be ready to go live with the site.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Brunch. For those members unable to attend Norma and I would like to extend our wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Wave to Santa!



EDITOR'S NOTE:



With this December issue, I'd like to say Merry Christmas, may your holidays be special and memorable!

Being on the COB board of Directors this year has been an honor. I would like to explain why I chose not to run for next year. My newsletter and photographer duties take a significant amount of time, and when I realized just how many qualified members were interested in running for the board positions, I was glad. New ideas and problem solving are always welcome in an organization. They promote growth and also allow responsibilities to be shared. When activities or time spots come up, I would urge all of you to try your hand at something new or work at some of our legacy events. You may have a better idea, and we welcome thoughtful changes. We have many members who can advise or assist you, so it need not be a solo attempt. One such event that stands out is George Sparks "James Bond movie" – something not tried before, but a remarkable success. You just might have a hobby or favorite restaurant that might serve as a catalyst for an event..... so give it some thought.

Note: <u>next</u> month's newsletter will show the newly elected club officers and board (page 2), all of whom are officially installed during the December meeting!

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E-Mail: c7hotrod@gmail.com
Submissions must be in before the 25th
Late submissions will be published the following month.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

12th 1991 Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere 25th -1871 Inventor Thomas Edison (24) marries 1st wife Mary Stilwell (16) 25th 1999 -Jerry Seinfeld and wife Jessica





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

4th Carole Blandford, Bernadine Colucci

7th Al Kraft

11th Karen Rothenberger

14th Mel Skeidi

15th Harry Kwiek

16th Eileen Kuczmarski

25th Sue Brownlee

27th Wayne Scudder



Currently Planned COB Events:

- December 5th COB Christmas Brunch (Dec. meeting) —Illio Depolos (page 4)
- December 16th Ladies luncheon, hosted by Rose Ricigliano at Buffalo Brew Pub.
- January 8th Regular Meeting
- February 12th Regular Meeting
- February 12th Pizza Party

Info: Lee Buccilli







Requested Church Pantry Donations.... Thank you!

(DO NOT BRING ANY DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/ DECEMBER MEETING)







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CORVETTE RACING NEWS

Chevrolet, Corvette Racing Claim Final GTLM Championships



Chevrolet and Corvette Racing claimed all three full-season GT Le Mans titles of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. This year, Chevrolet claimed its 14th Manufacturers title in GT racing. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor went back-to-back as Drivers champions while the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R repeated as Team title-winners. Chevrolet and Corvette Racing won 7 times in the IMSA Championship and claimed a pole position in each GTLM race heading into Petit Le Mans. No. 4 Corvette C8.R teammates Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy finished second in GTLM points with the start of today's race. Milner and Tandy were also contributors in the Manufacturers Championship with three victories and two pole positions.

Corvette Racing will return to IMSA in January for the season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona in the new GTD PRO category. That effort will go along with a single-car entry in the FIA World Endurance Championship.

Members can now view the Year to Date through September Financial Report by logging on to the Members-Only Section of the website.

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- 5. An e-mail was just sent to the address that you submitted. Please go to your e-mail and confirm following the steps. If you do not see the e-mail, check spam, or junk folder, this may take a few moments.
- 6. Following the directions in the e-mail, set up a password. Then log into your account.

Please note that this login may be different than what you would use for the Corvette Store. The report can be found under the revenue and expenses tab.

NCCC News: Jim Brett (our NCCC Governor)

For up-to-date info, check:

The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. ~ NCCC (corvettesnccc.org) or its Facebook site



COB Membership Lists and Information

It's that time of year again when members and prospective members can up-date their information for our membership lists. Please check your information on our website under "Members Only". If you have changed Corvettes (bought new or sold older Vettes), changed your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let me know by e-mail (karen4roth@verizon.net) or phone (716) 675-9467 and I will make those changes. Thank you. Karen Rothenbeger





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10/24 Ellicottville Brewing Company trip:

It was a beautiful, yet cool day when we met at Quaker Run Plaza and headed down Route 219 to Ellicottville. While there at the brewery, we were all treated to a first round of drinks by Terry Decker in honor of Jim Decker, her beloved husband, who passed away May 30th of last year (both of them pictured below). Thank you, Terry and Jim (RIP)! She also hosted an informal get together at her nearby house after the event. We did not make it to that, but were able to stop at a similar meet at the home of Kevin and Holly Wyse (bottom of page 10) on the way home. We left that later in the rain. Dave Spencer













Ellicottville Brewing Company trip (cont.):







11/24 COB Ladies' Luncheon:

On November 4th, 15 COB ladies converged on Platters Chocolate's. After some purchases we convoyed to Solidays restaurant for a delicious lunch. Of course, more shopping afterwards to "A Little Something" to purchase some gifts or a little something for our own home.

We look forward to our December luncheon, hosted by Rose Ricigliano on December 16 at Buffalo Brew Pub. Hope to see you there.

Sue Brownlee (pictured below with her husband Dick)



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What's the highest horsepower Corvette you can actually buy?

<u>Specialty Vehicle Engineering (SVE)</u>, the firm that owns the fabled Yenko brand name, is building <u>25 limited edition Yenko/SC</u> Stage II Corvettes—and each one will pack massive firepower underhood.

This amped-up Yenko/SC Corvette is based on the $\underline{2019}$ Corvette Grand Sport coupe and convertible models. A modified 6.8-liter supercharged V-8 engine based on the standard 6.2-liter version powers the new beast. It now delivers a whopping 1,000 hp and 855 lb-ft of torque. The V-8 is mated to a seven-speed manual transmission standard or an available eight-speed automatic.

Below: Some of the Church congregation toys collected by COB, on display during our November meeting.





Dan Krakowski photo – thanks!

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COB member Juan Phillips: looking for a C5 Coupe in good condition. (Editor: The Chevrolet Corvette (C5) is the fifth generation of the Chevrolet Corvette sports car, produced by the Chevrolet division of General Motors for the 1997 through 2004 model years. Production variants include the high performance Z06.) Call Juan at 7165634775

New photo of Pete Ricigliano's old corvette with its newly constructed garage in England.



Bruce Graham (birthday November 12th) cake we feasted upon during the break at our November meeting.



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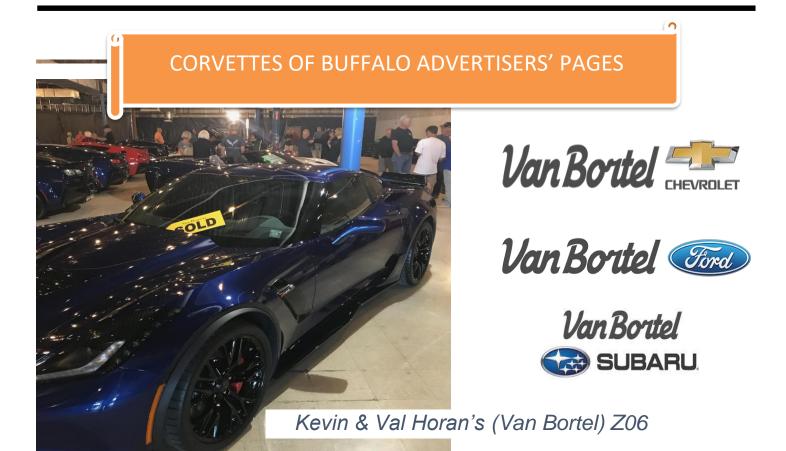
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Editor's Note: Local Small Businesses are the backbone of our Communities and are hurting in these Covid times. Please use them!

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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.

Salvatore, owner of Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, has donated millions of dollars to area hospitals, including a major gift to renovate Memorial's welcome center in 2019.

- Thomas J. Prohaska



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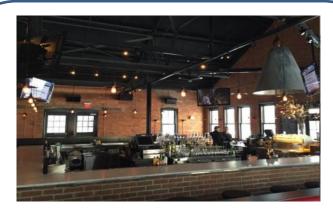
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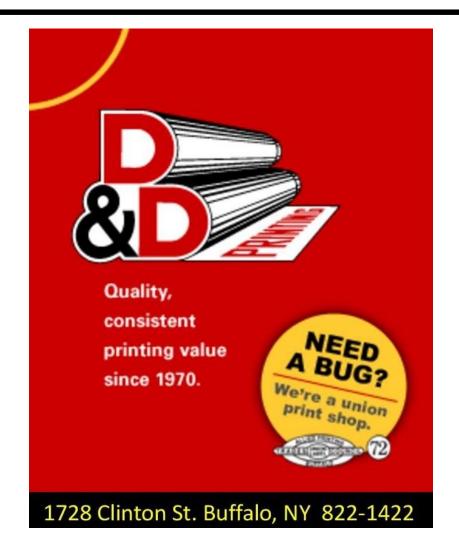
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