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Happy
Valentine's
Day!



**2025
MEMBER
OF THE YEAR
KATHY
FLORES**



**2025
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
GEORGE & DIANE
SWIFT**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dan Flanigan

2024 ZO6



“FEBRUARY 2026”

Well I made it thru the first the month of the new year but there were some things I wanted to share about January. We all brought in the New Year but how many of us stayed up to bring in the New Year, well we both did! And we even stayed up until around 1:30 to watch all the News Years Celebration on TV.

Now the major Event for January was of course the Awards Banquet at the Victoria Country Club. John was again out in front taking photos of all the members in front of their cars. And a big Thank You to John for staying out in front and taking those very appreciated photos of all the members attending.

The Club had the room set up so nicely with the food and beverage areas placed perfectly and the screen set up for John's awesome photo presentation. An interesting event happened as we were entering the event. One of our members was on the phone and she was politely asked not to be using her phone while in the club!

At first, I thought how rude this was of the venue and then I got to thinking maybe it was actually a good idea! I thought about not having phones ringing and people talking on their phone while at dinner and it started to make a lot of sense to me. And if there was a family emergency the club could have been notified and they would have a person find the person in question. So, Kudos to the Club for initiating this idea and I wonder how many other clubs are also doing this.

So back to the Banquet! The first thing I wanted to do was to Thank George for stepping in for the many meetings I missed due to the two hip replacements. The first one of which didn't go well after only one month and the second which I am just now feeling ok with. So as a MAJOR Thank You, it was very easy to give the President's Award to my Great Friend, George Swift.

Next it was time to Thank the Members for their many years of membership. We had them come forward to be presented with a nice plaque that signified their years of belonging to Corvettes West.

5-year Awards went to, Phil & Sandy Emerson, Randy & Joan Redden, the 15-year Award went to Dave & Joann MacKewen, the 20-year Awards went to Dan & Elaine Flanigan, Ron & Kristi Richardson, the 25 Year Award went to Carolyn Miller, Gene & Barbara Renna, and then the longest members Awards went to George & Diane Swift for 40 Years and then Gail Flores for 45 years of Membership.

Then the 2025 Board Members and Committee Chairpersons were asked to come up front and were recognized and given a nice monetary gift and Thanked for their service. Then the 2026 Board and Committee Chairpersons were asked to come up and to be sworn in. Now we begin another great year. I want to truly Thank all of you members who stayed on for another year which was greatly appreciated and we have 3 new Board Members, Kristi Richardson as Secretary, Gene Renna as Treasurer, Wade Hillard as Events Coordinator, and Cathy Flores is now officially our Committee Chairperson for Raffle.

Lastly and purposely left for last, (which confused several members and almost myself) I wanted to announce our Member of the Year Award to Cathy Flores who is always there to help and let me win the Carousel bid even when she was helping clean up after the Christmas Party. She has always been there to help over many years-whatever the activity.

Here is to another fun Year,
and Thank again to all who help me this year.

Dan Flanigan, President



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Wade Hilliard

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Hello Corvettes West members.

*I hope those New Year's resolutions
are intact and holding strong.*

February is upon us and this month we have 2 events.

1) First is our Superbowl Party at the Flanigan's on February 8th. See the flyer for this in this Newsletter.

RSVP to the Flanigans @ 951-712-6953.

2) Second is our Valentine's Dinner which is scheduled for February 12th @ 3pm at Mamma Mia's in Riverside, 10971 Magnolia Ave. As of this writing there are 28 members who signed up for this event.

If you didn't sign up at our last General meeting and wish to join us please contact me via text or email so I can add you to the count.

Wade Hilliard

Text: 951-312-9946

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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

MARJORIE RANDOLPH	04
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RANDY REDDEN VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2020



February is here, a month with interesting historical names, one being Sol-monath (Anglo-Saxon): “Cake-month,” when cakes were offered to the gods. Second – Sprout-kale (Anglo-Saxon): Referring to the sprouting of cabbage. Thirdly – Y mis bach (Welsh): “The little month”

A couple superstitions that are associated with the month are one * Cat behavior: If a cat lies in the sun in February, it will hide behind the stove in March, two* Bird omen: The first bird seen on Valentine’s Day, can predict a future spouse, (e.g. a goldfinch for a rich one).

Of course everyone is familiar with Groundhog Day, when a big rodent is ceremoniously awakened out of its winter slumber for the amusement of a bunch of goobers who marvel at the big rat’s wisdom of knowing if there’s a shadow or not! Then the poor guy is stuck back in his humble abode to finish off his winter nap that was so rudely interrupted. Sorry, but I had to get that off my chest!

Which brings me to one of CW’s February traditions, a Valentine meal at an Italian restaurant. Make sure you’ve signed up for this event. Then, there is also the annual Super Bowl party, hosted by the Flanigans at their extravagant abode. Be sure to sign up and indicate what you’ll be bringing for others to sample.

Now, because this is a Corvette Club, I feel it’s necessary to mention this very important fact: the new 2026 Corvette ZR1X can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 1.89 seconds and offers a top speed of 233 mph on the track. Now if anyone decides to purchase one of these beasts, let the Board know so we can advertise that one of Corvettes West members has a New 2026 Corvette ZR1X to entice new members to join the CW club, even if they are just Looky Loos.

Whelp, that’s all for now, until next month.

Randy Redden
Vice President

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



10 Trivia Questions

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Transmissions & Differentials Part 2

1) Who built 1984 Corvette 4+3 manual transmission

- Nash Rambler
- AMC Nash
- Doug Nash
- Nash Corp

2) What year was 6 speed transmission introduce

- 1988
- 1989
- 1990
- 1991

3) Where was the new 6 speed built

- England
- Italy
- USA
- Germany

4) What was the price for "Six Speed Transmission" Option

- 525.00
- 675.00
- 725.00
- 000.00

5) 1997 Corvette moved the transmissions (Auto or Manual) to where

- Front wheel drive
- Rear axle
- Middle

6) Who built the new 6 speed

- Saginaw
- Borg-Warner
- Muncie
- ZF

7) What year did the 6 speed auto "paddle Shift introduce

- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015

8) What year did the 7 speed manual transmission introduce

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014

9) What year did the 8 speed auto "paddle shift" transmission introduce

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

10) Is the "Dual Clutch Transmission" manual or auto

- Manual
- Automatic
- Both
- What's a Clutch!

Chevrolet is saying that the **New 2027 "Grand Sport"** could Have 500+ - 600 HP with a New 6.7 liter engine

CW 2026 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Tues. 3rd **CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat**

Sun. 8th **SuperBowl Party at Flanigan's. Starts at 2pm. Please RSVP. See flyer in this newsletter.**

Every Sat Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am

Thurs. 12 **Valentine's meal @ Mamma Mia's Restaurant in Riverside. 3pm See flyer in this newsletter. RSVP to Wade by text @ 951-312-9946**

Fri. 13th Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

MARCH

Tues. 3rd **CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat**

Every Sat Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am

Fri. 13th Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

APRIL

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

Every Sat Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am

Fri. 10th Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

MAY

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

Every Sat Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am

Fri. 8th Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

JUNE

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

Every Sat Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am

Fri. 8th Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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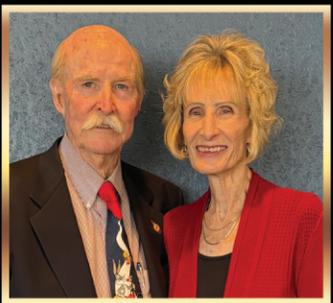
Welcome to the New Year. I hope you all had a safe and sane holiday with family and friends. Of course, the need for blood and blood products continues. This past weekend, the Red Cross advertised two (2) Blood Drives in the local Press Enterprise Newspaper.

As usual, LifeStream Blood Bank is open most days. Please check the list of their locations and call them to get days and times. You can check Lifestream's list above to find a location close to where you live. Blood is needed. We all have it (blood). Now is a good time to share it with the community. Be a good neighbor and share, and you will potentially save a life.

Please make donating a priority in your life.

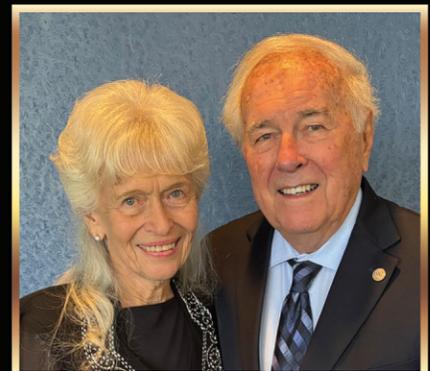
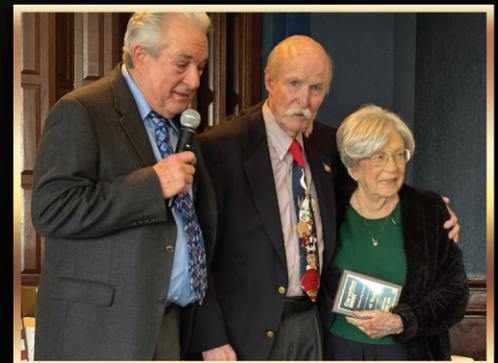
Bill Dodge

Save a Life - The life you save may be a loved one.



Corvettes West

AWARDS BANQUET 2026



SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEB. 8 @2PM

Invitation
Is limited
To
Club Members
Only



Bring
Your
Favorite
Side Dish

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)

Happy
Valentine's
Day

DINNER

Tuesday, February 12, 2026
3pm

Mamma Mia's

10971 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92505

RSVP: Wade Hillard

Text (951) 312-9946

or email: Whill59210@gmail.com

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The inventory includes five new 2026 Corvettes and one pre-owned 2015 model.

We are offering a \$15,000 dealer discount on a new 2025 Z06 convertible, potentially saving up to \$19,000 total.

Stevan Wilkinson

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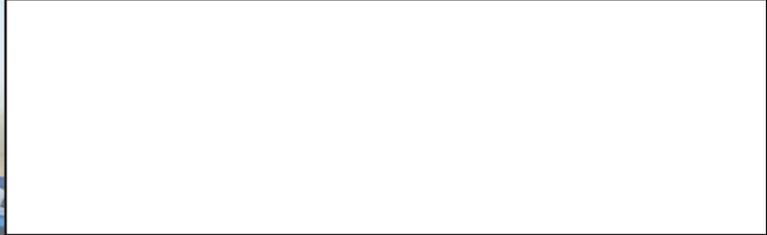


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