

NOVEMBER 2021

VETTE NEWS SINCE 1981



With the days getting shorter and the end of daylight savings time in the next week, it is time to realize that summer is over. Some of our members have already put their car away for the winter and others will be doing so shortly. Many of us are looking forward to our Christmas Brunch at Ilio DiPaolo's restaurant and many of us are starting to make plans for the upcoming Christmas holidays. I'm asking everyone to look a little further. Think about what activities you would like to see and possibly chair in the coming year. Keep in mind that we still need a chairperson to run the car show and the annual club picnic. Thank You to Bruce & Lynda Graham for organizing the annual pizza party in February and Kevin Horan & Jim Kuczmarski, whom already have the 18 th annual caravan in the planning stages. I will be asking for input at the November meeting. A big Thank You to the members who organized the past month's events. Mike & Lee Buccilli for this month's dinner cruise at Uncle Joes Diner in Blasdell. George & Karen Sparks for the dinner cruise to Sprague's Maple Farms and hosting a private showing of the latest James Bond movie at the Palace Theater in Hamburg and Jim Kuczmarski & Terry Decker for organizing a brewery tour and luncheon at Ellicottville Brewing Company. Finally, for Norma Joseph and her committee for planning and running the Corvettes of Buffalo 40 th Anniversary Birthday Party. I know that club members and myself appreciate the people who go above and beyond to organize events for the club. Save the Wave!

Bob Joseph President



(see page 36)



EDITOR'S NOTE:



In this issue you will find all of the photos and submitted writeups of candidates for the offices and board of COB.

Please notice that we have a new event posted for the ladies on November 4th. Sounds like fun... I might have to dress up as Mrs. Doubtfire.

Another past project I've been working on is the Corvettes of Buffalo Photo Album. In addition to adding actual photos to the albums members may already have, I plan to put a digital album in the members only part of our website. It will show the members names superimposed on a photo of their Corvettes, plus car year (etc.) that you may want to include. We are a big club and knowing everyone's names is handy, especially since nametags are not always displayed. Some I have done already, others may need updating, which you can email me on. As an example, I've updated one below:





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E-Mail: c7hotrod@gmail.com
Submissions must be in before the 25th

Late submissions will be published the following month.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

20th The Queen and Prince Philip

27th Lana Turner and Frederick May (one of her 8 marriages)



27th Willie Mays and Mae Louise Allen



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

MISSED LAST MONTH:

October 28th Joe Weatherbee

7th Holly Wyse

8th Rocco Buccilli

12th Mike Flanagan and Bruce Graham

14th Sandra Gibson

23rd Rod Reisdorf

27th Susan Krezmien and Mary Carol Plott

29th Bernadette Futch

30th Len Zawadzki

Currently Planned COB Activities:

November 4th.... Ladies Luncheon

: First stop at Platters Candy, Wurlitzer bldg. N. Tonawanda @ 11.

Onward to Solidays Restaurant around 11:30 for lunch, corner of Ward Road and Niagara Falls Blvd. Following lunch, we will venture to A Little Something boutique on Nia. Falls Blvd.

Fun gifts to shop for the holidays, or special occasions'

November 13th - ⁻ Regular Meeting – Elections

December 5th – Christmas Brunch – Illio Depolos (see Flyer page 4)

Lee Buccilli







Requested Church Pantry Donations.... Thank you!

NOVEMBER – UNWRAPPED TOY

COB members –please consider bringing a toy for the November donation to the church congregation. Do not wrap the toy and leave it in the vestibule of the church as you enter. (DO NOT BRING ANY DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH).

DECEMBER – LUNCHEON – NO DONATIONS







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The National Corvette Museum opened its doors to the world on Labor Day weekend in 1994, since then it has become known as the gateway to all things Corvette. When the Museum first expanded in 2009 and almost doubled its size, it allowed for guests to experience the excitement, color, and adventure that are Corvette. Website: National Corvette Museum — Home of America's Sports Car

- Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4th
- 2022 9-day Caribbean Cruise April 15th

Tunnels to Towers Exhibit Coming to the NCM The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit by the Tunnels to Towers Foundation will be coming to the National Corvette Museum November 3-9, 2021. The Tunnels to Towers Foundation was created by the Stiller family in memory of their brother, Stephen, a New York City firefighter who sacrificed his life to save others on September 11th, 2001. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is a 53-foot tractor-trailer that transforms into a 1,000 square foot exhibit! This amazing space is a tribute to the thousands of innocent people who lost their lives that fateful day, and to the 343 members of the FDNY who sacrificed their own to help save others.

NCCC News: Jim Brett (our NCCC Governor)

For up-to-date info, check:





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

NOMINEES FOR COB ELECTED OFFICES:



Hello, my name is **Ray Schafer**. I am asking for the consideration of your vote as a nominee to the COB Board of Directors. I have been a member since 1981 when the club was formed. Currently, I am an NCCC Regional Officer for the Northeast Region. I wish to be more involved as a club member. Previously, I was heavily involved and wish to get back to that level of participation. Thank you, Ray

Hello everyone!!



Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of Corvettes of Buffalo. Ever since I co-chaired the successful COB Caravans for the last 2 years, I knew that I would like to be considered for a position on the board. I have many years of board experience, since I was the past President of a Buffalo Non-Profit that had over a million \$ budget for about 15 years. I am currently also on the finance committee for another Buffalo Non-Profit that has hundreds of employees. My work

life has me working directly with 15 mortgage sales professionals along with my personal production in that field for over 30 years. My passion for Corvettes is huge and my ability to work with others as a team is one of my strengths. We are all here because of our enthusiasm toward the best made American car and all I have ever personally wanted to do is the help others any way I can. I would appreciate your vote on election night so I can help the club as well. Yours Truly, Kevin P Horan

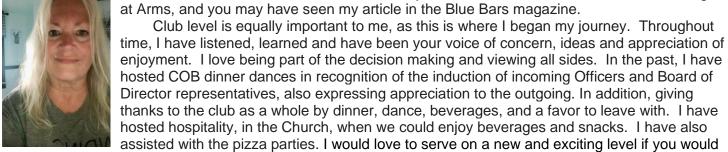


Please consider this notice as my desire to remain a member of the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo, Inc. Having been on the board for two years, I feel that I can still contribute in a meaningful way. Wow, the friendships we have made, the trips we have taken, and the general camaraderie has been wonderful. Thank you for allowing me to remain on the board. I promise to do my best to keep the club headed in a direction that benefits all members. Mike Blum

Hello, my name is **Debbie Schafer**. Surprisingly, my name was thrown in the hat to run **for COB Vice President!** After a minute of thought, I accepted. Why did I accept?

Here's my story: Though I may be on the quieter side, I observe, I listen, I don't jump to conclusions and everyone matters to me. With a little thought time, I am capable and have presented some really good ideas with successful outcome both on a Club and National level. You may have heard the expression "I joined for the cars, I stayed for the people." My first sports car was a 1979 Z28. I never stored it, I loved driving it so much, I drove it through the snow with steel barbells in the trunk! Eight years later, wellno more Z28! Years later, I met my husband, Ray, found new horizons! I fell in love with him and his cars, and No I did not marry him for his cars! I joined COB with him, met all of you, "stayed", took it further to St Louis, met more people, places, ideas "stayed." All in all, I have a very large car family! I forgot to mention, I'm a detailer and enjoy the "hands on, tender loving care that goes along with the love for cars!"

On a National level, I served nine years as the National Council Regional Membership Director processing NE club renewables. I have also served four years on the NCCC Executive Board as Sergeant



choose to vote for me, I will serve you well. Thank you all so much, I appreciate you! (Note: Debbie also will accept a board position as 2nd to her run for VP). Debbie



When Karen and I were previously in "COB" we attended meetings and participated in a few events. The busyness of life and the selling of our C4 led us to drop away from the club. Then another "mid-life" experience and we purchased our present C5. Immediately we contacted our previous sponsor – Skip Polowy, who graciously assisted in our "rejoining" COB. Our first "return" event was the "COB" Christmas party at Sean Patrick's. It was surprising to us that we were so warmly remembered and welcomed. This time we made a commitment to be "active" members, so much so that we organized several events, from winery tour/caravans, luncheon/dinner, annual picnics, annual Christmas parties, and the upcoming event a "private viewing" of the latest James Bond Movie "No Time to Die".

During this time, I've been nominated and accepted a position of "COB Board Member". It has been a wonderful experience and it is with humble honor that I've accepted a current

nomination for "COB Vice-President. We look forward to the upcoming elections and the competitive spirit of it all. If I am not elected to this position, I would like to remain on the "COB Board of Directors" and continue with promoting our club and its many activities. It's all of us that make up "COB" and each of us has valuable input and can take on whatever and as much activity as we choose whether participating in events or chairing/hosting and event one thing is for certain...it's all about the people who love "eating" and "corvettes".

Thank you.... George Sparks



Board of Directors: While fortunate to be a founding member of the club, I left it for family obligations a few years later, but rejoined after getting my 2014 C7. Still, and now with a C8, many of you know me as the editor/photographer of our club newsletter. As a present board member, I will accept another year on the board if it is your wish to extend it.

The newsletter does give me a unique spot to oversee club activities and agenda and gain some perspective on them. My partner Bernadette and I do, however, spend January - April in Florida, where I also continue the newsletters each month. I plan to continue board meetings once again during those months by phone if reelected to this position..... Dave Spencer

Nomination for the Board of Directors – Terry Decker

Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of



Buffalo. There are many ways and activities that COB members can contribute to the Club. I have chosen to run for the Board of Directors after half a year filling the position of my husband after his passing. Together we chaired the picnic (yes, the infamous water balloon fights) for two years and co-chaired the Christmas luncheon for two years. Jim also managed the sponsor advertising for the newsletter and web page, a task that I now fulfill. I feel I am doing my part in contributing to making our Club enjoyable for all, from our monthly dinners to the caravan to ice cream socials.

I'm sure I will continue to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships of the club members as I attend Club activities in our Night Race Blue C7 convertible whether in the Board position or not. I would appreciate your continued support as I seek the Board position.

Terry Decker



Fellow COB Members,

Please consider this my announcement to run for the board of directors of our club. I have enjoyed being on the board for this past year and feel that I have contributed to the betterment of the club in several ways. With the experience of one year under my belt, I feel I can continue to be more effective in the future. There is always more to be done and I feel that I can work with club members and the board to get things done. I would appreciate your vote and to have the opportunity to serve the club as a board member for another year. Thanks for your support. James Kuczmarski

Lowell and Karen Rothenberger



To the members of Corvettes of Buffalo: Thank you for nominating me for the office of vice president. At this time, I feel I will have to decline the nomination. However, I'd be honored if you would consider me for The Board of Directors. I have held this position on the Board in the past and feel I can contribute to the club in this capacity. Lowell

To the members of Corvettes of Buffalo: Thank you for nominating me for the position of secretary. It has been my honor to serve as secretary during these confusing times dealing with COVID 19. I pledge to continue working for COB in 2022. In the past, I have kept the membership lists current and up-to-date. I have also served as chairperson of the Sunshine Committee. I will continue to work in these areas to help the members of our club. Karen

I am accepting the nomination for the office of President of The Corvettes of Buffalo. I have been member of the club for approximately 9 years and have served as Vice

President and currently as President.



I have Co-Chaired 3 successful Corvette Caravans and the last 2 Vets and Vettes car shows. I believe the only way to keep interest high is to constantly improve our events by getting more members involved in the club. I have also been organizing trips and dinners as my time permits.

I am looking forward to another year as your president and working with the board of directors to advance the direction of our club.

Bob Joseph

I am accepting the nomination for the office of Treasurer for the Corvettes of Buffalo. Since I have been a member, I have co-

chaired COB's 40th Anniversary Birthday party, 3 successful Caravans and involved with the 2 past super cruises. As Treasurer and Officer, it is my intension to move the club forward while preserving its rich history. Norma Joseph

As you most likely heard, I am stepping down from the Treasurer position (7 years), but would love to remain on the board.

Seeking your support as I have been involved for 22 years with the Best club and Best people!

Marianne Pastore



Right: Snack time after the October meeting at Alton's





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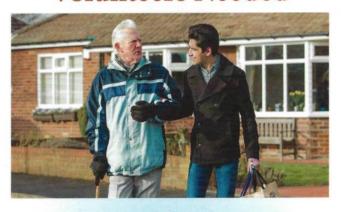
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Sprague Maple Restaurant 09/25:

It was a beautiful day when we met at The Made in America store. Dave Spencer















Uncle Joe's Diner 09/29:











Uncle Joe's Diner (cont.):













James Bond "No Time to Die" movie event 10/16

We can thank long time James Bond fan, George Sparks, for this showing at the Hamburg Palace of the latest Bond movie. At our club meeting just prior to this, George, in his black tux, showcased the event with Bond music from a boombox and a description of what was to come. Bond posters and the like were prizes and \$1 popcorn and soft drinks were plentiful at the showing.

The movie, we found to be quite good, with Daniel Craig as 007. It's easy to see why he is a favorite with fans of the different

actors that have played Bond.

After the feature film, there were a number of walking distances places to eat, with most having limited seating. Bernie and I chose the Juicy Burger Bar (photo below). Their signature burger was tasty and everyone's fries arrived in a miniature wire fry basket, which was unusual, but cute. Renting out the entire theater and able to also take other friends with us was different, but I think, a big success! Editor Dave











COB 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 10/17

When Bernie and I arrived, things looked vacant in front, but a quick call to Bob affirmed we needed to drive out back. It was a possible evening for hail or heavy rain which also meant almost everyone would be using their other cars. Mike and Sue Blum (and someone else were the exceptions to that), as you can see below.

Once inside, we found a delightful setup. Birthday party planners did a splendid job. A twist of the old game "pin the tail on the donkey" was "put your head in the C8 Corvette". A few heads never made it into the car. For another game, Bob sat up a 4 cup (5 proved impossible) Styrofoam cup circle track for timed runs with the red RC, C8 Corvette you see. We could only wish our own cars could take all the crashes that one endured in our hands. Another car, this one a pinata hung from the ceiling, also crashed (or was crushed). After a complete miss with the bat, I was given another chance and guessed higher while blindfolded. I heard a smack and after taking off the mask, saw a crowd of people picking up treats scattered far across the floor. I got lucky on that hit! Another game consisted of Corvette cards on a spinning wheel, three of which I believe were Jokers that won prizes. Ray was the master of ceremonies on that wheel of fortune. Plus, an array of tickets drawn for random door prizes kept us entertained. A funny thing, Dan and Debbie Wroblewski won a bottle of bourbon and when I approached them for a photo, Deb was agreeable as long as the bottle was hidden from sight. Check the photo, bottom of page 20.

I have to say our Banchetti hosts put out a delicious meal from the finger foods to the two main dinner tables with different choices (one shown) that we visited that night. To top it off, Pamm Seifert's COB birthday cake was a fitting dessert. Thanks Pamm! I jump around when I take pictures and sometimes miss people, for which I'm sorry. One couple photo missed are good friends, Joe & Denyse Weatherbee, whom I did talk to that night. Pssst... I made your photo bigger on an earlier page. A photo I especially like (among others) was Dan and Paulette Krakowski, page 18, as they just seem to be relaxed and having a great time. It was also good to see Mel Skeide there with his charming daughter, whose name I did not catch. Editor Dave









COB 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (cont.)



















COB 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (cont.)







































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Oct. 13th Ireland....Hi Pete, all good here, had one of the last skis of the season at 7.30 this morning, water cooling down a bit now but we have built a wood fired hot tub at the lake so we sit in this between skis! Works really well and almost too hot sometimes. Came home and took the vette for a run, just staying local til I get the job done. Garage making slower progress than i hoped but guy coming in the morning to measure steels for mezzanine over the end that will house the 72. 2/3rds of old shed now removed but left a secure section for the car which I will remove last. Going to be great when it's done. Will keep you posted when I start the gearbox job and on shed progress. So glad we got the 72 safely over here before all these supply problems started, the cost of shipping containers is rising fast now with long waiting times too. Take care Pete and best wishes to you, your family and all your vette friends too. Take care. Gary

Oct. 13th Weather here is still warm and sunny. We took a 100 mile ride to Peek N Peak arts crafts car show and that is the last long trip for the year. Car activities are at the end and we are starting to winterize our homes and get the Vette ready for storage. So very Sad! Rosie and I just got our third jab and are hoping this virus is on the down side for 2022. We are still in good health and things here are getting back to normal.

What is happening over there? Did you finish the Garage and start to Take the 72 apart yet? Stay safe ... Your long distance friend, Pete











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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

Below: Debbie Schafer (and Ray) sent pictures:

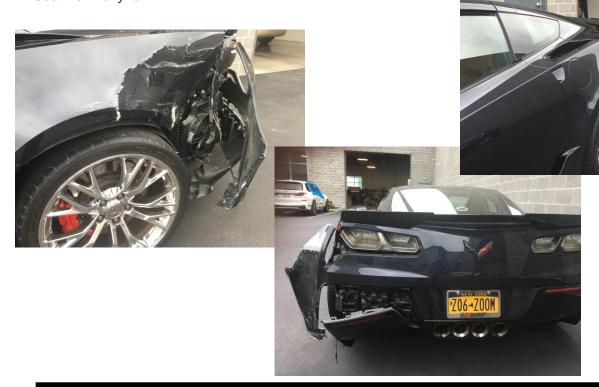






After spending some time with our corvette friends at Pautlers on Tuesday the 11th, we were heading south on Transit road to our favorite liquor store to double up for a buck when we were hit by a Ford 150 pickup truck," who said he didn't see us" as he was changing lanes. Paul did have control of the wheel as he swerved into the left lane and back again into the right without hitting the curb. He was able to drive the car in to the Kohl's parking lot where we met the other driver. Amherst police arrived shorty and the rest is history. Our vette is now sitting at a repair shop hoping for a happy ending...

Joanne Brozyna

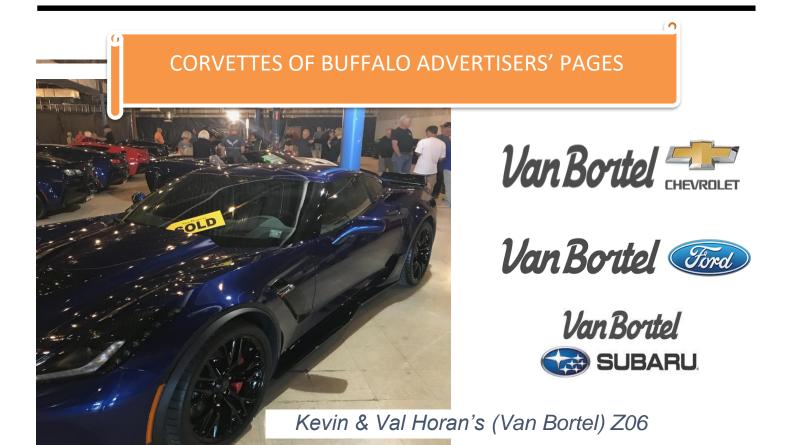


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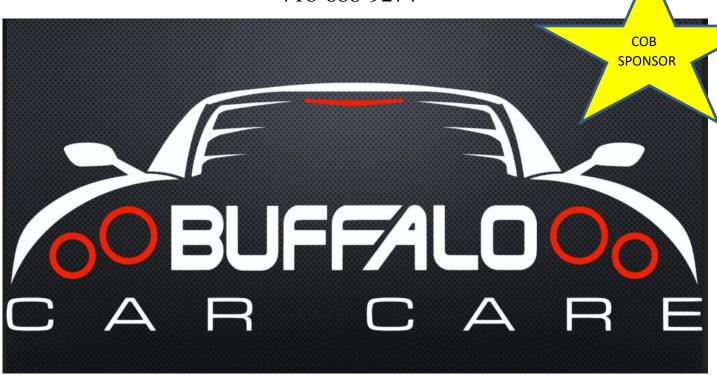
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Newsletter Editor Notes:

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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- Thomas J. Prohaska



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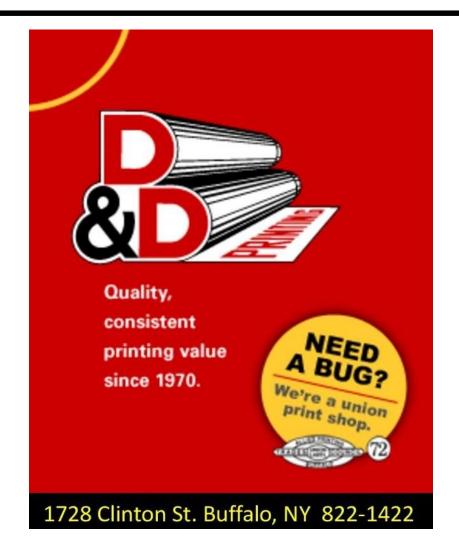
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