

# FAST TRACK



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2023 Club Member  
of the Year  
**John Blackledge**

2023 President's  
Award Winner  
**Diana Blackledge**





# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*

2024 Z06



♡♡♡ Happy February ♡♡♡

Well the New Year started out great as we brought the New Year in with both of us staying up for the first time in many years and so did all of our kids which made it fun to share the New Years together. After all the excitement of bringing in the New Year we did find it hard to calm down and to try a get some sleep which finally happened around 2:30 in the morning. That made the next few days very hard to stay awake as we were both very tired not being used to staying up so late.

The New Year was going great and we were very excited to be joining other Club Members on Sunday, January 14th for the trip to the Disneyland's Half Marathon as the club was invited as guests for exhibiting our cars for the runners to see as they ran by, but it was an early morning trip leaving Riverside around 2:30 in the morning!

We were all in our cars for about 3 hours as it was too cold to be waiting outside. While waiting, Elaine had to go to the bathroom and with the help of one of our members she lifted herself up outside the car and was standing up when she got light headed and fell backwards landing on her head! A medic was called to check Elaine's vitals and felt she should go to the local hospital for further evaluation.

So, I took her to St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, which is a great Hospital by the way as their care was exceptionally good, where they did extensive testing

and didn't find any head trauma or any other major injuries so they released her after a 3 day stay. So, I brought her home and she was fine but the next day I think she must have had a relapse because she was in severe pain so I took her to Redlands Community Hospital Emergency Room.

So, she stayed at Redlands Community for another 3 days and they did extensive testing and got her stabilized and feeling better so they released her and she has been home recuperating and feeling better every day, which is great news.

So now after all of this and finally getting her back home to stay this time and feeling better every day, if you can believe it, I started getting a very bad cold several days before the Banquet. I had a very tough decision to make about going or not to the Banquet. I thought it was best for me not to attend so as not to get other members sick which would really have bothered me. So, I went to the VA and found out that I have the flu so they have me on bed rest and prescription drugs. Now I am hoping that I will be feeling better so I can attend our next meeting on Tuesday.

Now one of the main reasons I am putting this medical report in the newsletter is to share some very special thoughts I have about this Club. Members of Corvettes West have shown their Love, Caring and Prayerful Support for Elaine's injury while

she was going through this difficult time.

Every one of the members that were there that morning, when Elaine fell, has either sent flowers, cards, e-mails or texts, wishing her well and a speedy recovery and had her in their prayers! Then when the word got out about her fall many other members sent their well wishes. I can't tell you members Thank You enough for your gift of caring and love which has meant so much for Elaine's recovery and she would just light up when I told her of the members who called or texted asking how she was doing. And of course, flowers always light up a women's eyes and we received a lot of them!!

This to me just shows the class of the Members in this Great Club and I am proud to say that I am a Member! God Bless You All and I hope to be there this Tuesday but only if I am well. Now I will for sure be Feeling Well for the Super Bowl Party on the 11th!!

We greatly appreciate all this Club's Great Members and Thank You So Very Much again for your Caring and Concern for Elaine's wellbeing which has really helped in her recovery!

**Dan Flanigan, President**



# Evently Speaking

*Kristi Richardson*

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Happy Valentine's Day Sweet Hearts!

We have been blessed with at least a couple of beautiful days, like Jan 28, our CW Banquet. It was a great day to drive a Corvette with the top down! Let's hope February gives us the same sunshine on the Super Bowl Party and Valentine's Dinner dates! If you have not signed up for either of these here is how:

Super Bowl Party Sunday Feb. 11th at Dan & Elaine Flanigan's home. Contact Dan at 951-712-6953

Valentine's Dinner at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 24960 Redlands BLVD, Loma Linda. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Contact Kristi at (951) 545-1006 if you have not signed up at a meeting. This is located directly South and East of the I-10 at the Anderson/Tippecanoe exit. We will order on separate checks, a courtesy that they extend to us. Check your bill as they also add an 18% gratuity as we are a large group.

At the general meeting I will be presenting a survey about our events program. We want to provide events that you will enjoy. This is also your opportunity to let me know what you would like to do for fun. Not all events have to be in Corvettes, we can carpool as needed, due to parking or distance, or need for designated drivers. In years past we have taken 3 day or weekend drives to Cambria that were lots of fun. Maybe that type of event is interesting to some so we will add that to the

survey as well. Other clubs have events, like Gamblers Classic hosted by Corvettes of Bakersfield at the Riverside Resort in Laughlin. Since the pandemic many Corvette club events have taken a big hit but we will do our best to keep you informed of any that come into our view.

## Here are some examples of ideas:

**Petersen Automotive Museum** (\$19-21 depending on age, less depending on group size)

**Corvette Diner, San Diego**  
American Grill & Arcade

**Lavender Festival and lunch,**  
123 Farm at Highland Springs, Banning

**Spa Day, Murrieta Hot Springs resort,**  
newly reopened, or Glen Ivy Spa

Or other suggestions?

**Metrolink to San Juan Capistrano**  
to stroll and visit the Mission and Lunch

**Getty Museum,** Free admission but parking reservations are required, good the same day at the Villa

**Palm Springs Tram,** \$31-29 depending on age

If you aren't at the meeting and have some ideas, please call 951-545-1006 or email me at [Kristirichards325@gmail.com](mailto:Kristirichards325@gmail.com)

Enjoy your extra LEAP day this month!

**Kristi**



Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the  
first TUESDAY  
of the month at 6pm  
at Riverside Elks  
Lodge #643  
6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
Dinner 6:00 PM  
Meeting 7:00 PM

Our Business meetings  
are held on Monday  
before the general  
meeting via ZOOM.

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

They may be hand  
delivered to George Swift  
or emailed to  
corvettenews@gmail.com  
Email is preferred

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

MARJORIE RANDOLPH .....04  
JAN MCKEE .....05  
LINDA PRADO .....08  
JO ANN MACKEWEN .....09  
FRANK RIVERA .....11  
DOUGLAS WILCOX.....14  
MONTY CLARK.....21  
AARON TEDESCO.....22  
BILL DODGE .....23  
JACQUILINE OCALLAGHAN 26

# VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GEORGE SWIFT

2023 Z06



We just finished our annual awards banquet and it turned out great as usual. What was really nice was the weather and we were able to take lots of pictures of members and their Corvettes.

The member of the year is John Blackledge, and his wife Diana received the **President Award**. These two members did a lot of work on the Wheels And Wings Car Show this past year and if it wasn't for them the car show would not been the success it was.

We would also like to welcome our newest members

*Scott and Lisa kochevar*

*Aaron and Sarah Yaghoubian*

Please keep one of our longtime members in your thoughts and prayers because he is in the hospital. Danny Arant is recovering from a serious fall at home. He has two broken ribs and a bruised lung and some other injuries.

He is in an ICU has expected to be out very soon and be transferred to a rehab facility and as soon as we find out, we will let the membership know, let's keep him on our prayers.

Save the wave

George Swift

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Today I made my usual trip to Tom Bell to see what new vehicles they might have for our consideration. The dealership had two (2) new C8s on the showroom floor. In the showroom, Tom Bell had a new 2023 Black and a new 2023 Red. They also had a used 2020 Corvette Coupe with 31,455 miles on the clock.

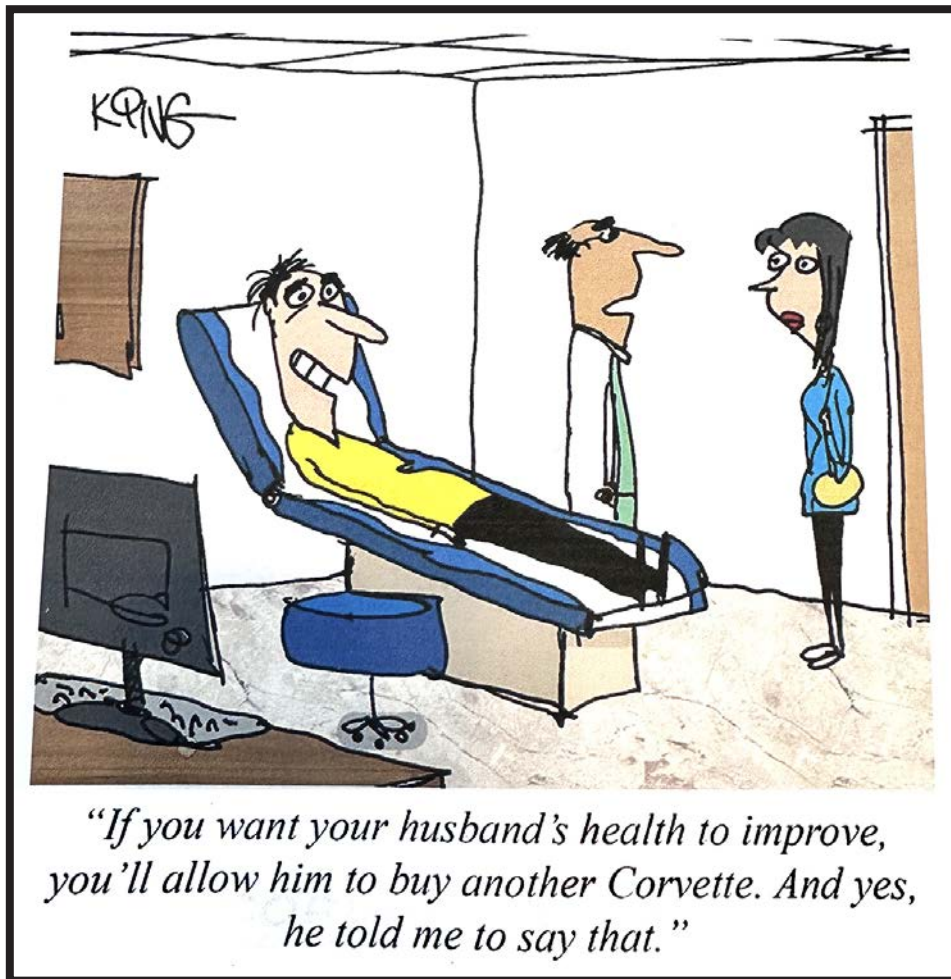
As for Camaros, they have one new 2023 Convertible. They also have a new 2024 Coupe. On the previously owned lot, they have a previously owned Camaro Coupe with 63, 821 miles on the clock. This car has a six speed manual transmission.

When you need to get one of your vehicles serviced for the cold weather to come, take your vehicle to the service department at Tom Bell. And when you do this, please be sure to let the service writer, at the time of write up, know you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the Club discount.

*Save the Wave*

**Bill Dodge**

Sponsor's Representative



The Answers to trivia Questions will be in next month's newsletter



## *The Founders*

**What Year was Chevrolet Founded?**

- 1905
- 1907
- 1909
- 1911

**Lewis Chevrolet invented this important piece of the race car?**

- Circle Bar
- Row Bar
- Flip Bar
- Side Bar

**Who was known as the "Father of the Corvette?"**

- Zora Arkus-Duntov
- Harley Earl
- Thomas Keating
- Bob Mclean

**What year did Harley Earl first create Corvette?**

- 1950
- 1951
- 1952
- 1953

**What was the secret code for the development of Corvettes?**

- Ruby
- Opal
- Diamond
- Emerald

**What city did GM founder William Durant get his inspiration for the bowtie logo?**

- London
- Detroit
- Paris
- New York City

**How many large-scale Corvette organizations nationwide?**

- 3 groups
- 4 groups
- 5 groups
- 6 groups

**What year did Harley Earl retire?**

- 1955
- 1957
- 1959
- 1961

**Who convinced Chevrolet to install V8 engines in order to improve power and speed?**

- Harley Earl
- Thomas Keating
- Bob McClean
- Zora Arkus-Duntov

**Between what years was David McLellan the Chief engineer for the Corvette?**

- 1969 - 1983
- 1975 - 1992
- 1977 - 1989
- 1980 - 1995

**What is the "The Hammer Room"**

- Corvette Bathroom
- Corvete Development Room
- Corvette's Engineer Room
- Corvette's Steel Shop

**What company did Gm executive Jim Perkins leave for four years to work for?**

- Lamborgini
- Toyota
- Porsche
- Ferrari

# CW 2024 CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Tues. 6th CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

Sun. 11th Superbowl Party @ Dan and Elaine Flanigan's (See Flyer)

Tues 13th Valentine's Dinner @ Napoli's Restaurant, Loma Linda

## MARCH

Tues. 5th CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

## APRIL

Tues. 2nd CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

## MAY

Tues. 7th CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

## JUNE

Tues. 4th CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

## JULY

Tues. 2nd CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat

## AUGUST

Tues. 6th CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat





Welcome to the Blood Bank and all their new people. Why do I say new people? Well, the new CEO chose to lay off all RNs and people with degrees who do Blood Collecting. That results in the fact that when you go to a donation center, you might recognize some of the staff but there will be many new faces. Does this change the need for blood? No it does not. The Blood Bank (LifeStream) is still in the business of supplying the 80 hospitals in the southern California area. Only now they lack the staff who would deliver the blood to the 80 hospitals.

So now they are seeking volunteer drivers. They are looking for "A few good people" who are over age 21 and have a good DMV record. You will be driving Blood Bank vehicles. If you are interested in doling volunteer driving, call the Volunteer Services office at 909-885-6503 Ext. 210. You will speak to Sabrina Rattley, manager of this program. She can answer any questions you might have.

The Blood Bank centers are open and collecting blood. Please, if you are going to donate, review the list of centers to determine when the center you are choosing to use is open and what the hours and days are when you can donate.

Because changes have been made at Blood Bank centers the Blood Bank still needs more donors. So choose your center, use the list of centers and their open days and please, let's start the new year with a donation and then continue to donate. I donated on a Friday and was surprised to find out that on Friday when you donate, you get a sandwich from Jimmy Johns, to consume in the rest area after you donate.

Happy New Year to all and to all donate!

**Bill Dodge**

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

<p><b>San Bernardino .....Phone: 909-885-6503</b>            420 E. Hospitality Lane Suite A7 &amp; A8            New Hours .....Open Sunday-Saturday 7am-2pm            Except Tuesday 6am-1pm and Thursday 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Victorville .....Phone: 760-843-9700</b>            12520 Business Center Drive            New Hours .....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;            Except Thursday 10:30-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Ontario .....Phone: 909-987-3158</b>            1959 East Fourth Street            New Hours .....Open Sunday, Tuesday-Friday 7am-2pm            Except Mondays 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Murrieta .....Phone: 951-973-7777</b>            40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1</p>
<p><b>La Quinta .....Phone: 760-777-8844</b>            79-215 Corporate Centre Drive            New Hours .....Open Sunday-Saturday 7am-2pm            Except Wednesday 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Rancho Mirage .....Phone: 760-797-8496</b>            42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B            New Hours .....Open Sunday &amp; Monday 10:30-5:30pm;            Closed Tuesday &amp; Thursday; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am-2pm</p>
<p><b>Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530</b>            4006 Van Buren Blvd.            New Hours .....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;            Except Thursdays 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Hemet .....909-386-6803 EXT. 181</b>            3377 W. Florida Ave.            New Hours .....Open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7am-2pm;            Except Monday Thursday 10:30-5:30pm; Closed Friday &amp; Saturday</p>

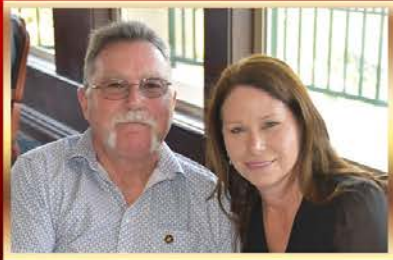




# Awards Banquet





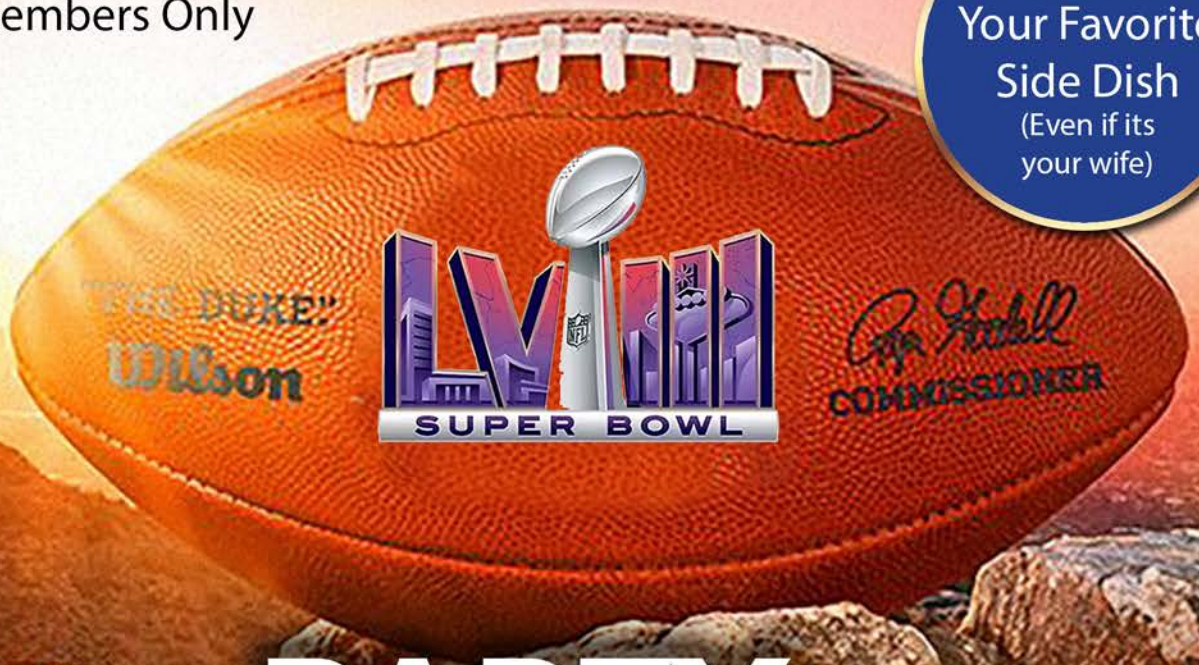




# SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 2PM

Invitation Is limited  
To Club Members Only

Bring  
Your Favorite  
Side Dish  
(Even if its  
your wife)



## PARTY AT THE FLANIGANS

30838 La Solana Court, Redlands, CA 92373

Dan & Elaine Flanigan

Please RSVP 951-712-6953

*(Also Let Us Know What Dish You Will Be Bringing)*



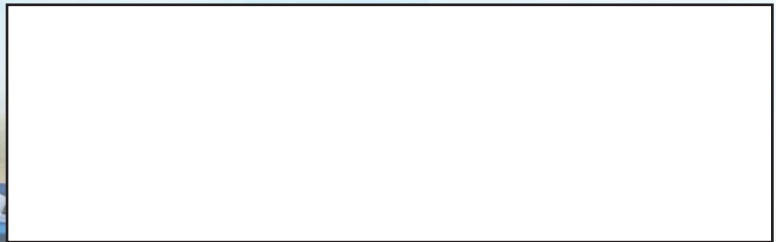
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