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End of Year Celebration

by Anne

As you know, we had a well advertised and well attended End-of-Year celebration. Some 45 of us gathered at the Talon Grill in Hawk's Prairie. Before I describe the event, I want to say the party was made possible by the behind the scenes contributions of several members. Thank you Marilyn, Wendy, and Carla for pulling together the pictures and videos, Sherry for helping plan a scrumptious dinner, Carolyn for the road signs that guided us and Keith for our sound system.



My recollections of the most memorable events from the program follow.

Before the Celebration

We started gathering at 6 pm for drinks and appetizers. Carolyn and Will greeted everyone and gave out programs and door prize tickets, while Marilyn and Shoshanah put the final touches on the audio visual setup. We had a nice party around the no-host bar and appetizer table, which included the outstanding Chinese chicken salad with peanut sauce, cheeses and fruit.

Welcome

At 7:15 we swung into the next segment of the program where I had the honor of introducing Comedian Kortney Shane Williams, who entertained us for 30 minutes including some hilarious just-for-us Corvette Club comedy.

Dinner

Chef Richard Wright outdid himself by serving a full course buffet dinner, including salads, over-the-top garlic mashed potatoes, chick cordon blue, salmon, and carved flank steak.

Year-In-Review

Then, Denny and Josette lead us on a visual tour of the year's primary activities. The tour included pictures, videos and group remembrances from our events. I particularly remember the five videos.

- They showed Carla's video of driving through Mt. Rainier National Forest and yes, the video captures the scenic grandeur of the mountain.
- The next video was Marilyn's video of Windy Ridge highlighting the exhilaration of the mountain roads.
- And then we saw the Olympic Peninsula tour with a short video of driving into and along Lake Crescent and then driving the Hoh River road in the rain forest.

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Heartbeat of Olympia

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Corvettes de Olympia is a non-profit organization formed in 1972. Our purpose is to:

1. Develop friendship and pride among Corvette owners and drivers,
2. Encourage skillful, safe and sportsmanlike driving habits on the highways,
3. Improve relations between the community and Corvette people,
4. Actively promote, sponsor, organize, and supervise sports car competition, outings, meetings and other Corvette or sports car activities.

Annual membership dues are Family—\$55.00, Single—\$27.50. Monthly meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts.

Visit us on the web at: www.corvettesdeolympia.org

Next Meeting

January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant, Lacey, WA

President's Message



It is clear to me that CdeO is different from the average club because we find a way to have fun at everything we do, including serving as officers and committee members.

In January, we open nominations for officers. In years past, we have waited in dread for fear we will be nominated.

But maybe that is no longer the case.

I can't think of anything better than to be involved in CdeO as reflected in the End-of-Year Celebration.

So, I encourage everyone to step up to the opportunity to run for an office or volunteer to serve on a committee.

Save the wave,

Anne

Past Presidents

Corvettes de Olympia

1972	Rich Lockhart
1973	Larry Johnson
1974	Rich Lockhart
1975	Terry Halliday
1976	Ralph Adams
1977	Bill Pollard
1978	Sandy Lockhart
1979	Mike Halliday
1980	Ralph Adams
1981	Larry Johnson
1982	Mike Halliday
1983	Karen Johnson
1984	Jerry Crabill
1985	Tom Kuchman
1986	Larry Johnson
1987	Duncan Johnson
1988	Skip Burch
1989	Jim Turcotte
1990	Karen Johnson
1992	Tom Kuchman
1991	Ron Zielin
1993	Roy Scioli
1994	Tom Hanson
1995	Tom Kuchman
1996	Peggy Rogers
1997	Peggy Rogers
1998	Karen Johnson
1999	Randy Harris
2000	Randy Harris
2001	Jim Turcotte
2002	Peggy Rogers
2003	Peggy Rogers
2004	Vince Puntaney
2005	Vince Puntaney
2006	Vince Puntaney
2007	Brian Cousineau
2008	Peggy Rogers
2009	Meagan Renick
2010	Meagan Renick
2011	Meagan Renick
2012	Meagan Renick

End of Year Celebration

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- Then came the expansive view of the scenery as we closed in on Lake Pateros.
- And last, we had a full-featured video of storming through Blue Slough on our trip with the Mt. Hood Corvettes.

I thought Denny and Josette did a great job of capturing the fun we had all year.

Outstanding Member of the Year

We then passed out ballots and pens so everyone could vote on the Member of the Year.

While the votes were tallied, Will entertained us with a table game called the "Left-Right Box Game". Every table was handed a prize box, and then Will read a story graciously written by Duncan where each time he read the word "right" the box was passed to the right, when he read the word "left" the box was passed to the left. When the story was done, the last holder of the box opened it up for their prize, a Starbucks gift card.

While we voted and played, Richard's staff set up an assortment of irresistible desserts. I was particularly attracted to the brownies and ice cream with home-made caramel sauce.



I then had the honor of presenting Denny and Josette with the Outstanding Member of the Year award for 2013. We finished the segment of the evening with door prizes, including two very generous prizes from Titus-Will.

What's Coming?

In our final part of our program, Denny and Josette shared a set of slides for five major activities for next year including expanding the involvement with NWACC clubs. They plan to do our favorite tours, and also hopefully go to Oregon to tour on Mt Hood Corvettes' favorite roads. Then perhaps we will have a gathering of NWACC clubs for a picnic or outdoor event and tour. They then invited the group to suggest events for next year and received some great ideas.

At the end of the program, I closed the evening and gradually everyone headed home.



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Al Clark

Correction to October's Meeting Minutes: The End of Year Celebration will start at 6:30pm (not 6:00 pm).

Call To Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes (Anne Wax)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Hawk's Prairie Inn Restaurant in Lacey, followed by introductions. The meeting minutes from last month's meeting were approved with the correction noted above.

Treasurer's Report (Will Trogden)

Will presented the report. Will can provide copies of this month's report to individuals if requested.

Committee Reports

Sponsorship Update (Peggy Rogers)

Nothing new for the year.

Membership Update (Fred Millstead)

Membership is up to date. Roster is complete on line. Please let Fred and Charmaine know if anything is incorrect. Cynthia's birthday is today!

Sunshine Chair (Brenda Johnson)

Connie had surgery this month – she is doing very well. Mike shared what this has been like for them and thanked the club for our support.

Webmaster (Allison McFadden)

Web site is up to date. Added new events for End Of Year Celebration and NWACC Banquet.

Historian Update (Marilyn Trogden)

Busily preparing a presentation for the NWACC video, and found the Blue Slough video from the Mt. Hood tour.

Scholarship Fund (Mark Twardzicki)

No news, but we will ask for money in January – so be prepared. ☐

NWACC (Anne Wax for George)

This Saturday, about 12 members will be going to Tacoma for the NWACC banquet. NWACC has quarterly meeting Saturday afternoon – Anne will attend, come on by!

National Corvette Museum (Anne Wax for George)

See the link below for information on upcoming Corvette Museum Caravan. <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>

Events and Activities (Josette Miller)

See event calendar for details on all events.

Where we've been:

- **Homecoming** – We participated in homecoming half time shows for four high schools this month!
- North Thurston sent us a thank you letter – some great key

chains for the drivers.

- River Ridge High School
- Olympia High School – sent thank you cards with candy!
- Timberline High School – three Corvettes joined four hydraulic low riders

Coming Up

- **NWACC banquet**
- **Downtown Olympia Holiday Parade** – Dec 1st – come out for a fun parade.
- **End of Year Celebration** – Dec 6th - Register soon.
- **Indoor Go Kart Racing** - January 19th at Grand Prix raceway. Amazon Local had a 50% off special – talk to Anne if you'd like to join.
- **Jacket Breakfast/Dinner** -- Big show of hands to reinstitute these events. Group favored a breakfast, not the first week of month in January, with a drive after.
- **February 8th and 9th** – 40th Annual Corvette and High Performance Meet in Puyallup. See the web site <http://www.corvhp.com/> or Larry Johnson for details.

Old Business

Belize Tees is still having trouble finishing the sweatshirt order. Most of those who ordered are so far willing to wait it out.

New Business

Outstanding Club member of the year (Chuck Byre award) –

Each year, we vote to award this to a person whose spirit and involvement exemplifies Chuck's qualities of enthusiasm, hard work, dedication to bettering the club and involvement and activities. Chuck was an early member who was killed in an industrial accident. In his honor, the club established this annual award in his name.

Motion – Peggy noted that there are a lot of people in need. She suggested we donate \$400 from the treasury to the food bank.

- For future donations, discussed having a committee that reviews the cash flow annually and recommend what to do with funds.
- Discussed whether to donate before the holidays or after. Decided to donate before.
- Motion Carried (2 nay votes.)
- There was a suggestion that we increase our donations to SPSCC for the Scholarship Fund.

Raffle (Will Trogden)

Billy provided Jamaican rum all the way from Jamaica – and Mark won it.

\$31 of 50/50 went to xxxx. (If you won the 50-50 raffle, please bring a prize to our next meeting.)

Adjourn the Meeting



Upcoming Events

January

Wed 8th

CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

Sun 19th

Indoor Go Kart Racing at Grand Prix Raceway* Amazon Local had a 50% off special. Contact Anne if you haven't signed up yet, but would like to join. Arrive at the Raceway by 1:30 p.m. Dinner and drinks afterwards.

Sun 26th

Jacket Breakfast at Norma's at 9:30 a.m.* The group can decide if they would like to go for a little drive after breakfast.

February

Sat-Sun 8-9th

40th Annual High Performance Swap meet at the Puyallup Fair and Events Center. The Pavilion Invitational Display theme this year is 40 Corvettes to celebrate the 40th Annual Corvette and High Performance meet. Contact Larry if you have questions at (360) 786-8844 or lwjohnson@corvhp.com.

Wed 12th

CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

Sat 15th

9th Annual Tacoma Corvette Club Open House at Corvettes of Auburn (Terry Durbin 206.244.8796)

March

Wed 12th

CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

Date TBD

Lacey Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and CdeO Car Show at North Thurston High School*

The date is yet to be determined; most likely mid-March.

Sun 16th

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean Shores with Blue Slough and Lunch* It was fun last year, so it's on our schedule of events again this year. To hold this event, we'll need a minimum sign-up of 6 cars.

April

Wed 9th

CdeO Meeting at Hawks Prairie Inn Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.*

Sat 19th

33rd Annual Tulip Gimmick Rallye Meet at 8:00 a.m.; first car out at 9:00 a.m. from the Burlington, WA Mall

Sun 27th

Sunday Drive and Lunch* (Destination to be determined)

* Indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more meeting places, times and additional events, visit the CdeO Event Calendar at <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org>