

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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President: John Doria; Vice President: Gary Swanson; Treasurer: William Simmons;  
Secretary: Jamie Hawes; Directors: Arthur Armstrong, Elizabeth Byrne, William Geize;  
Newsletter Editor: Jean Doyle

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at T.G.I. FRIDAYS, located on the corner of Granada Boulevard and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL.  
MAY 2020 BE YOUR BEST YEAR  
EVER!**



## **CHANGING OF THE GUARD:**

With a new year beginning, some changes have been made with the leadership of the Corvette Club. Keeping the helm of the presidency, John Doria remains in charge. Gary Swanson replaces Art Armstrong as the new Vice President, Bill Simmons replaces Richard Wetherby as Treasurer and Jamie Hawes replaces Jean Doyle as Secretary. Liz Byrne remains as a Director. Art Armstrong removes the hat of the Vice President to become a Director, and Bill Geize is welcomed as a new member of the Board.

We look forward to great things to come from this (somewhat) new Board of Directors.

**AND.....AS JACK NICHOLSON  
DECLARED IN "THE SHINING"**

**"I'M BAAAACK"**

You may notice a new look to our Newsletter "The Talepipe." After a one- year much-needed break, I have returned to again become the editor. Thanks so much to Liz Byrne for taking over this task in my absence. She did a wonderful job of keeping us up-to-date on all the news, the previews, and the reviews of our club activities. Please continue to read it and use it as a guide for "where we meet, what time we leave, where we are going, etc., etc., etc." If you don't read it, you know what you will hear from me. ☺

*Jean*

# Coming Up

## **FIRST DOTR OF THE YEAR:**

Are you ready for an escape from the hustle and bustle of the holidays? Let's do it by taking a long, leisurely drive up the coast to St. Augustine for a nice lunch at Beaches Restaurant on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 9:45 a.m. Just in case we get separated along the way, the address for Beaches is 254 Vilano Road in St. Augustine (at the east end of the Vilano Bridge.)

**BOARD MEETING:** On January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Board Meeting at the home of John Doria in Port Orange. Any



member may attend a Board Meeting, but please let John know you are coming. DOTR's for the next six months will be discussed, so if you

have a suggestion for a good breakfast or lunch restaurant, please let an officer know.

**MEETINGS:** Make a New Year's resolution to attend more club meetings this year. In 2019, the club averaged 23 members per meeting. Let's try to get that number up a little. If you don't come, you might miss a thing or two, and usually a few laughs – plus it's a good time to mingle and greet. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Come to dine, or have a glass of wine (at 5:30), or just for the meeting (at 7:00), but Just Come!!

# Review

The annual Christmas party is but a memory, but a short review is certainly in order.

Thirty-five members came to Mario's Italian Restaurant in Ormond Beach, a new venue from previous years. Most all enjoyed their dinner, although the consensus was that the room was a little too snug for a group our size. But the Christmas spirit was in the air. John introduced the new officers and asked for a word or two from the outgoing officers. John reviewed the past year and mentioned some things as far back as the years since the Corvette Cruisers went online in 2006. Art has served in some capacity for the past 18 years and will continue to serve on the Board, Jean has served as Secretary for 9 years, and will continue as Website Coordinator, John Doria has been president for 6 years and will continue for 2 more years (at least). Door prize winners were the Byrne sisters and the Wolffs for some beautiful Christmas/Corvette notecards handmade by Sheri Lekan; and the Masottas and Bill Geize each won a pretty red poinsettia plant, compliments of the Doyles.

Lots of food items were donated for our annual food drive for the Jerry Doliner Food Bank. Unfortunately, we did not have the room to display the items for all to see due to the small size of the room, plus the items were scattered throughout the room. But let it be said that we are truly a generous group, requiring several trips to load up by Ken and Jamie, who will deliver the supplies to the food bank. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Finally, Jean announced the Charity that will receive the other half of our 50/50 drawings. Having three great charities to choose from, 80% of the membership voted, and 53% of those voting chose the Meals on Wheels Program to receive our donation of \$300. Next year, there will be three more charities from which to choose. In the meantime, keep buying those tickets. You could be a winner – just ask the Minors, who won 3 times in 2019.

## This & That

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any members' names in this issue are those who were members at the time of submission to the webmaster (December 23). Since membership dues are not due until the last day of December, the new lists in the Members' Only section will not be available until next month's website update.

**GOOD WISHES** to Sandie Von Kutzelben, who has a birthday on January 9th.



Also, **Congratulations** to John and Rose Pona, who celebrate an anniversary this month.

**GET-WELL WISHES** go to David Wiegler, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery that was performed around Thanksgiving. We wish you a speedy recovery so you can get back into that Z06, and come back to the club.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sandie Von Kutzelben and Tom Bonnet, who have decided to tie the knot. They are getting married on January 1<sup>st</sup> and honeymooning in Paris. I'd say that's a pretty good way to start off the new year. Best Wishes!

**FOR SALE:** Hey fellow cruisers, that '71 Sunflower yellow 'Vette belonging to our president is for sale. Spread the word if you know someone who might be interested, or talk to John if YOU are interested.

**ALSO, FOR SALE:** The original silver painted wheels from Gary Swanson's C7 are for sale. They are 18" and 19", taken off when the car had only 500 miles on it. Asking \$750 for all (just wheels, no tires).

**PLEASE:** Keep Anita and Steve Slaton in your thoughts and prayers. Steve has been hospitalized since December 20<sup>th</sup>, but is now on road to recovery.

## Corvette Talk

By Jean

**ROAD TRIP??** It's been two and a half years since the public has been allowed to tour the hallowed halls of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, the home of the Chevrolet Corvette. The last general public tour went through on June 16, 2017 and since then the plant was reconstructed and enlarged for the

production of the next-generation Corvette which will officially start retail production in February 2020. In their weekly email, the National Corvette Museum states that public tours will restart “BY Spring of 2020”. The operative word here is “BY.” No doubt, those taking delivery and the VIP tours will begin first, with the public tours following.

**CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?** We’ve heard for months now that the C8 Corvette is going to be hard to find for 2020. Now, GM North America President Barry Engle has confirmed to *MotorTrend* that all 40,000 of the C8s that Chevrolet plans to build for 2020 are already accounted for. That probably means that dealer allocations have been filled for the slots for both the coupe and convertible versions. But don’t give up hope if you are a prospective buyer. We all know a lot can happen between now and the end of the model year. Production of the new Corvette was supposed to begin this month in Bowling Green, but the prolonged UAW strike pushed the start of the assembly line back to early February, with delivery predicted to be in late February or early March.

**AREA CAR SHOWS:** Plan your Saturdays around a car show .....

- \*\* First Saturday of every month: One Daytona, directly across from the Daytona International Speedway, from 4 -7 p.m.
- \*\* Also, on the first Saturday of each month: Daytona Flea Market from 9 to noon.

- \*\* Second Saturday of every month: Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach from 4 – 7p.m. (Get there early!)
- \*\* Third Saturday of every month: Cars and Coffee Show at the Wawa in New Smyrna Beach at 1780 FL-44. Show hours are from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (10% off breakfast at C’s).
- \*\* Last Saturday of every month: Cars and Coffee at Tanger’s Outlet Mall, 1100 Cornerstone Blvd., Daytona Beach. Show hours are from 9 a.m.- Noon.

**CORVETTE COUNTDOWN:** At this time, there is every generation of Corvettes represented in our club: C1-2; C2-3; C3-2; C4-1; C5-5; C6-7; C7-10; and C8-1 (deposit made). These numbers, no doubt, will change as of 1/1/2020 when the new membership rolls are determined (or new cars are purchased). Stay tuned.

## CORVETTE FUN



“Do me a favor. I know you like waxing your Corvette, but change arms once in awhile.”