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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB

2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This January starts another year for the Village Vettes Corvette Club…2019 to be exact.
Oh, did I fail to mention…***Happy New Year***!

The December general meeting and Village Vettes Annual Christmas Party chaired by Roger Stokes and his committee was very successful. The food by FMK Catering, entertainment by David Vece, and camaraderie were beyond expectations.

Past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice chaired a very successful 2018 Toys-4-Tots event that set new high-water marks for both cash contributions and toys. Our contributions to the Marine Corps in Leesburg supported children in Sumter and Lake Counties along with those less fortunate that live in the Ocala National Forest. I later learned, that due to an overwhelming response, toys were trucked up to those in the Florida panhandle impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Your newly elected Board of Directors have been busy planning 2019 events with Tim Berthiaume starting the year off on January 4th with a tour of a 4-plane hangar in Weirsdale with a follow-on hibachi style dinner at Sakura (Spanish Spring location). The hangar and planes belong to Tim's friend John Carlisle, a former pilot during the Vietnam War, who owns 2 bi-planes plus 2 other planes. John was a successful race car driver and can share his experiences in both careers.

Later in the month (Sunday, January 20th) our Grand Oaks Classic Car cruise-in is being planned by Past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice. Mike and Jim have extended invitations to numerous car clubs in The Villages. This event will occur on the final day of the Grand Oaks Horse Winter Horse Festival, featuring the Horse Trials for the Extreme Jumping Competition. Participating cars will be parked around the competitive venue with an unencumbered view of the event. Admission is FREE for all clubs and guests. There will be food, games, prizes, 50-50 raffle, and music. This is a non-judged event; however, specialty awards will be presented. Further details to follow.

Past President Tom Swiers and Tim Berthiaume have planned the entire year with car show events and many new eat-n-rides along with new venues to visit. Stay tuned for an exiting year…Remember, our club is what you make it…get involved today!

Don Chaney

Meet your Village Vettes Newsletter producer Darry Bova and her husband Paul

Paul and Darry met in the Bronx at the tender ages of 17 and 15 in 1959. They survived the agonies of teenage romance to marry 4 years later just after Paul graduated from Fordham University and entered the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. Six months later Paul was shipped to Korea and Darry was left at home to await the arrival of the first of their 3 sons. After serving 13 months in Korea as a General's Aide Paul returned to an 8 month old son and his waiting bride.

After his military obligation was completed, Paul Joined General Foods Corporation and he and Darry set off on an adventure that would have them relocate 8 times in the first 9 years of their marriage, finally settling in Stamford, CT where they lived for 42 years before moving to the Village of Dunedin 4 years ago.

During the interim 42 years, Paul pursued a career in sales & marketing culminating in a position of Vice President and General Manager with James River Corporation. Darry, after receiving her degree from the University of Connecticut, pursued a career as a periodical librarian at UConn. Darry also founded and managed her own desktop publishing business.

Paul and Darry both enjoy cooking (and eating). They taught Italian cooking classes at The Italian Center of Stamford for 14 years. Paul has always been into cars and Darry has been a willing and supportive partner. When Paul began racing vintage sports cars in 1998, Darry thought it looked like fun, so she went to racing school and joined him. Paul went on to race Sportsracers, Formula cars and production sports cars for 15 years, Darry retired from racing after rolling the car at New Hampshire speedway. (that's another story)

The Bovas enjoy their children and grandchildren. One son lives in Florida and two are still in Connecticut. They also are very proud of their five grandchildren one of whom served and one of whom is currently serving in the United States Navy, one of whom has won an Emmy and an Espy, one who is a trained Chef and wine Sommelier, and one who is finishing his education at Arizona State.

They enjoy life in the Villages and love to entertain and cook for their friends. A favorite activity of theirs is volunteering for Operation Shoebox every Monday afternoon. The Bovas lead a class on Stretching for Health and Fitness at Rohan every Tuesday morning at nine, they also are members of the Gourmet club, the Bonsai club. Paul is a member of the Villages Motor Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame. Darry enjoys strumming with the Ukulele Player's Club.

Their current ride is a 2015 C7 white Z51 Stingray (Bella Bianca). Their first Corvette was a silver 1964 convertible with both tops. (they sold it when their oldest son turned 16). Paul has owned and driven many very fast sportscars including two Ferraris and he swears his C7 is one of the best sportscars he has ever driven.

Vettes Corvette Club and the Grand Oaks Resort

Tom Reynolds, Event Leader





Vettes Corvette Club and the Grand Oaks Resort will again host the Second Annual "Grand Oaks Classic Car Cruise-In" on Sunday, 20 January '19. The sponsored United States Eventing Association (USEA) event will occur on the final day of the Grand Oaks Horse Winter Horse Festival, featuring the Horse Trials for the Extreme Jumping Competition.

The setting is the bucolic grounds of the Grand Oaks Resort & Museum. (3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, FL 32195)



Admission is FREE for all clubs and guests. There will be food, games, prizes, 50-50 raffle, and music. Event is open to ALL makes and models. Twenty-two (22) local area clubs have been extended an invitation to the event. Those desiring to dine at the Grand Oaks Bistro are encouraged to make prior reservations. (352) 750-9500

This is a "Shine & Show, non-judged event; however, specialty awards will be presented, as well as an overall "Top Choice" award. Participating cars should arrive at 08:30 AM. To avoid any problems with the competing riders/horses, it is requested you arrive no-later-than 10:00 PM. Members desiring to park together, need to arrive together. You are encouraged to bring your folding chairs. Licensing restrictions preclude the bringing of alcohol to the event.









This is a "rain or shine" event. Participating cars/bikes will be on professionally maintained grass surface and arrayed around the competitive event venue with an unencumbered view. Parking patterns will facilitate those desiring an early departure. Cruise-In prizes/awards to be awarded on/about 02:00 PM. The Horse Competition award presentation is scheduled to occur at 04:00 PM.

The Village Vettes 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign



The Village Vettes 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign celebrated another year's success. The membership exhibited the "Joy-Of-The-Season" and surpassed the previous years' achievements. A cash donation of $13,352.66 and 1,684 collected toys were donated to local Marine Corps League's Colonel Phillip C. Delong Detachment serving the tri-county area. Well done Villages Vettes, well done!



Village Vettes Annual Toys-For Tots Campaign			
Campaign Year	Cash Donations	Toy Donations	Participating Vettes
2012	$ 3, 954.00	780	45 Vettes
2013	$ 6,040.00	1,028	63 Vettes
2014	$ 7,215.00	1,127	45 Vettes
2015	$ 10,070.00	1,860	40 Vettes
2016	$ 6,040.00	1,170	25 Vettes
2017	$ 11,219.50	1,473	45 Vettes
2018	$ 13,352.66	1,684	48 Vettes

Members continued to come up with imaginative ways to assure success of the campaign. Members Joe APICHELLA ($4,443.00/160 toys), Cathy HEUER (a personal donation of $2,000.00), Keith FLANDERS ($900.00) and Paul and Darry BOVA (collected $850 and 315 toys from Kelsea Villas) are singularly recognized and commended for their extraordinary selfless contribution to the campaign. Bottom line, a heartfelt message of hope was sent to many less fortunate children with the tri-county area to experience the joy that is the Christmas season.



Of note, Bruce JONES, the Marine Corps League Coordinator for the 2018 Toys-For-Tots Campaign, advised their service area had been extended to include the Florida Panhandle region ravaged by Hurricane Michael this past Oct '18. He advised our donations will be are part/parcel of the truckloads of toys sent to the area.



The Village Vettes 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign, con›t



















Member Vettes rallied at the Caravan event sponsor, Nahas Chevrolet, to drop-off donations, collect, segregate, and bag toys collected over the campaign period, and enjoy some coffee and pastries.

Forty-eight Vettes departed the dealership for the Marine Corps Collection/Storage Warehouse for presentation of the collected toys and funds. Members were invited to tour the facility, observe the process for toy distribution, meet the staff, and have a hot dog/hamburger lunch.



Wreaths Across America
On December 15, 2018

The Village Vettes and the The Village Nomads joined together to participate in “Wreaths Across America” placing of the wreaths at the Florida National Cemetery Bushnell.

About 25 people in cars and motorcycles met at Eisenhower rec center at 6:15am to travel to the Walmart Distribution Center in Brooksville where we formed an Honor Guard for the Trucks that carried the wreaths to the cemetery It was a wonderful sight to see the roadsides lined with people coming out to pay their respects as the honor guard and trucks passed by. The caravan was over two miles long. It rained very hard on and off all morning, but when we arrived at the cemetary, the sun came out and stayed out as we placed the wreaths.



Many groups went right to the cemetery to help with the placement of wreaths and paying respect to those that gave their all. Some of our members had loved ones there and it brought tears to many eyes to see them laying the wreaths on their graves.

We all came back to the Villages and had lunch together Good Time and Good Feelings had by all. We will do this again next year and hope to see you there.

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Bob Kerfin

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since Dec. 1, 2018:

Daniel Comins

lives in the Village of Santo Domingo.
He dirves a 2016 Yellow C7 Convertible

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest member!

Upcoming events
(cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member
must logon to our website
VILLAGEVETTES.COM

1/9 - **Wednesday – Airplane Hangar Tour (Weirsdale) predeeded by lunch at Sakura (Registration Required)

1/10 - **Thursday – Pre-meeting Dinner at Bluefin in Brownwood (Registration Required)

1/10 – Thursday – General Membership Meeting at 6:30 PM

1/13 – **Sunday – Vettes in the Vines car show, Ft. Pierce, FL

1/20 - **Sunday – Grand Oaks Cruise-In and Winter Horse Trial event

Future Venues that we are scheduling are Barberville Pioneer Settlement and Howey-in-the-Hills Mansion tour. Details are not available at this time.

** - See our webpage for details
and other car related events.





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DID YOU KNOW?

C7 Transmission Shudder

A couple VVCC members driving a 2016 C7 have experienced transmission shudder problems that lasted approximately 15-20 seconds then went away only to reappear several miles later. After some research on the Corvette Forum it was discovered others had the same problem not with just Corvettes but other models as well. On the forum, many solutions were presented along with many reasons for the transmission shudder.

During a test drive at 50 MPH, the transmission shudder occurred in 'V4' mode and at a constant speed. The dealer removed the transmission pan, drained and flushed the transmission system several times including lines and cooler (reference GM Document #4526930). The fluid was replaced with a different viscosity fluid. This appears to remedy the problem. If you are experiencing the same, I suggest that you contact an authorized GM dealer and report your transmission shudder. Chevrolet is aware of the problem and will do the right thing to address the shudder.