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*CW President John Blackledge and his wife Diana with their 2009 Cyber Gray Coupe*



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I started last month out at Willow Springs Raceway. We had a little light rain starting out but mostly sunny. It did not affect the track conditions for racing other than doing a few more warm up laps than normal the first day. There was a good group of Corvettes out there and we all had a great time.

I took a little time off in March to go to Spring Training in Phoenix, AZ to watch the Dodgers play a few games. George Swift ended up filling in for me at the CW meeting and I hear he did a great job, as I knew he would. Somebody said they thought they saw Dr. George Fishbeck the retired weatherman from Channel 7 News at Laws Tuesday for the open mic night but I explained it was Dr. George Swift, the Corvette Doctor, not Dr. George Fishbeck. Thanks George. Sorry I missed the meeting and the Riverside K9 unit at the meeting. I am so proud of our club doing what we can to support our community and what better way than to support the men, women, and dogs who support and protect all of us every day. If you haven't already put Saturday April 21st on your calendar for the Corvettes West Blood Bank donations, please do so if you are able and willing.

Two other big events coming up in April are the Gamblers Classic in Laughlin on the 19th – 21st, put on by Corvettes of Bakersfield and the Ruby's Diner all GM car show in Redondo Beach on the 28th, put on by the Vette Set Inc. Check out the flyers for these events in your February FastTrack.

On Saturday May 19th Corvettes West will once again support our community at the Path of Life Homeless ministries event, Pub & Grub Men who Cook Challenge. See the flyer in this month's newsletter. For those of you who were there last year, you can attest that we all did not go home hungry. Plenty of good food to sample. We need your cars there from 3:00pm through 8:00pm. This event is a big fundraiser for the homeless shelters and the people putting this together really love having our cars there to help attract more participants and bring in more money.

Please sign up at our April meeting, or if you will not be at the meeting contact me to let me know you will be there.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**John Blackledge**



Corvettes West  
 General meetings  
 are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
 at Law's Restaurant  
 9640 Indiana Ave.,  
 Riverside, CA 92503  
 Dinner 6:00 PM  
 Meeting 7:00 PM

Our Business meetings  
 are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
 at 5:00 PM just prior to  
 the general meeting  
 at the same location.

Fast Track articles  
 are due by the 18th  
 of each month.

They may be  
 hand delivered to  
**Diane Swift**  
 or emailed to  
**2swift@att.net**  
 Email is preferred

# Editor's Notes

## CORNERS & Curves



Hope everyone enjoys all the pictures in this month's FastTrack, even though most are from a couple of months ago. I took pictures at our March Dine at Sayaka, but it was dark in there and my pics are too dark to be worth publishing. But those of us who attended had a great meal.

To our newest members, as well as long time members, I am always open to putting a "Bio" in our newsletter. We of course know of your love of Corvettes, but everyone has other interesting facts about their lives also.

Next month I will have a Bio from Vic and Tee Jennings to publish.

**Until next time.....**

**Diane Swift**

Fast Track Editor 2018

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### April BIRTHDAYS

- ANNA HOYT .....01
- BETTY RANDOLPH .....08
- ART VINDIOLA .....10
- MIKE ALEWINE .....11
- TRACIE HANSON .....20
- BARNEY BARNETT .....22
- ALEX VILLAGOMEZ .....27
- ELAINE FLANIGAN .....29
- RICHARD KAPLAN .....29

### HOMECOMINGS & PARADES

We have been asked to provide 5 cars for the Cherry Festival parade in Beaumont on Saturday, June 2nd.

If you hear of any other groups/parades inquiring about cars and drivers, give me a call.  
 951-776-0936 OR 2swift@att.net

*George Swift*  
 Save the wave

# OUR VICE'S VOICE



*Dan Flanigan*

## **Vice-President's Corner**

Well this will be the first time in over 10 years of being members of this GREAT Club that I can remember missing two meetings in a row. I am not sure we are really being missed though, as Diane is doing a great job at raffle as usual, and Pres John has filled in for my stuff. So, a big Thanks to both of you for stepping in for us.

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice St. Patty's Day as we did. Now I am sure most of you have noticed the Calendar for April, and a very interesting April the 1st, I must say. Easter this year is on April the 1st, and as always there is April Fools on the 1st! So, that should be an interesting day for sure!

And this will be the first year I can ever remember where we will be out of town on Easter. So, there are a couple of firsts here for us. Our youngest daughter talked us into going to Hawaii with her family during this time, and we are looking forward to some fun in the sun. I have to say it is nice to still be included in our kid's travels and activities, as there will be a day...

Not much else to share except a big Thank You to all those members who have called and sent cards

regarding Elaine's major eye problem. Out of nowhere she came down with a major virus in her left eye, where she lost total vision in that eye, and the eye just looked awful. Now after almost 3 weeks of hourly eye drop treatments, other special eye treatments, and many doctor visits, she has started to see out of that eye again. Wow what a scare, and we are just hoping she gets all her eye sight back.

I have heard that things are going much better at the restaurant and a big Thanks to their staff for making this happen.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and looking forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting where we will re-introduce ourselves to all in attendance!

Mahalo,  
Dan Flanigan, Vice President

# HELPING HANDS

Again, I want to thank all the folks who have contributed to the Welcome Home baskets for Inland Housing Solutions. I've delivered 12 baskets to date!! They tell me each time I go to IHS how happy the folks are to receive the baskets when they move into their new housing situations.

ALSO, you can donate blood to help lots of people & it

won't cost you a penny!!! April 21st is our next donation date & it would be GREAT to see some more people there. They give good snacks! Lol. See you there at the Lifestream on Orange Show Rd. in San Bernardino.

Happy Easter,

**SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY**



Big thanks to all who came out to Sayaka in the rain on March 10th. Danny Arant was the only one who braved the weather in his Corvette. Even in our non-Corvettes it was well worth the trip to Colton for good food and great entertaining service. The restaurant was full; we were seated at a double grill with two chefs who kept us engaged as they cooked our dinners.

April will be another type of experience as we cruise to the new Cracker Barrel in Victorville on Saturday, April 21st, at

1:30 p.m. We'll meet at the San Bernardino Target by the Orange Show, West side parking lot, at 1:30 p.m. for the drive up the I-15.

I've spoken with a manager who told me this is the busiest Cracker Barrel in the U.S. As such, we will send a couple of people in advance to get us in line. In case we end up needing a Plan B, Mark Guizlo has suggested that Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburger in Victorville would be a good alternative. Or maybe we'll have to take another run to Victorville later on this year.

**Ron & Kristi**

## PRODUCTS

Hello everyone. I'm very pleased to be your new Products Coordinator, but probably not as pleased as George is to relinquish the responsibility. I am learning the ropes a bit, but it seems I can get things within a couple weeks of ordering. So, if you order something at a meeting I can have it by the next meeting with no problem.

We do have several items already available, such as American Flag hats, denim long sleeve shirts and flag sets to use during parades. And, of course, plenty of license plate frames. I am looking into the cost of coffee cups and key chains right now and should have that information for April's meeting. Please feel free to call or email me if you would like to place an order or have any ideas for new products.

**Monty Clark**

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# BLOOD BANK



*Giving Back!*

If you were at the last General meeting, you had the opportunity to hear Kevin Moore and Adam Botello speak about the Blood Bank (BB) and the need they have for donors. Summer is not that far away and that will be the BB's most difficult time of the year as people are traveling and with more cars on the road, come more accidents and the potential for the need for more blood. I hope you enjoyed their information and can appreciate the urgent need to find more donors. I had asked them to come to our meeting because the number of club members who do come out on club donation dates has gone down.



Let me know at the next meeting what you thought about the things Kevin talked about. He is interested in knowing if he gave you information that would help you decide to come to the BB and either find out if you can donate, support those who do, or maybe you will give up your arm and donate for those in need. The club donation dates are as follows: April 21st, June 23rd, August 25th, October 27th and December 29th. Add those dates to your calendar and make it a priority to come out and Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.

**Save the Wave by Saving the Waver.  
Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.  
Bill Dodge**

If you are not sure you can donate, come to the BB and let them assess your ability to donate. Things are changing in the blood collection field and with the changes, more people are eligible to donate. But it still comes down to you getting up on a club donation date and getting to the BB to find out if you can in fact donate. "Find the Hero in You and Donate." High school kids are donating because they get out of class to do so. But they are helping the BB to solve the BB's problem. Some of the nicest people are found at the BB. There are donors, the BB staff and groups like Corvettes West who know there is a need and help to meet that need and save people. I have had a conversation with Adam, who is interested in having a car show at the BB at the June 23rd club donation date.

He wants to involve Corvette Clubs from the Inland Empire to come out and make the BB parking lot a whole lot prettier with Corvettes. As I have said in the past, if you can't donate, come out and support those who do donate. I would like the club to get behind this idea and show up in numbers to support the BB and those who donate. Put June 23rd on your calendars. I will have more on this in the next month. If you have questions, please bring them to me so I can either answer them for you or get with Kevin or Adam to answer your questions.

**BLOOD BANK CENTERS  
ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:**

San Bernardino .....Phone: 909-885-6503  
384 West Orangeshow Road

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1959 East Fourth Street

La Quinta .....Phone: 760-777-8844  
79-215 Corporate Centre Drive

Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530  
4006 Van Buren Blvd.

Victorville .....Phone: 760-843-9700  
12520 Business Center Drive

*"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"*

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The weather has turned cold and rainy and I am not seeing all those pretty Corvettes that had been on the road. I guess, like me, their owners don't take the pretty cars out in bad weather. Our sponsor, Tom Bell, has a new 2018 white Corvette Z06 coupe on the new car lot. They also have a 2009 ZR1 on the previously owned lot with just 6,110 miles on the clock. This car is Victory Red and has a 6 speed manual transmission. Tom Bell also has 12 new 2018 Camaro Coupes on the new car lot. They do not have any previously owned Camaros at this time.

If you are thinking about purchasing a new Corvette and the ones previously described are of interest to you, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager, at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing. Please keep in mind that Tom Bell is our sponsor and that they

have been good to Corvettes West. Our way to show support for Tom Bell is to use their service department when your vehicle needs work, as well as purchasing vehicles from them.

When you do take your vehicle in for service, at the time of write up, please let the Service Writer know that you are a member of Corvettes West so that you will be sure to get the club discount. And as always, when you use their services, please let me know about your experience. Also, if you should purchase a new vehicle from Tom Bell, please let me know so I can publish your new purchase.

*Bill Dodge*

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

## *Sunshine and Shadows*

Ok, what is the deal with 2018? Elaine Flanigan had to go to Emergency, and then numerous other doctor appointments for an extremely bad eye infection. She is doing much better now. Jan McKee had a growth taken off her jaw bone. Diane Swift spent time at Kaiser dealing with an issue. All during March.

To top it off, Howard Hoyt had open heart surgery on March 26th. He is doing well. Everyone, take care of yourselves.

If anyone has anything they would like to share with "Sunshine and Shadows", please call Gail Flores @ 626-221-1229.

**Diane**



**GW** Corvettes West

# Events Calendar

APRIL	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 21	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator
Sat. 21	"Dine of the Month" @ Crackerbarrel, Victorville	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Thurs.-Sat. 19-21	21st Gambler's Classic Laughlin, NV Corvettes of Bakersfield	Flyer is in your Feb. FastTrack OR go to ncccwregion.org
Sat. 28	43rd All GM Beach Classic at Ruby's Diner Redondo Beach The Vette Set, Inc.	Flyer is in your Feb. FastTrack OR go to ncccwregion.org
MAY	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 1	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Fri.-Sat. 4-5	NCCC National Meetings St. Louis, Mo.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorrismv@aol.com
Sat. 12	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	Register at MotorsportsReg.com
Sat. 19	Path of Life Ministries "Pub & Grub Challenge" 3660 Arlington Ave., Riverside 3pm-8pm Come display your Vette	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
TBA	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Sat. 19	Regional NCCC Governor's meeting . Location to be determined. Meeting at 1pm. Come early to eat.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorrismv@aol.com
JUNE	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 12	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	Register at MotorsportsReg.com
TBA	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Sat. 23	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator
JULY	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
TBA	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Sun.-Fri. 15-20	59th annual NCCC national Convention at Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel & Suites in New Orleans, LA	2018 NCCC Convention web site

• PATH OF LIFE PRESENTS •



Saturday, May 19

Hosted by Riverside Medical Clinic  
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PATH OF LIFE PRESENTS



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Help end homelessness in Riverside County by participating in

**Path of Life's 2nd Annual Pub & Grub Challenge**

**Saturday, May 19**

This family friendly event showcases the delicious diversity of Riverside along with a little competition. Food and drink vendors from all levels of experience come together to share their tastings, compete for several category prizes like Best Pro Dish or Best Home Brew, all while raising awareness and support for the work Path of Life does both here in the City of Riverside and across the county.

We encourage you to share your (or your company's) talent with the community by registering as a cook, brewer, or vintner, signing up as a sponsor, donating a basket for silent auction, or becoming a retail vendor. Use the links below to easily choose your participation area or contact Path of Life for more information.

**I want to reserve my spot as a Cook, Brewer, or Vintner!**

**I'm interested in becoming an Event Sponsor!**

**I want to donate a basket for the Silent Auction!**

**I'm interested in becoming a Retail Vendor!**

All proceeds from this event go to support homeless services and programs at Path of Life. Supplies, fees, and other donations are tax deductible; please contact us for more information. Thank you for your support in helping to end homelessness.

**Our Contact Information**

Path of Life Ministries  
1240 Palmyrita Ave Suite A  
Riverside, CA 92507  
(951) 786-9048  
<http://www.thepathoflife.com/>

# Corvettes West Riverside Police K-9 Unit visit to our March 2018 meeting

(From a post from the Police Department)

Earlier this week, our K-9 Team was invited to Law's Restaurant in Riverside for a meet & greet with the Corvettes West car club. The club gave a generous donation to the K-9 Trust Fund and we would like to give them a tremendous "Thank You!"

The K-9 Trust Fund was started to help pay for the costs and training of new police canines. For information about how to donate, please email [eangulo@riversideca.gov](mailto:eangulo@riversideca.gov).



# Corvettes West Events

Gary from Pacific Coast Corvettes joined John and Gordon for a day at Willow Springs



Some from CW represented our club at Wally Napolski's Celebration of Life (below)



Kristi & Ron



Mark, Bob, Anna



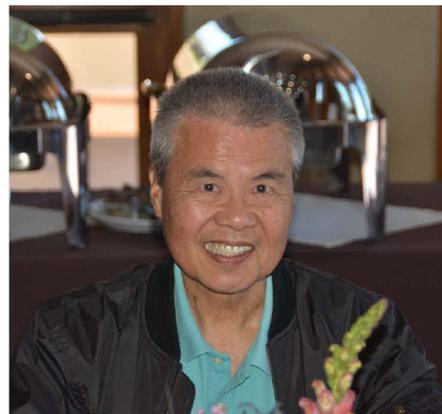
Janet, Diane, George



Craig & Rosemarie



George & Rick



Gordie

# Corvettes West Events

## 2018 CW Valentine's Dinner



Bob and Debbie



Sharon and Eric



Diana and John



Dan and Elaine



Dottie and Joe



Kristi and Ron



David and Lee Ann



Rick and Sharon

# Corvettes West Events

## 2018 CW Valentine's Dinner



Anna and Howard



Barbara and Gene



Carol and Ray



Diane and George



Elaine, Gail, Anna



Dan and Joe



# Corvettes West Events

CW 2018 Awards Banquet – cont'd from last month



Diane and George



George and Joe



Ray & Carol receive the Member of the Year award



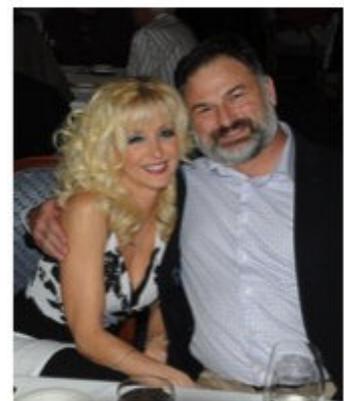
Cathy, Dan, Gail, Carolyn, Lee Ann, David



Dave and Joann



Tawney and Rick



Jenni and Monty



John, George, Dan



Ron, Kristi, Lynette, Rich, Barbara, Gene, Sharon, Rick

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