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Congratulations to Peggy Rogers as the 2007 Member of the Year. The Chuck Byre Award was presented to her following voting at the annual CdeO Christmas Party. Peggy has worked very hard all year long in the back ground to promote the club in many activities. Throughout her membership in CdeO, her constant support has been evident. Her most recent work includes organizing and coordinating the NWACC Year End Banquet, Operation Backpack, chairing the Sponsorship and Publicity Committees, helping with the End of Summer Weekend run, organizing the CdeO Christmas Party, and numerous other activities. She has held the club offices of President four times and also Secretary and has always been ready to help with any project the club undertakes. She has many times served as the chairperson for our VeteFest Summer Car Show, All City

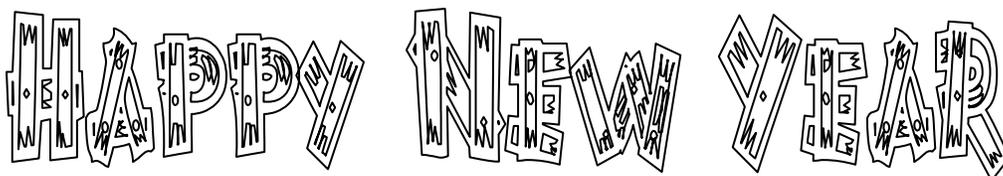
Rally Rallymaster, working on the Mystery Tour, organizing many of the club parties and supporting the other committees.

Peggy is a constant supporter of club tours, parades, and shows. She can always be counted on to lend her advice, suggestions, and experience as well as pitching in to work at all of the club's events. Whatever needs to be done, Peggy has always been willing to invest her time and energy to insure success. Her steady support is one of the reasons CdeO functions in a smooth manner. She is most certainly exhibits the qualities that exemplify the tradition of the Chuck Byre Memorial Award. She is one of the members who serve as the backbone of the club and can always be counted on to contribute.

Congratulations Peggy Rogers and thank you for all you do for the club.

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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 on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 pm, at a suitable location in Thurston County. Meetings are open to any and all Corvette enthusiasts.

Visit us on the web at: [www.corvettesdeolympia.org](http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org)

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## Next meeting

**January 9th, 2008 7 PM**

**i.talia Pizzeria, Westfield Capital Mall, Olympia, WA**

President's Message



It's in the news and it's true! The Milky Way galaxy and our closest neighbor, the Andromeda galaxy, are on a collision course, passing through each other and forever changing our cosmic neighborhood—oh, in about three billion years!

Fortunately, that leaves us time to enjoy the 620-horse 200-mph 2009 Corvette ZR1

(coming next summer)—or the new 2008 Atomic Orange model like Jon Cox now drives—or any of our Club's wonderful Corvettes, new and vintage alike. Yes, we still have time, but doesn't it cause some reflection on what's important in life? On the surface it may seem quiet at CdeO, but sight unseen, things are heating up, ready to burst forth for the 2008 driving season. For example, our new web site is opening new communication possibilities, a bold new approach for the All City Rally is taking shape, and let's not forget the cool new event ideas for 2008 that are already percolating.

Yes, things are happening, and you'll want to enjoy every minute. So come on out to the January 9th meeting at the Italia Restaurant (this month's meeting place), and be there to start the new year right.

We'll kick off the election process with nominations for 2008 Club officers, hear about the new Rally, and reconnect with

Corvette friends after the long December hiatus. So maybe we can't change the course of the galaxies, but we can sure shape the course of CdeO for 2008!

See you soon!

Brian

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## CdeO 2007 Christmas Party



With heavy snow falling outside, a toasty fireplace in the adjacent room, decorations and friends present, the only thing lacking was the clatter of hooves on the roof top and a little fat guy dressed in red with a bag of gifts. Rather, the gifts were stacked on, under, and beside a table next to the doorway.

This was the setting for the Annual CdeO Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1st, 2007, held once again at the Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City, in Lacey. Dressed in all sorts of holiday regalia, the room was filled with club members and the bar was open. Wait staff were busy making trips from the bar to the tables and making sure everyone was properly lubricated, however, most everyone was keeping an eye on the windows and fully aware of the weather outside since at some point in the evening, they would be venturing back into the whiteness and driving home on slippery roads. So good sense prevailed but that didn't slow up the socializing and tall tales.

Promptly at 6 PM, dinner was served but in order for each couple to take their place in the buffet line, they first had to pose for Dick S. and his camera. No picture, no food, or something like that. And since the food smelled and looked so inviting, it was pretty easy to entice everyone to pause for pictures. Even the grinchies!

Dinner was ham, turkey, stuffing, green beans, salad, potatoes, and rolls. Very tasty and plenty of it for everyone. Desert was a choice of cheese cake or chocolate mousse served with coffee, or more of the libations from the bar. No let up there or outside with the snow.



Shortly after the meal concluded, voting for Member of the Year commenced and the votes were tallied with Peggy as the deserving winner. Vinnie made the announcement and Peggy thanked the club for their support. Now it was time for the main event.

Jon took over at this point, so the Emcee Vinnie could drink, and explained the rules of the gift exchange after he had offered everyone the chance to draw a number. First rule was there was to be the traditional flip of the coin to determine if we started from the high numbers or the low numbers. So just because you had drawn a high number, your success was not insured. In fact, once again, the flip of the coin proved the low numbers were best, as you would be last to choose a gift. As each number came up, from high to low, you had a choice of picking an unopened gift from the table or stealing a gift from someone who had already opened it previously. Once a gift had been stolen three times, it was no longer eligible for stealing and was the property of the third owner. Makes for a bit of planning, doesn't it?

So the melee began, a bottle of wine, a box of cleaning supplies, a

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bottle of chocolate vodka, oh yeah! That's mine!! So I slink back to the shadows in hope of remaining inconspicuous. Not! Not to be! That bottle was stolen in pretty short order. If your gift was taken, you must return to the table and choose a different gift so back I go. Success!!! Another bottle of chocolate vodka! So back I go to try that inconspicuous thing again. Not! Again!!!! The second bottle is gone!!! So for the third time, I return to the table with the taste of chocolate vodka still dancing in my head. This time was not a charm for me. A cake mix, well, pound cake mix and a jar of jelly. I'd love to eat it, but you are not looking at Emeril, no BAM and taking it up a notch. I'm going to have to sweet talk someone I know into baking this for me, of figure a use for it as a tire cleaning aid.



But I was not the only one who lost their gift. And there were several others who made numerous trips to the table. It was suggested that an award be given to the one who made the most trips to the gift trough. Things were trading and moving so fast that at times, it was nearly impossible to identify what had been taken and how often. There was plenty of chocolate and booze and most of it rotated from table to table. Santa himself would have been proud of the way the gifts traveled, saving the wear and tear on his sleigh or reindeer. There was one token that could have been drawn with the CdeO logo and that token would have allowed the owner to choose any gift after everything was opened but it was not chosen by anyone so eventually the ruckus slowed to a simple rustling of wrapping paper. The gifts were a varied assortment.



Alcohol, candy, cleaning supplies, plates, glasses, gift baskets, a drying rack, model cars, books, a clock, more chocolate, and a Chia Pet. Only one bottle of Irish Cream this year, and I didn't get it! What's up with that?

By the end of the session, everyone had either their first, second, or third choice of gifts and the either happy with their choice or thinking about next year. I'm considering saving the pound cake and returning it with a big bite out of it. But I'm a little afraid that one bite may lead to another and then it will be gone. Guess I'll scrap that idea.

There was one thing missing at the meeting and that was Eric, serving in Iraq. However, the club had decided to put together a gift box to send to him and began donating items. In the end, three boxes of items including snacks, hand warmers, stuffed toys, a Christmas ornament, jerky, a calendar, magazines, Christmas cards and notes, and several other items. We all missed him and hope for a safe return from his tour of duty. The club was thanked for their support.

With all of that, eyes once again turned to the snow outside and getting home. Think I'll stop by and pick up some butter for my pound cake! Why do they call it pound cake anyway? I bet it adds more than a pound to my scales! Should be called 10 pound cake!

Randy



The last official CdeO run of 2007 was met by sunshine and a chill in the air, but then it was December and following a week of record rains and flooding in the area, the difference was remarkable. Although the temperatures stayed around 40 degrees, there was not a cloud in the sky. So it only seems fitting that you take your toy out for a walk on this day. That is exactly what Wayne & Art, Frank, Rich, Dave and Shel, and Vinnie & I thought so we met at the Martin Way park & ride at noon and headed north. In my browsing on the Corvette Forum, a website dedicated to Corvette enthusiasts, I discovered the NW Toy Run, open to all cars enthusiasts to benefit the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program.



It was scheduled to commence at the park & ride at 272nd near Federal Way. So off we headed after a brief stop for Rich's fuel tank at Nisqually.

We arrived at the park & ride without incident to cars already gathering and were directed to park with several other Corvettes already there. TCC and CdeO were about the only Corvette clubs there. Cars kept arriving at a rapid pace and just about every kind and form of vehicle was represented, from old to new and exotic to mundane. Ferrari, Toyota, Mazda, Corvette, Mustang, Viper, BMW, Audi, GT, Triumph, Miata, Pickup, SUV, Camaro, Honda, or Scion. You name it, it was there and each was the pride of it's owner. It just goes to show how something that may not mean much to you is the world to another, one man's junk is another man's treasure. An example was a rather old Toyota with an oxidized red paint job and dented driver's side fender that arrived with a group and as soon as the young man was parked, his hood was popped open along with the rest of his comrades. Inside the engine bay was a bright, shiny 4 cylinder something surrounded by a greasy, stained firewall and fenders. The owner proudly proclaimed how he and his brother had "transplanted" this whatever it was, I didn't recognize it, into this car several months ago. It only has 8,000 miles on it, has a million horsepower, and is better than having a girlfriend. It isn't about what it is, it's what you like. Makes you understand someone who approaches your car at a show and has to be reminded to not touch. It's just a car, just a mode of transportation to them, but to you it is something much more. Its not just the car, it's the ownership. Eventually, there were about 500 cars that showed up and leaving the staging area was a bit hectic even with the assistance of the Kent Police who blocked the intersection. The ride down I-5 was also a bit disorganized but with that many cars and that many makes, it would be pretty difficult to arrange them in any order. There was a nice string of Corvettes though. Traffic backed up at the 109 exit to Martin Way about a mile on the shoulder of I-5 and the parking lot at Main's Chinese Buffet was packed. The Marine Corp was there waiting for the toys as the entry to the run was a new toy or a cash donation. This was the largest run ever and promises to grow more. Organizers are already considering another destination to handle the numbers. Oh yeah! It snowed the next day! Randy





### Upcoming Events

#### January 2008

Jan 9th\* CdeO meeting, 7 PM, i.talia Pizzeria at the Westfield Capital Mall, Olympia, WA

#### February

Feb 13th\* CdeO meeting, 7 PM, Location To Be Announced

#### March

Mar 12th\* CdeO meeting, 7 PM, Location To Be Announced

#### April

Apr 6th\* All City Rally XXVII Pre-Run, TBA, Brian Cousineau (360 413-7645)

Apr 9th\* CdeO meeting, 7 PM, Location To Be Announced

Apr 20th\* All City Rally XXVII, TBA, Brian Cousineau, (360 413-7645)

\* indicates Club sanctioned events that count for membership qualifications. For more information and additional events, visit <http://www/corvettesdeolympia.org>

### Four Engineers

One day a mechanical engineer, an electrical engineer, a chemical engineer, and a computer engineer were out driving when their car broke down.

The mechanical engineer said "I think a rod broke."

The chemical engineer said, "It sputtered, I think it ran out of gas."

The electrical engineer said, "I thought I saw a spark, I think there is an electrical problem."

They turned to the computer engineer and asked what he thought.

He said, "I think we should all get out and then get back in."



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