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President's Message

STLCC Members,

I would like to start by thanking Karen Price for a great two years of her management and organizational skills with the Board and committees.

And I would like to thank the ELCO group for their monetary support and for their meeting and sponsorship help.

I'm looking forward to serving as your President and working with our Board: Don Pickles, Vice President; Anne Pickles, Treasurer; Brian Walsh, Membership; June Walsh, Secretary; and Dennis Trost, Sergeant-at-Arms (the man with the gavel). I am happy to have their experience and help throughout my term.

Please plan to attend the Planning Meeting at Saucy's at 2:00 p.m. on January 19th. We will be able to order from the menu. Please bring your ideas for fun things to do in 2025. Also, consider if and how you would like to join or help the committees.

And remember the Price's 12th Day of Christmas Party on January 4th at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget those ugly sweaters!!

I would like everyone to know that we are open to suggestions and ideas on how to better the Club. You can text me at 314-799-2749.

Your President,
John Jordan

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Hagenow

Mike Price

Rhonda Simorka

Larry Akins

Michelle Paillou

Marty Dooley

Carl Cox

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Angie Midkiff

Ken & Barbie Payne

Randy & Ruth Howard

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

10 Year

Bob and JoAnn Rogers

There were no 5, 15, or 20 year club anniversaries in December.

Meeting Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes are being repeated to refresh your memory for approval at the January Planning Meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on Thursday, November 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Karen Price.

Karen led us with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers were introduced:

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Gary Duke
Membership: Erin Duke	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: Ron Hagenow	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Jim Givens	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gereke and Eric DeBruin

Prior to the start of our regular meeting, Michelle Finn introduced representatives from the St. Vincent DePaul organization who were here tonight to accept our Christmas gifts. The St. Vicent DePaul members thanked the club for their generosity and thanked us for our donations these past several years. They mentioned that there are always needy families, and these gifts will go a long way to help brighten the holidays for them.

Karen went over the following information:

- She thanked everyone for attending tonight. She reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree lunch sign-up. Money for the Christmas party can be paid to either Chris Woods or Judy Dooley.
- Raffle tickets for the NCM banner as well as the 20th Anniversary banner are available.
- Thanks to everyone who has been donating toiletry supplies for our veterans which are being collected by John Midkiff.
- A motion was made by Judy Giovanoni to accept the October 2024 secretary minutes. It was seconded by Steve Kirby. The motion passed. Also, Ron read thank you letters from Bob Woods and Sonja Giffhorn. Sherri Marlo, Mike Price, Dee Riehlman, and Jim Givens also expressed their appreciation for the get-well gifts. Ron also mentioned that since July the club has sent 19 memorial gifts or get-well gifts to members. Hopefully, next year will be a healthier year.

- Treasurer Anne Pickles presented the October treasurer's report. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by John Jordan. The motion passed.
- Erin Duke, Membership Officer, gave the membership report. New (old) members Mark and Denise Shipley have been added to our rolls. One member, Dave Simorka, is deceased. Steve and Patty Bushur and Gary and Debbie Tidwell have been added as Associate Members. She read the names of members celebrating November birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 100 (includes 9 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 4 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 12 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Emeritus Members: 2
- Total Members: 118 (excludes sponsors)
- There are currently 9 on our waiting list.
- Also, with the passing of Jerry Giffhorn and Dave Simorka, Sonja Giffhorn and Rhonda Simorka have been re-designated as Lifetime members per the by-laws.

Ruth Howard made a motion to accept the membership report, and it was seconded by Randy Howard. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller continues to provide us with an awesome newsletter. If you sponsor an event and the Muellers are not there, then please take pictures and email them to Kathy for inclusion in the newsletter.

Budget Report: Don Pickles, Rick Doerr and Mike Kunst. No report. Starting work on the budget for next year.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Mike Kunst, and Valerie Zeisset: No report.

Charity: Michelle Finn and Judy Giovanoni: Thank you again to all the club members who donated Christmas gifts this year. Judy Giovanoni mentioned that of the 519 sleepers donated last month, 76 were from club members. Thank you for supporting this effort.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley said that everything looks good now and no further work is

being done until the spring. He mentioned that our newer members need to go by and see what we have accomplished these past 20 years. He also urged members if they are there to work to talk with the veterans they encounter.

Parade: Don Pickles and Mike Price: Ron Hagenow mentioned that with the possibility of rainy weather for the parade on Saturday, do we still want to participate? Those that are still willing to participate are to meet in the Subway parking lot off Fifth St. at 9:30 am and we will proceed to the lineup area from there. We are still scheduled to drive the mayor and Santa.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Marty Dooley said he and Judy recently attended a meeting at the NCM. The NCM is partnering with the Smithsonian Museum which is complicating things for the NCM. He said the banner next year is \$725 and we will change the color of the car which will be voted on at the Christmas party. Also, if you want to get the Corvette Connections email from the NCM, send him the names and email addresses.

History: Marty Dooley, Mike Price, and Ron Hagenow: No report.

20th Anniversary: Ruth and Randy Howard, Jeff and Tracy Stieren, Ron Hagenow, Valerie Zeisset, Pam Queen and Mike and Karen Price: Ruth Howard said the trip to the Carbondale wineries was a hit and everyone enjoyed the time together. There were 22 people on this trip and if we want to do it again next year we may need a larger bus. Ruth also mentioned that the hayride sponsored by ELCO was great as always. There were about 50 members who attended.

Website: Steve Kirby reported that after he changed our host for the club website, other problems came up which drove his decision to go back to our original hosting site. That company initially rejected us rejoining which entailed many long hours for him as well as some additional money from the club. Everything is back up running now.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley – The Christmas party will be on December 7. The venue and food are the same as last year. \$60 per person and you need to pay by the November meeting. About 87 people have already signed up for the party.

Nominating: Pam Queen and Valerie Zeisset – Nominations for the next board are as follows: John Jordan – President, Don Pickles – Vice President, June Walsh – Secretary and Brian Walsh – Membership. We will vote on these nominations in new business. Anne Pickles as Treasurer and Dennis Trost as Sergeant-at-arms will continue for another year.

Sponsor Report: Mark Gereke thanked everyone for their continued support of ELCO. There are 6 new Corvettes available and several used ones as well. 2025s are beginning to come in and the Corvette configurator is on-line. Service continues to be busy so please plan your visits early. He thanked everyone for attending the hayride. Congratulations to Judy Giovanoni on her new C8 as well as Mike and Laurie Grubb on their new Traverse. Eric DeBruin also mentioned he has a lot of cars available and thanked everyone for their continued support. And the Howard's new (old) Traverse is now available after finally getting a new windshield.

Insurance – We have received a bill for next year's renewal which is for \$980.

Mentoring Program: Michelle Finn – No report.

Vice President's Report: Gary Duke reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

Past Events

October 3-6 – Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. 44 members attended which is probably the largest number ever from the club. All the activities were great. If everyone had registered, we would have probably won the prize for most attendees. The Pillas and Mike Kunst/Jim Love both won prizes for the poker rally. Next year the weekend has been moved up to September 25-28.

October 16 – Retirees lunch at Papa Vito's in Millstadt sponsored by Zeissets. Food was great and there were 30 members who attended.

October 19 – Coffee and Corvettes sponsored by the Givens. This one was at Red, White and Brew in Union and 6 people attended.

October 26 – Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classics sponsored by Michelle Finn. Weather was great and 7 cars attended.

October 26-27 – 20th Anniversary Winery Cruise sponsored by the Howards. We had a great time as previously reported.

October 27 – Fritz's Frozen Custard sponsored by Paynes. Attendance was good. And Fritz's has pushed back their closing date so there will be a run in November.

November 2 – Bunco sponsored by the Prices and 28 members attended.

November 3 – ELCO Hayride at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie sponsored by ELCO. As previously reported, everyone had a great time and thanks to ELCO for sponsoring this event each year.

Future Events

November 9 – Veterans Day Parade – St. Charles. Be there at 9:30 a.m. About 6-8 members are scheduled to attend pending the weather.

November 20 – Retirees lunch sponsored by Barry Seelig. It will be at Ethyl's in O'Fallon beginning at 11:00 a.m.

November 24 – Last Fritz's Frozen Custard run for the year sponsored by Paynes. Be there about 5:30 p.m.

December 7 – Club Christmas party at the Falls in Columbia. Cocktails begin at 6:00 with dinner served at 7:00.

December 18 – Retirees lunch sponsored by the Riehlmans. It will be at Firefly Grill in Chesterfield beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Ruth Howard mentioned that the annual St. Jude's run will be in May 2025. She will have more information at future meetings.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

New Business

Voting for the new slate of officers was conducted. With no opposition, the new officers were approved by acclamation.

Thanks to ELCO for providing our meeting place as well as pizza.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron Hagenow in the amount of \$85.

There were 54 members in attendance.

President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Givens made a motion to adjourn with a second by Don Pickles. The motion was accepted, and the meeting was adjourned. Thank you to all the outgoing Board members for their efforts this past year.

There is no meeting in December. The next meeting, which will be our annual planning meeting, will be sometime in January. Date will be decided on by the new Board and members will be notified via email and the club website.

***** PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING. *****

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow
Secretary

The picture below is of Michelle Finn, Randy Rickermann, and the representatives from St. Vincent dePaul who were there to collect the Christmas gifts.



Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The National Corvette Museum is happy to share that Andrea Bateman has been named the new Director of Membership. In her over 20 years of non-profit leadership experience, Andrea is very passionate about working with the Corvette community and driving growth in the membership program.

As ambassadors our role is vital in connecting Corvette fans to the Museum. Andrea looks forward to partnering with us to engage even more enthusiasts and celebrate the legacy of America's Sportscar.

The NCM celebrated a milestone delivery: the first ever Sebring Orange 2025 Corvette, through the R8C delivery program.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors



Andrea Bateman

Future Events



**PLEASE PLAN
ON ATTENDING**

**PRICE'S TWELVE DAY OF
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

January 4, 2025 6 PM

NO ADMISSION - FREE PARKING

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**UGLY SWEATER CONTEST, SECRET SANTA GIFT
EXCHANGE, SCAVANGER HUNT AND MORE!**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

CELL 314-954-4803

EMAIL SANTA17@MSN.COM TO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO IS
COMING AND WHAT GOODIES YOU'RE BRINGING.

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January Retirees' Lunch



Que Pasa!
1165 Gravois Road
Fenton, MO 63026

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller

R.S.V.P. to Terry and Kathy at
kathy_mueller@sbcglobal.net or 314-954-3715

Annual Corvette Club Sit and Sew with Kim and Vickie

Saturday Jan. 18th
9:00 am -?
CountryLane Woods II Clubhouse
851 Country Stone Dr.
Manchester, MO 63021
Cost \$10 and please bring a side dish



RSVP to Vickie at (636) 236-5564



This year, Kim and Vickie would like to introduce you to FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING. We have a super easy pattern to do which creates two blocks that you will get to take home with you. You can turn these blocks into a tote bag, table runner, or wall hanging. If you LOVE it, you can get a pattern to do the whole throw quilt. We'll have



everything you need except the sewing machine and thread (bring your own, please). We'll enjoy lunch together (soup/salad and drinks) and a day of sewing and friendship and look forward to seeing you there. We are excited to show you a new sewing trick! It's lots of fun and easy for beginners to try!





2025 Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 19, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Saucy's Pizzeria
1630 Gravois Road
High Ridge, MO 63049

St. Louis Corvette Club Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sunday February 2, 2025 at 12:30

Mr. BBQ

643 Ridge Road

Waterloo, IL 62298



Please join us for a day to celebrate LOVE! The annual Valentines luncheon will be held at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo, IL. The food is fabulous! When you arrive if you would like to grab an alcohol beverage, please see the bartender on the first floor. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Planning meeting on January 19th.

If you will not be at the meeting and would like to attend – please contact Valerie (618)719-4937 or Ruth at (314)486-6836. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Never know what games will be played!

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Last day to make reservation is January 27th!

Past Events

Christmas Party

Sponsored by Judy Dooley, Chris Woods, and Karen Price

Photos by Ruth Howard and Terry Mueller



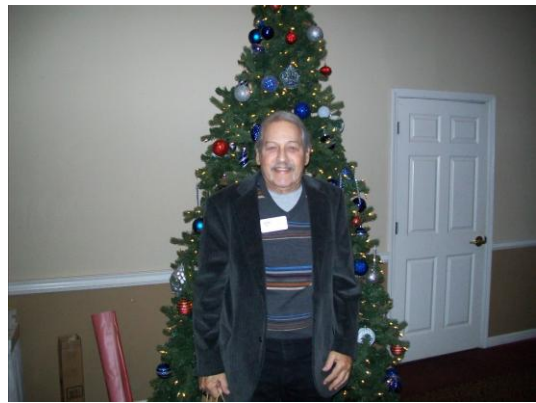


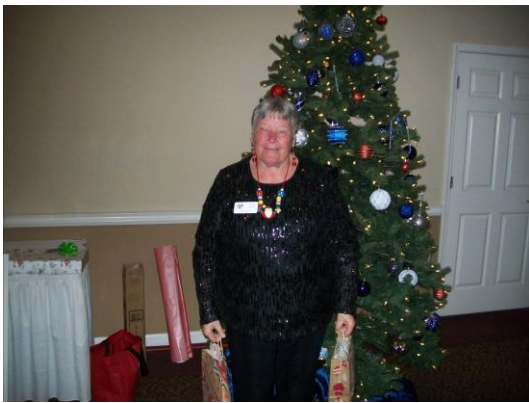
Thank you to Chris, Judy and Karen for doing a great job of planning the party. It was a great party!















Our sponsors Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke with their lovely wives Vickie and Kim.



Thanks to Our sponsor ELCO Chevrolet!



Winner of the St. Louis Corvette Club 20th Anniversary banner, Lisa Schuenke.



Winner of the 2024 St. Louis Corvette Club banner, Chris Woods.



Incoming Board members from left Dennis Trost, Sergeant at Arms; Brian Walsh, Membership Officer; June Walsh, Secretary; Anne Pickles, Treasurer; Don Pickles, Vice President; and John Jordan, President.





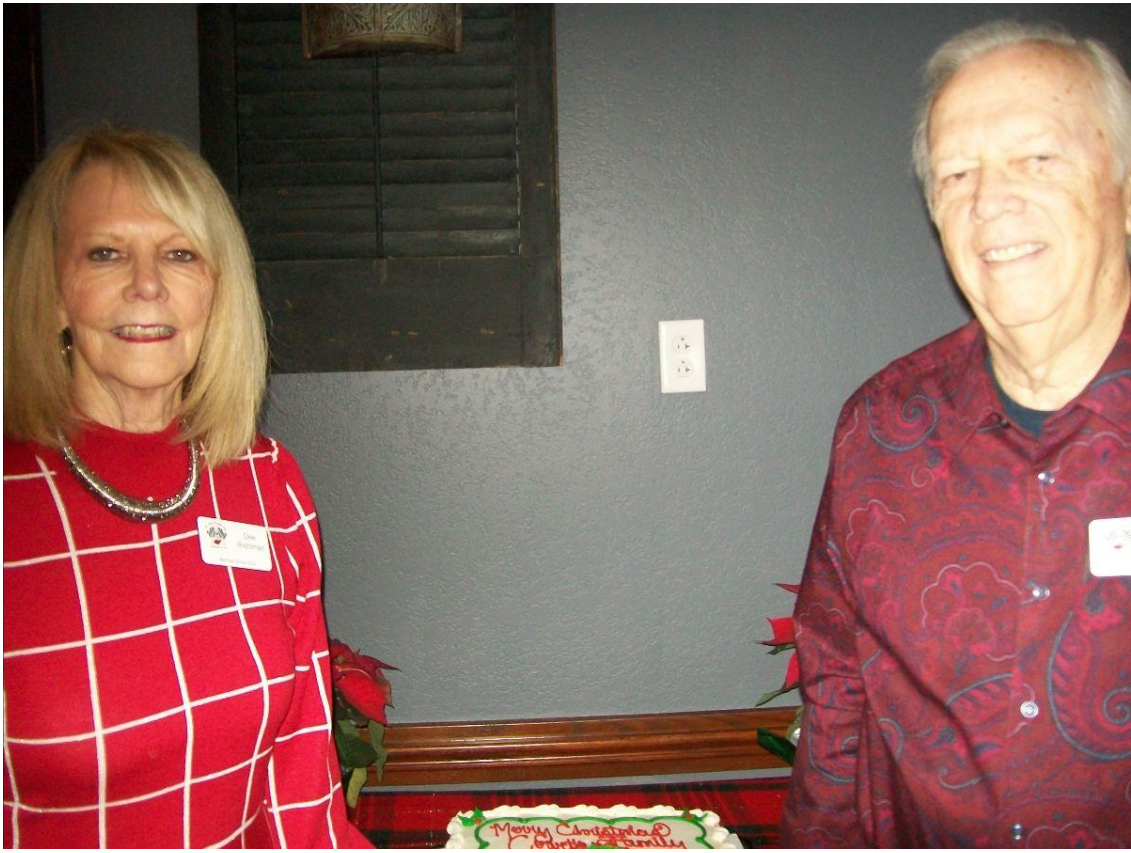
"Last Man Standing" group photo

December Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by C.W. and Dee Riehlman

Photos by Terry Mueller





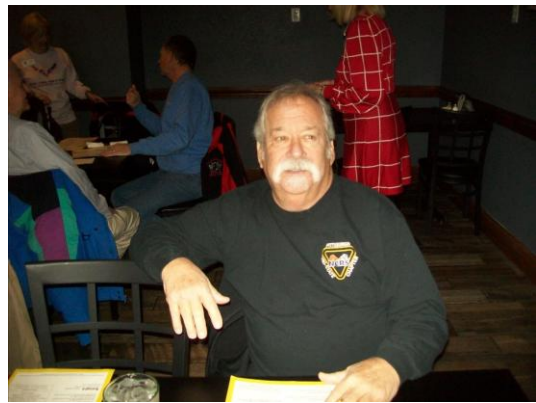


Thanks to Dee and C.W. for providing dessert!





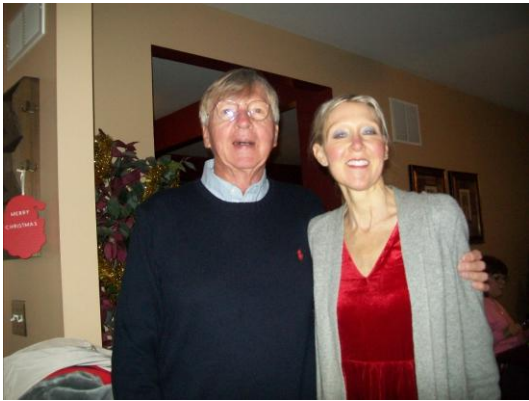
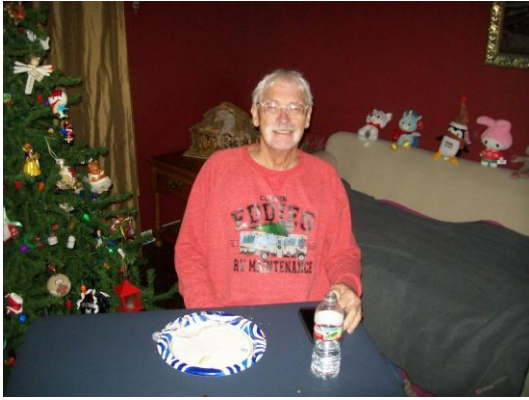




Bunco
Hosted by Steve and Kim Marre'
Photos by Terry Mueller









Bunco Winners!

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club
Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Price

With this column, we end the celebration of our 20th anniversary. The first meeting of the club occurred on January 23, 2004. Thank you to that core of Corvette lovers who founded our club and wanted to do something different than the other Corvette clubs at that time. We had a lot of fun activities this past year and hope that you were able to enjoy at least one of

them. Thank you to all the outgoing Board officers and a warm welcome to the new incoming Board. Also, thank you to everyone who sponsored an event this year. What makes the club fun is all the activities we do. If you think of something the club might want to do, don't hesitate to contact Don Pickles and get it on our calendar. We also wish for everyone to have a HEALTHY new year as we saw a record number of surgeries and illnesses this past year. Now for some pictures of past January events. Enjoy!



From our planning meeting in January 2008, we had a large crowd what gathered at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center to lay out the coming year's activities.



From our planning meeting in January 2009 - yes, we like to eat!



From the Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party in 2011, more food and celebration.



From the Prices' party in 2014, I don't know if Michelle was "overserved" or just couldn't open her eyes with those big eyelashes.



Lastly, all the big winners from the Bunco party in January 2024.

Managing Editor	Kathy Mueller
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