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#### President's Letter

As I am writing this, we have about a foot of snow on the ground all coming since last night. I put my car to bed a couple of weeks ago complete with dryer sheets, moth balls and Irish Spring soap. Let's hope the squirrels make their nest elsewhere.

I also use a battery tender to keep the charge all winter. There is conflicting advice on how much gas to leave in the car, I have around 3/4 tank. I always use ethanol-free gas and treat it with Sea Foam fuel conditioner when I store it.

Please don't forget there will be elections at our November meeting on the 23rd at 7:00 P.M. We have six excellent candidates running for the three at large seats. Nominations will also open up for positions again before the vote.

Hope to see you all there.

Remember...Fun, Friends, Fiberglass (and Food too!)

Randy Crist, President

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families!!

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER Marianne Metz

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#### Happy Birthday to:

Teri Herberger (12/7) Bob O'Connor (12/8) Karen Krzyzykowski (12/8) Mike Williams (12/13) John Drogi (12/21) Mari Metz (12/27) Pat Kelly (12/31)

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Club Members: You may order Club Clothing from Ad Works or Advanced Custom Embroidery. Please see their business cards in this month's newsletter.

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The Club's mailing address is: WNYCC P O Box 9 West Seneca NY 14224

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**Sat Nov 23 General Meeting** @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm Election of officers

The room at Denny's will be open at 6pm if you wish to have dinner with the meeting following at 7pm.

**Sat Dec 7 Christmas Party** @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY 530pm Members \$10 including those who are directly involved with running this event; \$10 will be refunded when you attend. Guests \$10 (not refundable); Optional \$20 unisex gift exchange.

Arrive at 530pm for light snacks; 6pm Pizza, wings, & antipasto; pop & coffee

For dessert this year, we are asking our bakers out there to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies!!

Money due Sat Nov 23!!!!

Nov 23 is also the next general meeting; if you are bringing cash, please put in a sealed envelope and write your name on it and the amount inside the envelope and to give to Mike Kreamer at the meeting. Checks should be made payable to WNYCC and sent to: Michael Kreamer, 72 Rolling Hills Drive, Orchard Park NY 14127

If you have any questions, you can contact Rose Ricigliano at 634-6101

Wed Dec 18 Ice Cream Social at Anderson's Frozen Custard, 3724 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 6pm Each Club member will receive \$5 towards ice cream.

**No December meeting** 

Sat Jan 25 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Sat Feb 22 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Sat Mar 7 2020 Installation Dinner at Russell's Steaks Chops & More 5 pm 6675 Transit Rd, Williamsville NY 14221 (716-636-4900);

Mar 21-29, 2020 WNYCC Caribbean Cruise

Sat Mar 28 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew 7pm Sat April 25 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew 7pm Sat May 16 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew 7pm (one week early)

#### Wed June 10 WNYCC All Corvette Cruise (Rain Date June 17) @ West Herr

Sat June 27 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm Sat Aug 15 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew 7pm (one week early)

Mon Sept 14 WNYCC Annual Fall Cruise (Rain date Tues Sept 15) @ VFW Post

Sat Sept 19 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew 7pm (one week early)

Thur—Sun Sept Adirondacks Weekend

Sat Oct 24 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Sat Nov 28 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Because so many photos are on the website and the size of the newsletter is getting too large, we will be limiting the number of photos we add to the newsletter. Please check out the full range of photos on the website!! Thank you to all members who continue to send us photos.

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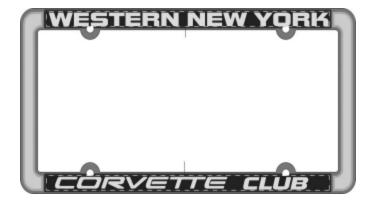
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We will send the sponsor a copy of the monthly Club newsletter. Contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more info.

#### WNYCC CLUB FUNDRAISER—SALE SALE \$10 EACH

The WNYCC chrome license plate frames are available for \$10 each. This is a Club fundraiser and we are hoping all members will purchase at least one frame. These frames are available from Pete Ricigliano 634-6101. Checks should be made payable to WNYCC. If you have already purchased a frame, thank you for supporting your Club!!



At the October meeting the following were nominated:

President: Randy Crist Vice President: Bob Metz Treasurer: Mike Kreamer Secretary: Geanine Sobczak

Board of Directors (3 open positions):

Kathy Atti, John Glennon, Paul Gress, Dan Kuczmarski, Gary Milsom, Pete Ricigliano

Please see the articles submitted by the nominees in this newsletter, in no particular order!

Article submitted by Gary Milsom, running for Board of Director

I have been a board member of WNYCC for the past year. During that time our club has grown not only in membership but also in stature and recognition as being one of the best Corvette Clubs in WNY. We have an excellent newsletter with many interesting articles and our club has many social events. Some events are car related and others social gatherings. We have had very successful car shows which has allowed us to fund our club as well as help support the VFW Veterans Court. All these accomplishments are the result of the effort and dedication of club officers, board members and general club membership. I believe the "chemistry" of the present board members and officers is the reason are club has been so successful. I would like to see our club continue to grow and improve. For this reason I appreciate your vote to continue as a board member another year.

Thank you

Gary

Article submitted by Dan Kuczmarski, running for Board of Director

Hello to Fellow Club Members

My name is Dan Kuczmarski and I, along with my wife Mary Ann, have been members of our club for around two and half years. I feel honored to be nominated for a Board seat. My background includes administrative and accounting experience over the past forty years. I feel that the Club offers many outside social events as well as gatherings hosted by Club members. As a Board Member, I would hope to lead and hopefully add to the current direction the Club has taken.

Dan

Article submitted by Paul Gress, running for Board of Director

I have been nominated to run for the Board of Directors for the WNYCC. I joined the club in May of 2019. Although I don't have a lot of experience with this club, I am willing to learn. I believe that I have the skills necessary to hold this position. Although I am not able to attend many membership meetings, I would be able to attend midweek board meetings. I would appreciate your vote

Thank you, Paul Gress

#### WNYCC Candidate for Treasurer

I hereby ask for your support & vote at the November, 2019 meeting for the office of Treasurer of the Club for 2020.

Starting as a member of the board of directors and then as Treasurer in 2018 and this year, I have enjoyed using my career talents to the best of my ability for the betterment of the club. I hope that I have gained your trust in the financial matters of the club.

I welcome any suggestions, questions or constructive criticism at any time during the year to ensure we are all working together for the good of the Club.

While we rarely all agree on every decision made by the board it is important to continue to constructively generate new ideas and listen and encourage all members to participate in running the club. I want to contribute to that end throughout 2020 so that we can bring on some different members in management of the club for 2021. I also want to try to encourage the board to come up with events that are more Corvette focused in addition to our car shows. A tour of the GM engine plant, a Corvette tech night, and a trip to Bowling Green are examples of such events that I think the club should work on in 2020.

Respectively, Michael Kreamer



#### **Bob Metz**



My name is Bob Metz and I am seeking reelection to the position of Vice President of the Western New York Corvette Club.

Since joining the club, I have served on the board of directors and this past year as the Vice President. I have been active in attending events, board meetings, and regular monthly meetings. I have supported our club by:

- Maintaining the following areas of the club's website
  - Photos
  - Repository for
    - Newsletters
    - Meeting minutes (both club and board minutes)
- · Acting as the WNYCC Governor to the National Council of Corvettes Club
  - Facilitating renewal of members
  - Working with new members seeking to join NCCC
  - Obtaining insurance certificates for our events from the NCCC
  - Acting as the liaison with the NCCC
  - Ensuring attendees at our events have signed NCCC waiver forms.
- Maintaining the master copy of the club's roster.
- · Maintaining the inventory of club shirts and club name tags
- Maintaining the club's calendar on our website.

In the future I would like to see our club host or co-host a technical night, where an expert in Corvette maintenance could provide us answers to some of the questions that periodically arise.

I would also like to see a presentation on what types of tires are available for Corvettes and what we should look for when replacing them, based upon our driving habits.

I would appreciate your consideration.

Bob Metz

Article submitted by Geanine Sobczak, running for Secretary

I have been a member of the Club for 32 years and still enjoy being an active and participating member. I am seeking re-election as the Secretary of the Club as I enjoy doing this task. The Club is a big part of my social life and I look forward to more interesting events in 2020.

Geanine Sobczak

Article submitted by Pete Ricigliano, running for Board of Director

I have been a member of WNYCC for a total of 38 years, and served in office as President, Vice President and on the Board for the last 5 years. Our Club has gone through many good changes for the better in the last 5 years, and is still growing. We now have 2 very successful car shows, a great Chevrolet sponsor (West Herr), a healthy treasury, very active Corvette events and NCCC Club insurance thanks to the planning of your present officers. If you like the direction WNYCC is going I would appreciate your vote.

Pete Ricigliano



Article submitted by Randy Crist, running for President

My name is Randy Crist. I have had the privilege to serve as President of WNYCC for the past year. I am proud to have been nominated as President again for the year 2020.

Last year we continued to move the Club in a good direction, having run two very successful car shows. Members have come out and worked together to bring about these successes. The year 2020 we will be welcoming West-Herr as our Sponsor again. The Board has gone over the By-laws and with a few changes will bring them to the membership at the January meeting.

I have had a great Board to work with making my job easier.

Looking forward we all have the same objective...working toward the betterment and success of WNYCC. So I will thank you again for your support for 2020 as your President. Sincerely,

Randy Crist

President of WNYCC 2019

Article submitted by Kathy Atti, running for Board of Director

Dear Fellow Club Members:

I am writing this letter to share with you my interest in running for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Western New York Corvette Club. Having a progressively more involved role over the past year, I have learned so much while serving on our Board. I am confident in taking the next step to expand my involvement with our club. I have fully enjoyed orchestrating the summer picnic as well as the weekend trip to the Kitzhof Inn in Dover, Vermont.

I am confident that I have the skills to hold this position once more and to be a great benefit to our club. I look forward to your vote on November 23rd.

Sincerely, Kathy Atti

Article submitted by John Glennon, running for Board of Director

Associations have a Board of Directors to keep the operations organized and moving forward. I see the board as being responsible for membership development, event planning, finances, managing legal obligations and seeking out opportunities for the membership.

I'm preparing for retirement which gives me the time and opportunity to continue to build our organization and fulfill these obligations. I see myself as a team planner and am willing to chip in to help wherever I'm needed. I'll be entering my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a club member. I attend most of the events and meetings that the club offers so I have a good understanding of how the club operates. I enjoy the friendships that I have made and I would like to see the club continue on the current trajectory with new members and continued interesting events.

John Glennon

#### WNYCC 2020 Caribbean Cruise Countdown

Update - Just 17 weeks away !!!!



There is still time to book the Club's first ever Caribbean Cruise. There are still a few cabins available so plan now for this perfect guaranteed warm getaway in March. With signs of winter already on our doorsteps you'll be glad you booked this warm getaway.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Kreamer at 662-4111 or email oceank987@gmail.com

To book your reservation contact the Club's representative at AAA:

#### Terri Cummings - Direct Phone - 362-7740

(suggest calling for an appt. so you don't miss her or have to wait to see her)
Or email... tcummings@nyaaa.com

Terri is at the AAA's Orchard Park office at 3475 Amelia Drive in the Quaker Crossings Plaza off of Milestrip Road. (if coming from the North – take the 219 expressway and exit at Milestrip Road West then make a right at the next traffic signal)

#### Cruise Summary:

Cruise line and ship: Carnival Horizon which was placed in service (new) in 2018 and has been named the **best new cruise ship of 2018**.

Sailing Dates: March 21, 2020 - March 29, 2020 (8 day cruise)

Departure port: Miami, Florida

Itinerary: Southern Caribbean ... 1 full day at sea, Grand Turks, Carnival's private island in the Dominican Republic, Curacao, Aruba, two days at sea (+ departure night and arrival morning)

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Here is a group photos taken at Nobile Winery with Lake Erie in the background



Crash Cadillac at the VFW Post Oct 26, 2019

After the General Meeting, a few of us ventured over to the Post to check out Crash Cadillac. We could bring our own food with us and as you can see in the photos, none of us went hungry!! We had a lot of fun people watching and I got Desiree to be my dance partner a few times!! The band also announced it was Jim & Evelyn's wedding anniversary which brought a thunderous round of applause.

#### Submitted by Geanine Sobczak











#### Bread & Wine Tour Sat Nov 16, 2019

After all that snow, we had a bright sunny day with dry roads for our cruise out to the Abbey of the Genesee where Monk's bread is made. In quite a rural setting, there is an entire complex with a retail store, chapel and building where retreats are held. The store had every type of bread Monk's makes (Holiday, Pumpkin, Cinnamon Raisin, Genesee Rye, White, (you get the idea)), besides a freezer stocked with pies. Almost everyone left with a bagful of goodies. We got to observe the midday prayers where about 20 Monks recited prayers for literally 10 minutes. Afterwards it was on to Tom Wahl's for lunch. From there our final stop was at Deer Run Winery, the only winery on Conesus Lake. We had a private seated tasting in the events room which was awesome! We enjoyed 6 wines but the last was a really grapey wine, complemented by chocolate cookies made with the same wine. Everyone enjoyed themselves with spectacular views, even on a cold snowy day. I kept thinking how great this ride would be in the Fall with the leaves changing color in our Corvettes........

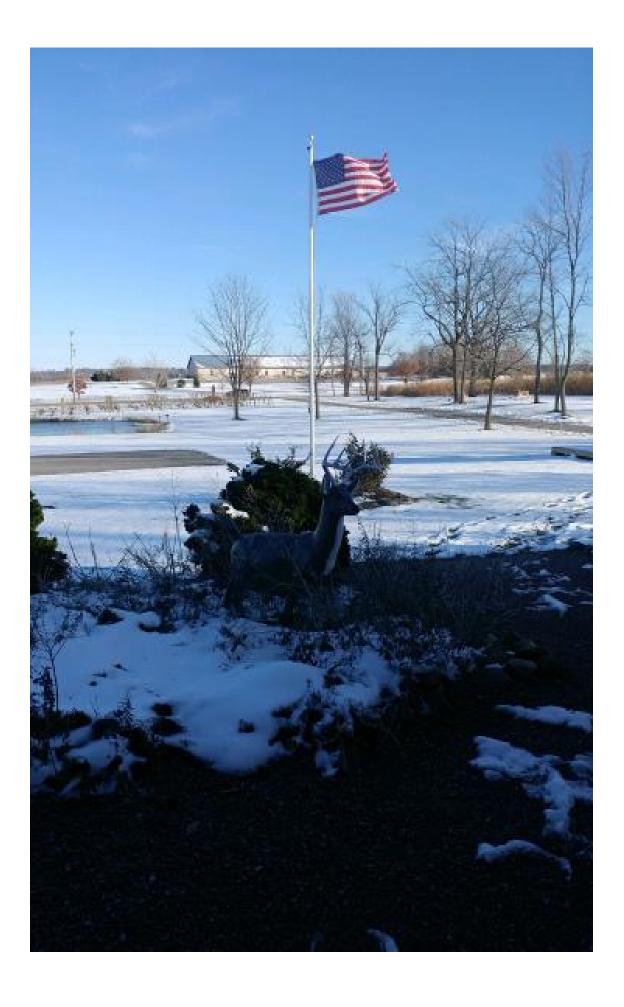
#### Submitted by Geanine Sobczak











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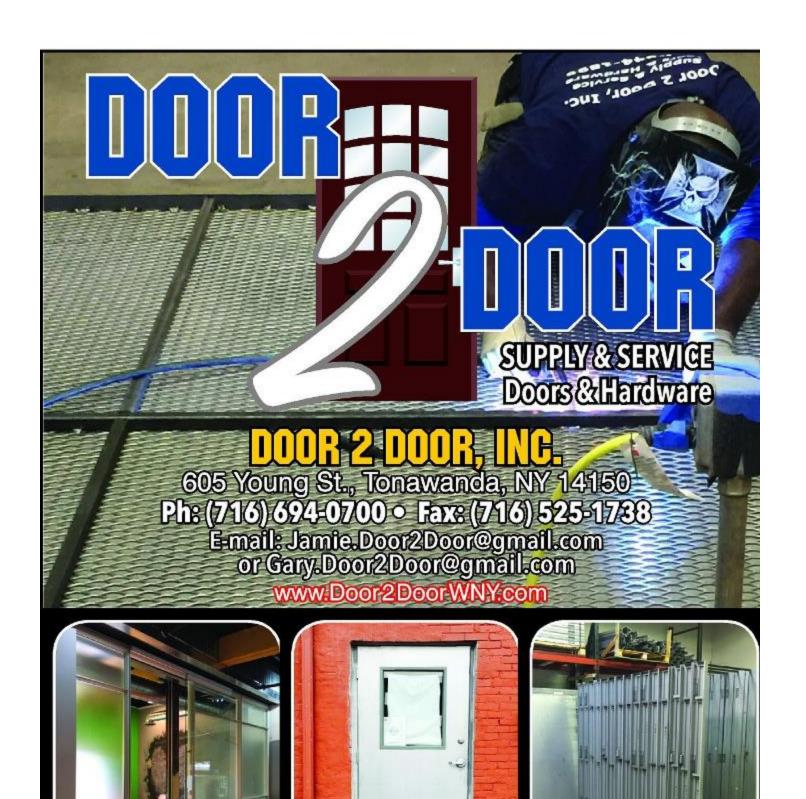
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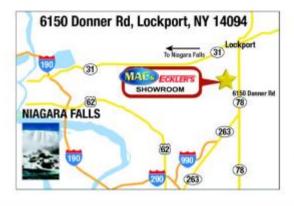








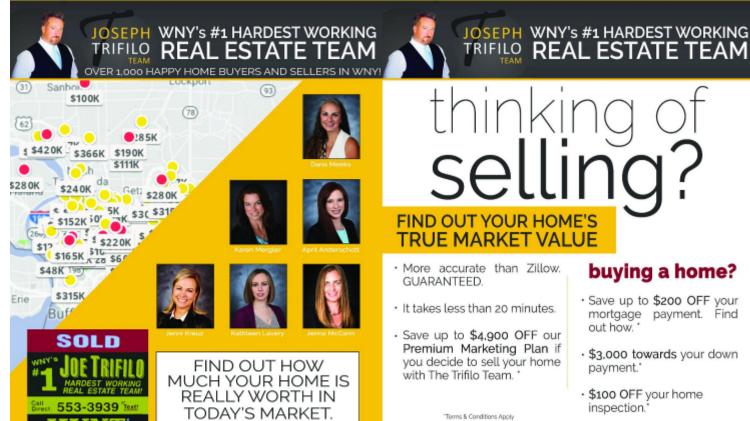






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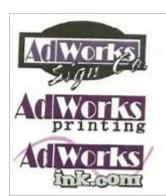
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