



River City Corvettes of Sacramento

December 2019 Newsletter

Business meetings start at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Citrus Heights Community Center, 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights. Food is not served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close by. **Next meeting is January 9, 2020.**

President Rick Sutter's Message

I would like to thank Keri Berkler for once again stepping up to help out as acting Secretary at the meeting due to Terry's illness. Keri is always ready to help and it is much appreciated. Our wishes go out to Terry for a speedy recovery.

I would like to welcome Ray Lemire to the club and congratulate Ran and Barbara Yates for being named December's Car of the Month. Ran and Barbara have been members since 1995 and Ran is a past President and a current member of the Board of Director's. Ran is also "Mr. Bicycle" for Christmas for Kids and both he and Barbara are part of the core group of primary coordinators of the Christmas for Kids charity.

Speaking of Christmas for Kids, if you are available on Friday, please help us giving out the toys, bikes, food and clothes to 108 families and 330 kids. I can assure you it is a rewarding experience.

Please mark your calendars: our next meeting is on [January 9, 2020](#).

Hope to see you all at our annual Christmas Party on December 14th.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ~ Rick

Vice President Tom Mason's Message

Welcome to the new member and the first-time guest. Welcome to our family. I hope you enjoy the activities.

As most of you know, our family {River City Corvette Club} sponsors Christmas for Kids, and this year we hope to help approximately 108 families, including 325 kids.

From Terrie, her elves, Rick, and I, we all would like to say THANK YOU. Once the warehouse was cleared [40 ft. motor home and a white jeep in the way] our family showed up to sort clothes, toys, bicycles, and food. We stuffed 108 large bags of goodies for the families, and with the help of the Salvation Army [chickens, potatoes, and some food] our combined efforts will help to make many people's Christmas a little better. Thank you for your support and donations of money, food, clothes, toys, and an endless supply of energy.

Our Christmas party is shaping up to be a spectacular event with great food and a chance to talk to old friends and new members as well.

As the New Year approaches, I would like to thank all who attended the meetings and helped with all of the parties and runs we enjoyed. May you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with friends and relations, and remembering those that have passed and those that are with us today.

From Joan and I and all the people that help keep this club together, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And when this weather clears, blue skies and green lights. ~ Tom

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2019:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Rick Sutter.

Corrections/Additions to Prior Meeting Minutes: Rick Sutter asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 7, 2019 business meeting minutes. There were no additions or corrections so Rick asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Bonnie Bradt and seconded by Terrie Hunt to approve the November 7, 2019 minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Ken De Crescenzo gave a detailed treasurer's report. Ken reminded the membership to make their reservations and provide payment for the Christmas party no later than close tonight's meeting.

New Member/Visitor Report: Jeanie announced one guest in attendance at tonight's meeting. Third-time visitor Ray Lemire, who owns a 1965 midnight blue "454" corvette. The membership voted to admit Ray Lemire to the club. Jeanie also announced December's birthdays.

Rick's Miscellaneous Announcements: There was an omission in last month's listing of events for the 2020 calendar year. It was noted that the October 21-22, 2020 run to Graeagle, in Plumas County, was being hosted solely by Darrell and LaRee Brunelli. What was left out is that the run is being co-hosted by Bill and Kathy Mathews.

Rick advised the membership that **next month's meeting** will be held on **January 9, 2020**, rather than on the 1st Thursday of the month, because the 1st Thursday (2nd) is too close to the New Year holiday.

Rick discussed the number of events on next year's calendar designated as "ladies only". He told the men in attendance that he felt they needed to organize some "men only" events for next year. Terrie Hunt stood up and announced that she and Jerry Neil were planning an event for "men only", titled "Poker & Cigars", tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2020. The event will be held at Jerry and Terrie's home. Additional information will be made available at future meetings.

Rick announced that Club Secretary Terry De Crescenzo was ill this evening and he hoped she has a speedy recovery. He thanked Keri Berkler for stepping in and taking the minutes during tonight's meeting on her behalf. Rick also expressed his appreciation to Jerry and Terrie for their continued support and devotion to RCCS. He thanked them for hosting many of the club events at their home and for always thinking up new types of event to host for the club.

Raffle: The raffle crew announced the winning ticket numbers and the Vanna's (Risa' Townsend and Judie Baskin) handed out the prizes for first round of the raffle.

Past Events – Tom Mason:

November 16, 2019 – Bicycle Assembly – Ran Yates: Participants met at Carl's Jr., 3100 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova at 7:00 am, and subsequently traveled to the Anrak Corporation, 5820 Mayhew Road, Sacramento. The 22 members of the RCCS joined nearly 475 other volunteers who together assembled 1200 bikes in just over 2 hours. Ran thanked all those RCCS members who participated.

December 4, 2019 - RCCS 2019 Ladies Christmas Lunch – Bonnie Bradt: Participants met in the Orchard Creek Lodge Solarium at Sun City Lincoln Hills. Socializing began at noon and the luncheon at 12:30 pm. Bonnie Bradt thanked all those who attended, indicating everyone had a good time. She also identified the winners of the two games that were played during the afternoon. Patty Doherty won the "People Bingo" game and Keri Berkler and Janet Butler won the "Word Search" game.

Upcoming Events – Tom Mason:

November 30 – December 13, 2019 - Christmas for Kids – Terrie Hunt: Terrie Hunt advised the membership that there was a snafu at the warehouse, because the owner of the warehouse had a very large RV parked in the warehouse when the RCCS volunteers showed up the first day to work on sorting the merchandise and donated gifts on Tuesday, December 3rd and, as a result, the process of packing the gift bags is way behind schedule. On a positive note, the afternoon at Walmart yielded 18 very large bags of toys and 10 bikes donated by community members. According to Ann Petrie, there are 107-108 families currently signed up, which includes around 330 kids. Terrie passed around a sign-up sheet asking all members of

RCCS to consider donating some time to this project. Ann also indicated that she, her husband Richard, Keri Berkler and Sue Facciola would be picking up the \$2,000 of food items RCCS purchased at Winco on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Ann asked those in attendance if anyone else with a pick-up truck would be willing to assist. Bob Blum offered to assist in picking up the food items and transporting them to the warehouse to be packaged up for the families. The remaining scheduled work days are as follows:

Friday, December 6 – Work Day at Warehouse – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10 – Food pick-up at Winco- 9:00 am - Work Day at Warehouse – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Thursday, December 12 - Food pickup at Salvation Army - Work Day at Warehouse – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday, December 13 – Final Workday at Warehouse - Distribution Day to Families - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

December 14, 2019 - RCCS Christmas Party – Tom Mason: Cocktails at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. Grand Ballroom @ Sun City Lincoln, 965 Orchard Creek Lane, Lincoln. The cost is \$40.00 per person - due by close of the meeting tonight. So far, approximately 40 couples of signed up to attend. Food choice options include:

Grilled Beef Tenderloin: 8 oz. Grilled Tenderloin with Béarnaise, Herb Roasted Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables

Roasted Salmon: 6 oz. Atlantic Salmon, Tri-Color Couscous, Sautéed Spinach, Tomato Basil Relish, Roasted Vegetables

Chicken Marsala: 6 oz. Grilled Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, Cremini Mushroom Marsala Sauce

All choices are served with Holiday Apple Salad (romaine, apple, Swiss cheese, grapes and pecans) and Raspberry Marble Cheesecake for dessert. Coffee, ice tea, and water along with warm rolls and butter are included. A full bar with a bartender will be located in the ballroom. If you have any allergies or special needs, please let Tom Mason know immediately.

January 25, 2019 – Golf Balls and Meat Balls – Bob Blum: Bob invited the membership to participate in the Monster Golf and Meatballs event scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2019. The event will be held at Monster Mini Golf located (within the Nimbus Winery building) at 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 (916) 294-0000, (www.monsterminigolf.com). Monster Mini Golf is an exciting indoor monster-themed glow in the dark 18-hole miniature golf course that offers a host of fun activities at every turn. Golf cost is \$9 per person. Meet at 10:00 am with a “shot gun” start beginning at 10:30 am. After golf, the group will walk over to the Old Spaghetti Factory for lunch at 12:30 pm, which is located within the same building. Lunch will cost \$20.00 per person and include salad, choice of one of three specified entrees, bread, dessert and gratuity. Questions and/or RSVPs please contact Bob Blum. Flyers, and sign-up sheets were placed on all tables.

February 2, 2020 - Supper Bowl Party at Jerry and Terrie's: Terrie indicated that the “Supper Bowl” party to be held during the Super Bowl will have a Mexican theme. She said she is thinking of having a taco bar and firing up the margarita machine. Please keep the Mexican theme in mind when thinking about what appetizers or desserts you will be preparing. More information will be announced at next month's meeting.

February 15, 2020 - Valentine's Dance at Jerry and Terrie's: Terrie told those in attendance to mark their calendars for this event. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

Dennis Kocher advised the membership that Beale Air Force Base, located between Marysville and Auburn, will be having its annual air show May 9-10, 2020. This event is one of the few times civilians and the public will have access to the AFB. He also indicated the steelhead trout will be running the ladders at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Folsom in January and February and that he thought putting together a run to view these events would be a great opportunity for someone who has never put on a run for the club.

Tom Mason indicated he has some items for a C5 Corvette and asked those in attendance who own/drive a C5 to contact him directly for further information.

Raffle: The raffle crew announced the winning ticket numbers and the Vanna's (Risa' Townsend and Judie Baskin) handed out the prizes for the second round of the raffle. Tonight's 50/50 winners were Ran Yates and Terrie Hunt.

Club Jokes: Jim Bartylla shared several one-liners and a couple of jokes that everyone really enjoyed.

Car of the Month: Charity Smith presented the car of the month for December to Ran and Barbara Yates. They currently own a 1998 black convertible Corvette and have previously owned 2 other Corvettes. They have been members of the RCCS for 25 years. Ran is a past President and currently serves on the Board of Directors. Barbara was a member of the call-around committee for several years. Congratulations!!

Miscellaneous: Rick provided those in attendance with a brief history of how the Christmas for Kids Charity became the sole charity of the RCCS. He noted that 100% of all donations received go directly to the charity with nothing to administration. He indicated that at one time this charity was part of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's annual Toy Project charity drive and that RCCS used to assist the Northern Division of the Sheriff's Department. At some point, due to budget cuts, the Northern Division elected to discontinue participation, so the RCCS took over the Northern Division's operations and now act as one of the many groups supporting the overall Sheriff's Toy Project. Jerry Neil, Terrie Hunt, Ann and Richard Petrie, and Ran and Barbara Yates have been the primary coordinators of this charity ever since and have collectively put in a ton of work to facilitate its progress and success. Rick expressed his appreciation for all their efforts over the years on behalf of RCCS. He further indicated that he would announce at next month's meeting how much the RCCS donated to Christmas for Kids this year.

Club Clothing: If you want a new shirt or jacket please contact Bob Blum. Bob indicated he is very close to submitting a new order, and asked anyone interested in placing an order to please contact him as soon as possible. The website to check what is available is: www.clicksundance.com. Halfway down the page, choose embroidery, then item you want, like polo shirts, and make note of the model number, size and color for ordering through Bob.

Club Hats: Bob has hats for sale at \$15 each.

Name Tags: John or Carol Klunder.

Thank You: Thank you to Ken and Terry De Crescenzo for providing the birthday goodies for tonight's meeting. Bob Blum graciously offered to bring the goodies for January's meeting.

Reminder: Next meeting is January 9, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned by Rick Sutter at 8:16 pm on a motion by David Gaustad, with a second from John Klunder.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Berkler, on behalf of Secretary Terry De Crescenzo.

Happy January Birthdays to: Nikki Bari (1/5), Ken De Crescenzo (1/8), Robert Ramirez (1/11), Mary Bartylla (1/13), Ann Petrie (1/14), Judie Baskin (1/14), Ed Dunbar (1/16), Carol Klunder (1/20), Sergio Sanchez (1/22), Bob Blum (1/23), and Janet Pierson (1/28).

Thanks to the December Raffle Donors: Jack & Darlene Harris, Rod & Barbara Stelter, Ran & Barbara Yates, Sue Facciola & Keri Berkler, Ron & Jeanie Kayl, Rick Sutter, Clint & Risa' Townsend, Richard & Ann Petrie, Tom & Joan Mason, Dave Bull & Heidi Goodman, Jerry Neil & Terrie Hunt, John & Kathy Reese, Patrick & Janet Butler, and Tom & Patty Doherty.

A SPECIAL NOTE to support our fellow members that have businesses selling goods and/or services; Check our web site, www.rivercitycorvettes.org for a list of those members and their businesses. They will appreciate it!

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