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Well, here we are starting a new year and I have been entrusted with the honor of being your new Governor to the West Coast Region of the NCCC. I will be representing our club to the Region, getting new updates for the Competition Rules and presenting any new events sponsored by other clubs in the Region.

I hope every member has received the e-mail about printing your 2019 NCCC membership cards. I know they tried this last year, but ended up issuing the plastic cards, and it cost the national thousands of dollars. Please let me know if you have had any troubles printing your cards and I will try getting it fixed.

The new Blue Bars magazine should be out in the next few weeks. This is the national news letter with information on events throughout the country and let's us know what other regions are doing. If you do not receive it in January, please let me know.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and please have a safe Happy New Year.

**Jim Gillam,**  
Governor,  
CorvettesWest

# CLUB HISTORIAN

Our President says, "Corvettes West is a social club with a Corvette problem." I say, "We have a Corvette fun club!"

People want us in their parades. We were asked to participate in the Yucaipa Christmas parade on the 8th of December. We supplied 10 Corvettes to give their dignitaries a ride in. Once again we had a lot of fun providing their rides.

Our "Dine of the Month" took place on December 11th or 13th at the Mission Inn's Festival of Lights. WOW! What an awesome experience, over two million Christmas and festival lights turning on while we were eating dinner at Las Campanas outdoor restaurant. "Las Campanas," means between the bells.

What a great place to sit and eat. Food was great, Corvette camaraderie and fun was awesome!!!

The best for last. Celebrating our Christmas party and annual fund raiser in Carol & Ray Clark's garage is what friendship is all about. We use it as an excuse to raise money for our selected charity. In fact, we have a fantastic time eating and socializing with each other. Dan Flanigan and Monty Clark, alias "Vanna" provided us with unlimited laughs, fun and entertainment as they auctioned off the goodies provided by all of us to raise money for this years charity. We have the pictures to prove it.

**Howard Hoyt**



Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
at Riverside Elks Lodge  
#643

6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
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  
George Swift  
or emailed to  
corvettenews@gmail.com  
Email is preferred

## January BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Flores.....8  
Sandra Richmond .....9  
Dave Mac Kewen .....11  
Steve McKee .....14  
Joanna Woo .....18  
Fernando Munoz .....23  
Doreen Alewine .....26  
Frank Clarke .....30

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope you all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. That was a busy month for everyone I'm sure; all the preparations, Yucaipa Christmas Parade, party celebrations and taking down the decorations and clean up sure keep me busy.

We sure enjoyed the dinners at the Mission Inn's Las Campanas restaurant that Jacqueline OCallaghan set up for us. Diana and I attended both nights and really enjoyed each one. The first night was served family style and the second night was a Buffet dinner. The Mission Inn Festival of lights was spectacular, it just keeps getting better every year.

I think they had around 4 million lights this year.

Our Corvettes West Christmas party at Ray & Carol Clarks home was once again just great. They have hosted this event for the past four years and everyone who attends has really enjoyed it. Thank you Ray &

Carol for opening up your home to us once again and thanks to all of you that help set up and clean up this event.

January 2019 starts off with our new Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons and I am looking forward to once again working with all of you to help make this another great year for our club.

Remember to: Save the Wave

**John Blackledge**



# Evently Speaking



*Dan Flanigan*

As my first duty as your new Events Coordinator I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I just can't believe how fast the year went and it gets faster the older we get, as we all know!

Now I am curious how many of you stayed up and brought in the New Year? My guess is not very many except for some of those youngsters like Monty and his beautiful Italian Princess Jenni! I know I am going to pay for this comment down the road!

Next, I want to give a big Shoot Out to Jacqueline for planning such a great outing at the Mission Inn last month. Great food, awesome outdoor setting, great fellowship and just an incredible display of lights at the Inn. Then to top off the evening several of us walk up over to the amusement area and road the Ferris Wheel and Carousel. I rode the Ostrich and Gordie road on the Dragon but he was never able to catch me! Such fun and we all felt like kids again remembering those good ole days many years ago!

And finally, a big Thanks to George for getting the Club involved in the Yucaipa Veteran Parade this year with many dignitaries riding in our Corvettes. He also organized the Viet Nam Vets of America being involved in the Parade. Some Vets rode in a truck and others walked holding the banner! George is very involved in this program and is responsible for signing up many new members! Great job George for all you do for this organization.

Now regarding Events, we have the Annual Awards Banquet at the Victoria Club this month on the 27th and then the Super Bowl Party at our House on Sunday, February 3rd. We will have a signup sheet at the January

meeting for those wanting to attend and dishes to bring. There will be a Football Pool and games played, so it should be a fun day.

If the Super Bowl Party is considered an event, then that's two months done! Dang what a great job I am doing already, LOL! John and George have some discussed some great events ideas with the club so I need some people to step up for the upcoming months. One of George's ideas is an overnigher to Laughlin which really sounds good to me. So everyone put on your thinking caps for event ideas and let me know if there is a month you would like to take.

I think I am also in responsible for the Events Calendar, so I have some learning to do with that assignment also. So bare with me until I get this all figured out!!

I got a little windy I know, LOL!! Look forwarding seeing everyone at the January meeting on the 8th.

## Dan Flanigan

### **CORVETTE FOR SALE**

**2015 Z06**

Under 30,000 miles

Arctic White with black trim & interior

This Vette is being shown at Tom Bell Chevrolet  
\$61,000

*(Owner is a Corvettes West member  
who loves it dearly)*

# Vice with a Voice

Diane Swift



It is a new year. How did 2018 go by so quickly? Now that we have gotten through the busy Winter Holiday season maybe things will slow up a bit.

Thanks to Jacquiline for setting up the dinner at the Mission Inn, and thank you the Ray and Carol Clark for hosting our Christmas party once again. I was not there, but of course I have gotten positive feedback from different sources. What a great idea for Carol to auction off one of her homemade pies!

Also, thanks to those who helped at the Yucaipa Christmas parade. Of course George being the busy person that he is, he had coordinated the Corvettes for the parade and a group of Vietnam Vets for the parade. I was at home and as phone calls came in from different people saying they were not seeing George, I would ask who they were and they would say "I'm with

the Vettes".

I realized that I needed to ask "The Corvette Club or the Vietnam Vets?" The first Vet that called said he was with the Vietnam group, but that he saw several Corvettes right across the street.....

Now on to our annual Awards Banquet. If you haven't signed up for this event on Sunday, January 27th, you still have time to do so. Then just one week later the Flanigans will be hosting the Super Bowl party for the 2nd year. "Thank you!" in advance!

Let's all make 2019 a great year for Corvettes West.

Thanks,  
**Diane Swift**  
Vice President 2019

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# BLOOD BANK

*Giving Back!*

I would be remiss if I did not say, the Blood Bank needs to see more of our club in the Blood Bank's chairs, donating. They still have a need for product. They need your arms to supply that product. To assist them with their need, I have been donating every week. You all could be donating every 56 days and your donations are needed badly. For the Blood Bank, it has gotten so bad, staff is waiting around with no arms to stick.

Come join me in donating. For the second time, I ran into Buzz Dopf at the Blood Bank and he was donating. It's always nice to see him.

When you donate, the Blood Bank is giving out movie tickets, Walmart cards, In-N-Out cards, etc. And all you have to do is show up, let them stick your arm, and you get whatever inducement they have. Come on folks, you get tickets or a gift card for potentially saving someone's life. Remember, the life you save, could be a club member, or a mom with small kids.

Remember the high school class who developed the saying, "Find the hero in You". Now is the time for that hero to come out of each of us. Experience the joy of knowing you might have saved another person's life. It is not too late to give the gift of life. Accidents happen all the time and blood may make the difference in life or death. Somebody somewhere needs you. Please, come out and donate and help fill that need.

Recently I had a chance to tour the lab at the Blood Bank. If any of you all would like to see what happens to the blood you donate, contact me and I will get a tour

arranged for you. It is interesting and informative and well worth the time.

Give the gift of life to someone you will never know. Give someone hope that blood will be available for them if needed. Be someone's hero in this time of giving. Get off you butts and save someone by donating.

## Bill Dodge

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

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I would like to wish our sponsor a Happy New Year, and a safe one at that. Currently Tom Bell, our sponsor, has 4 new Corvettes to tempt us with. They have a new 2018 Z06 Coupe, 1 new 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Coupe, and 2 new 2019 Corvette Z06 Coupes for us to consider. On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has 1 2005 Corvette Coupe with 92K miles, 1 2015 Corvette Z06 Coupe with 29K miles, and 1 2017 Corvette Z06 Coupe.

Tom Bell also has a fine collection of Camaros. They currently have 6 new 2019 Camaro Coupes, 2 new 2018 Camaro Coupes, and 1 new 2019 Camaro Convertible. On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has 1 2010 Camaro Coupe and 1 2018 Camaro Coupe.

Please keep in mind that Tom Bell has been good to Corvettes West. Our way to repay Tom Bell is for us to use their service department. When you take your vehicle in for service, please let the Service Writer, at the time of write up, know you are a Corvettes West member to be sure you get the Club Discount. And should you have an interest in any of the vehicles mentioned, and want more information, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing.

Save the Wave

*Bill Dodge*

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

## Editor's Notes CORNERS & Curves

Jim Perkins, former General Manager for Chevrolet, has passed away. Jim Perkins is credited with saving the Corvette after the General Motors Board of Directors voted to stop production of the Corvette in 1993.

There was a huge reaction from Corvette owners and fans from all over the world. Needless to say, GM Board of Directors recanted their vote, but told Jim Perkins that he had to sell 22,000 Vettes a year. So that is when Dick Guldstrand and myself met with Jim Perkins to discuss the "America Dream and Drive" along with a marketing firm called CMI. Because of the "Dream and Drive" in which NCCC was involved across the United States, they were able to sell 22,000 Vettes a year during 1993, 1994, 1995.

I also had the pleasure of interviewing Jim Perkins for an article in Blue Bars. At the time he talked about the forthcoming generations of Corvettes, and the 3rd and 4th generations of small block engines of which we see in Corvettes today.

As always, Bios are always welcome! **Until next time.....**

**George Swift**

Fast Track Editor 2019

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**GW** Corvettes West

# EVENTS CALENDAR

2019		
JANUARY	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 8	CW General Meeting ~ Riverside Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave. Meeting @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sun. 27	Corvettes West Annual Awards Banquet Victoria Club, Riverside, CA	See flyer in this newsletter
Sun.-Sun. 20-27	Corvette Pirate Cruise to the Western Carribean	<a href="http://ncccwcregion.org">ncccwcregion.org</a>
FEBRUARY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun. 3	Corvettes West Super Bowl Party Hosted by Dan and Elaine Flanigan	More information to come
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting ~ Riverside Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave. Meeting @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
JULY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun.-Fri. 7-12	60th NCCC National Corvette Convention in Denver Colorado	<a href="http://ncccwcregion.org">ncccwcregion.org</a>
AUGUST	EVENT	CONTACT
Wed.-Sat. 28-31	6th Annual Caravan to Corvette Museum in Bowling Green KY for the 25th Anniversary of the Museum	<a href="http://corvettecaravan.com">corvettecaravan.com</a>
SEPTEMBER	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting ~ Riverside Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave. Meeting @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Fri.-Sat. 7-8	NCCC National Meetings - St. Louis, MO	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 <a href="mailto:amorrismv@aol.com">amorrismv@aol.com</a>



# CORVETTES WEST AWARDS BANQUET

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Victoria Club  
2521 Arroyo Dr.  
Riverside, CA 92506  
4pm – 8pm**



Note: Be there early around 3:30/4:00pm so Howard can take your picture with your CORVETTE. We would like to use these pictures for our Website, with your permission.

Please RSVP by clipping, filling out, and mailing the slip below, along with \$25 per person to:  
Corvettes West  
P.O.Box 56837  
Riverside, CA 92517  
(Corvettes West is paying for the balance of the meal. If you RSVP and are a be billed an additional \$15 per person.)



Postmarked by January 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Business Casual Dress. Suits optional.  
(The venue requests no jeans/t-shirts please.)

**Social hour at 4pm. Dinner at 5pm.**

Corvettes West Awards Banquet, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 RSVP



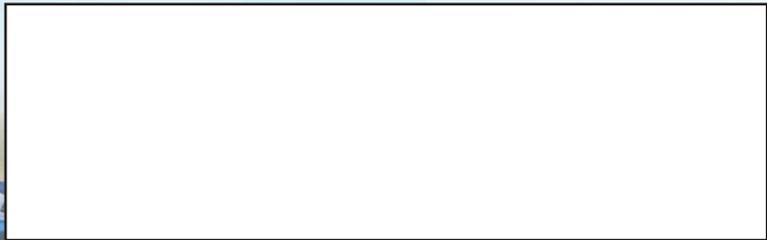
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(No meal choice this year)

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