



# CROSSTALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*President 2017*

CCA Friends,

I've started my emails to club members with this greeting for quite a few years now and it always reminds me of what I like best about the Corvette Club of Arizona – the members! Even as the club continues to grow in numbers, the welcoming, cheerful spirit of members is always present. Of course, what's not to like? We're a social club, we drive Corvettes and have a blast with all our

And as I finish 2016 as Activities Chair, I have to commend all the members who volunteered, hosted and/or sponsored all our activities. There were a record setting **47** events this year!! That's awesome and that's why CCA is the best Corvette club in Arizona – because of its members. You made my job easy!

Now I'm looking forward to 2017 in my new position as CCA president. I think the SRPs say my main responsibilities are to communicate and delegate. Maybe not in so many words, but in the spirit of the office. So I'm learning to delegate and once again I'll be relying on you, the members, to make my job easy. J See, nothing much has changed.

Happy New Year!

*MARGE*

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## UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### January

George Baldacchino  
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### February

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## CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY HOSTED BY: THE KATZ



Mix up a batch of unusual ingredients (*dinner, night driver and a cookie party*) and you've got a fun packed CCA event! On November 12, a total of 20 cars carrying 39 participants including one guest, descended upon Famous Dave's BBQ located at Riverview shopping complex in Mesa, for a delicious BBQ dinner. The restaurant management was terrific; they waived their *no reservation rule* to accommodate our big group and reserved their 'blue' room for us to mingle and enjoy drinks before dinner.

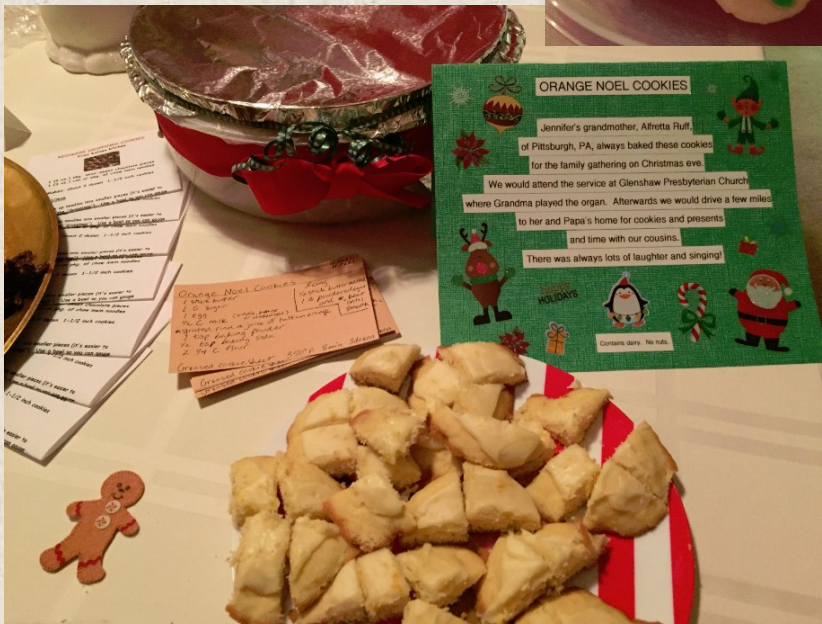
They also offered their entire menu for us to order in advance, which allowed us plenty of time to enjoy our delicious meals. After dinner, we met under the street lamp in the parking for instructions for the next segment of the evening: the City Lights Driver. It was the first time since we've been in the Club that there's been a night Driver. Our custom route was a 45 minute drive from the restaurant to the Katz Nest, offering four fabulous vistas of the Valley of the Sun.

Since the route took us through some traffic lights, dark neighborhoods and stop signs, we knew with this many cars that the group would be split at least once along the way. Detailed directions with maps were provided and navigators were requested to bring ample lighting to read in the car. The great news: everyone made it and enjoyed the incredible vistas - a HUGE success!



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Then, Party Time - let the **Christmas** cookie contest and exchange begin! After the *oohs* and *aahs* of the city lights driver, everyone had worked up an appetite for dessert. Within minutes, presto... an amazing display of cookies appeared. There was a huge variety of seasonal favorites and after the jingle bells sounded, the tasting commenced.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY CONTINUED

Cookies were judged on four categories. After Pam and Diana tallied the ballots, they announced the winners:

Category	Winner	Cookie Name	Prize
Most Festive	Norma & John Marsh	Rudolph Reindeer Cookies	Sugar Cookie Scented Candle
Best Christmas Theme	Norma Lombardo	Holly Sprigs	Lighted Christmas Cookie Kitchen Sign
Most Delicious	Esther & Jim Enriquez	Pecan Tassies	Santa Cookie Plate and Milk Glass Set
Most Unusual	Sheryl	Reindeer Droppings	(n/a... offered prize to next winner)
Best Christmas Theme	Joyce and Norm Riffel	Christmas Wreaths	Ceramic Cookie Container

While the Tally Judges were busy counting ballot entries, the Cookie Quiz was started. Rules were loose - you could play independently or team up with someone. Two winners emerged: Bob Bassett who selected the Gingerbread Cookie Jar and Tom and Elly Palmer who received the Christmas Oven Mitt filled with Utensils.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY CONTINUED

After the prizes were awarded, everyone collected their cookies. What a fun scene, selecting and packing cookies to take home. And, everyone complied - the rule was NO LEFTOVERS! We are happy to report, all the cookies were either eaten or taken home and only a few recipe cards and crumbs remained.

It was an unusual and fun evening; we hope to make it an annual event. Thanks to Bob Swanson, Mary, and Barb, our volunteer photographers, lots of photos were taken so we could make a slideshow which is now posted on the CCA website; perhaps grab some cookies and your favorite drink, and sit back and enjoy!



## Annual Christmas Party 2016



The evening started with appetizers and drinks at 6:00. Sharko's Catering started setting up for dinner. It was a beautiful evening and many enjoyed the city lights view from our deck

The conversation was lively and fun. Most of the appetizers were consumed and dinner was served at 7:00. The menu included a carving station with roast beef, chicken picatta, au gratin potatoes, green bean almondine, salad, rolls and butter. Dinner was delightful as usual. We served Christmas cupcakes for dessert. We opened 40 bottles of wine, (my - how have times changed).

When dinner was finished and as the caterers cleaned the kitchen the tables were removed from the living room to make room for the Chinese gift exchange. The exchange was fun and lively as usual. Lots of wine and alcohol and many other items of interest exchanged hand with lots of laughter and joking with each other. I hope everyone had a good time and went home with something they wanted. As usual we had another spirited exchange and fun for everyone.



We had a great time putting this together with Scott and Diane.

We want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.





## CCA CHICKS CELEBRATE 1ST ANNIVERSARY



### Hosted by Norma Marsh & Denise Lott

CCA Chicks held their last gathering for 2016 at the newly opened Stone & Barrel restaurant in Sun Lakes. It was a perfect day to be on the patio, facing the golf course, the lake, and the mountains beyond.

It was also November 11, Veterans Day. For special entertainment, our Canadian Chick, Barb Bassett, brought her guitar and played "America the Beautiful" in honor of her winter home and American friends. (She actually sang additional verses to that piece with which none of us were familiar.)

Besides that, Barb played a couple of other songs from the sixties. Norma had composed an additional verse to go with "Puff, the Magic Dragon," which Barb further adapted and sang.

Here is Norma's adaptation:

*Look! The Corvette Chicks are out for fun and play  
They drive their Corvettes to Sun Lakes to spend a  
happy day!*

*"Stone & Barrel" is where they stop for lunch  
They dine and chit chat for the day... they're such  
an awesome bunch!!!*

*Oh, Look! the Corvette Chicks are out for fun and play  
They drive their Corvettes to Sun Lakes to spend a  
happy day!*



We hope to see many of you at our next gathering on January 13.

!



## CCA ON LINE

FROM WEBMASTER JIM KERBER



Have you looked at our Club website sometime in the past few weeks? If so, you noticed a major change in the appearance. The 2017 CCA Webmaster, Howard Katz, has created a whole new web site for our club.

The appearance has changed dramatically and our website is now easier to navigate, especially on cell phones and tablets. The programming software used to create the website represents a major step forward in both design and features.

Behind the scenes, website security has been greatly enhanced to prevent access to the members only area without a login. Furthermore, the new password requirements (upper and lower case letters, numbers, and characters) greatly enhance protection of all member information.

Since this will be my last Crosstalk article as Webmaster, I would like to thank several members who have been of great help during the past 2 years. First, thanks to George and Janet Ray for a great transition when I took over 2 years ago, as well as their ongoing support.

Thanks also to Bob Swanson and Howard Katz who helped implement our profile update project. I also want to thank the entire CCA membership for their support of this project. Garry Mion was very helpful in setting up the online car show registration, and issuing me countless PayPal refunds as we tested the registration. I also thank the CCA Board for their ongoing support, especially when we had to change host companies in September 2016.

Finally, thanks to Howard Katz for volunteering to be Webmaster in 2017 (and hopefully beyond) and developing our great new website!

Jim Kerber, logging out of Webmaster to be Activities Chair in 2017

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## VETTE SET DINING AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HOSTED BY: THE KATZ



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! On December 6th, six CCA couples (Bassetts, Campises, Frieszes, Hagans, Katzes, and Lombardos) met at **Malee's Thai Bistro** in Old Town Scottsdale for the last Vette Set Dining event of 2016. The restaurant is located at 7131 E Main Street and offers a huge variety of delectable and authentic Thai entrees and specialties.

Check out their menu:

<http://www.maleesonmain.com/menu.html>.



A weekday night early in the month was chosen because at this time of year, it is quieter in the restaurant as well as on Main Street. It was a perfect plan - several arrived early to browse some art galleries and everyone enjoyed the festive and beautiful **Christmas lights** on Main Street.



## VETTE SET DINING AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HOSTED BY: THE KATZ

To promote good conversation, we sat at two tables in a small, cozy room which was terrific because the restaurant staff seated other patrons elsewhere (it's a sprawling restaurant with many rooms) to ensure that we had the room to ourselves, YES! A variety of entrees were ordered - and there was plenty of sharing to sample the scrumptious specialties. After dinner, when we were feeling fat and happy, we celebrated Guy's birthday and the Hagans Anniversary. The food was delicious and watching each couple kiss under the mistletoe certainly put us in the spirit - time to see the **Christmas lights** display.



After dinner, we caravanned west about five miles, to see an amazing lights display. We drove through Arcadia and enjoyed seeing the beautiful homes with lovely lights until we arrived at our destination - a very special home located at 4415 Calle Tuberia.

It offers one of the largest residential displays in all of Phoenix, showcasing >250,000 lights with, music, seven window displays featuring antique Christmas memorabilia, animated figures, Santa and more! It was early in the week and early in the season so we parked and walked around the yard, enjoying the spectacular winter wonderland. It was a great kickoff for the Holiday season, **HO-HO-HO!**



## VETERANS HOME VISIT HOSTED BY: THE LOTTS



As an early Christmas event, on the first Saturday in December our Corvettes drove to central Phoenix for a visit to the Arizona State Veteran Home. It was a chilly morning, and that added to the feel of Christmas coming. We were told they currently have 160 residents, and we wanted to reach all of these to say “thank you” for their efforts in protecting our country and our freedom.



The morning was split into two parts. For the first half, those who were mobile enough came, or were brought outside to check out the cars and chat about their own favorite vehicles from the past. During this time background music, consisting of those ‘oldies but goodies, was playing compliments of Howard Katz.

The veterans were then entertained by Sheryl Katz’s barbershop quartet, called *Four in A Chord*. The quartet played a variety of songs, with a primary focus on patriotic and Christmas themes. The audience was invited to join in on several of the pieces.



As they left after the entertainment, each of our “guests” was given a large gift bag and a T-shirt. One of the gentlemen out there said he had been looking forward to this visit for the last two weeks, ever since our visit had been posted. Another guest brought out his own scrapbook showing his collection of seven incredible old cars that he has back in Minnesota. And, check out the photo of the new driver in Howard’s car. I think he stayed there for an hour, not wanting to give this one up.



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Section two of our morning consisted of visits to each of the wards inside so that we could also acknowledge those veterans who were unable to come outside or who were confined to their beds. They too received gift bags and T-shirts as our members scurried down hallways to stop in the individual rooms and express their appreciation for the services these gentlemen have rendered our country. Along with the distribution of gifts, *Four in A Chord* sang in each of the wings and then strolled down the halls as the gifts were handed out. With 160 residents, we wanted to be sure that everyone was included as we extended our thanks.

This event was possible because of the generosity of our club members who donated the funds to purchase the bag items. While the home is very restrictive in what can be given, we were able to provide each person with a pair of socks, deck of playing cards, crossword puzzle book along with pencil, sharpener and eraser, and packs of candy. Then Packages from Home added to our contribution by providing more game books and a wooden peg game, which also went into the gift bag. The sturdy bags themselves were provided by Scott Feck. T-shirts came from our past events and member donations, along with several baseball caps.

There was a lot of elf work in assembling these bags and attaching a gift card with our special thank you note to each service member. The Lotts, O'Connors, and Swansons spent two afternoon putting together these 160 bags.



As our morning visit wrapped up, CCA headed to MacAlpine's Diner and Soda Fountain, an old-time institution on that site. Besides the good food and incredible soda fountain choices, one can browse through the rooms of "antique" items for sale. Gas mask, anyone? Or a "Man Magic" kit and guide? I wonder what some people will be getting in their Christmas stockings.

## TUCSON DRIVER—ART GALLERY & SHOPPING

HOSTED BY—SHERYL AND HOWARD KATZ



After Thanksgiving, I received an email from artist Diana Madaras, announcing some fabulous Christmas specials. I'm a huge fan of Diana's work; she has been voted one of Tucson's best visual artists four times, and she is one my favorite Southwest Artists so I HAD to go. Also, Diana's biggest Art Gallery was recently moved to a new location, a short distance from her previous one, and I was even more motivated to make the trek. Although December is a busy time for performing and my calendar was nearly full, I had two open week days. At the December CCA Business meeting I queried the membership for interest. A few hands went up - that was all that was needed to toss together a 'last minute' Driver.

On December 16, ten of us, including two guests, drove to Tucson. Unfortunately, it rained that morning so we, of course, drove our alternate cars. We were particularly disappointed since we were anxious to see prospective members Dan and Joanne Wortman's retro mod (red '62 body on a 2011 chassis) but, it worked out great since I drove the solo gals (Denise, Marge, and Pam) and the Bassetts, Lombardos and Wortmans caravanned behind. With the unusual weather, the drive down was awesome: alternating rain showers, clouds, and plenty of sunshine provided dramatic scenery the entire drive.

For most of this group, this was an introduction to Diana and her beautiful work. The gallery staff greeted us with big hellos and provided us with a lovely spread of snacks to enjoy while browsing. Minutes later, much to our delight, Diana popped by to meet us! She was so personable - she posed for pictures with us, shared her interesting story how she became an artist, answered questions, and signed our purchases. Becoming an artist was quite a journey, and her personal description made the visit all the more special. When Diana mentioned that she used to drive a Corvette, we of course urged her to create a Corvette series of paintings! If you like art, check out her website: <http://www.madaras.com/>.

After the Art Gallery, we had lunch just down the road, at La Placita Café. The Bassetts picked up their dear 90 year old friend Ellie who joined us for a delicious Mexican lunch. Afterward, we browsed a few shops on the way back to the car and headed home. It was a glorious and memorable day!





## UPCOMING CCA EVENTS

### 2017 CCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following calendar of events is for planning and scheduling purposes and is subject to change

Last Update: 12/22/2016

January	February	March	April
1- New Year's Day	2 - Membership Meeting Eamhardt 7:00PM	2 - Membership Meeting Floridino's 7:00PM	6- Membership Meeting Eamhardt 7:00 PM
5- Membership Meeting Eamhardt 7:00 PM Social Time @ Rosati's	4- Pancake Breakfast Hagan	4- Ostrich Festival Parade Rhode	- Founder's Day ??
13- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh	10- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh	10- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh	8- Corvettes in the Park Enriquez/Edgington
14- Awards Banquet Hitzel	14 Valentine's Day	16- Board Meeting 7:30PM Swanson	14- CCA Chicks Lunch Lott/Marsh
16-Sweet Basil Cooking Class Bassett	16- Board Meeting -7:30 PM Lott		16 - Easter - Highway Clean up Hill?
19- Board Meeting- 7:30PM Rhode			20- Board Meeting 7:30PM Kerber
			29 - Spring Autocross Enriquez

## ROADRUNNER EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event Type	Event Name	Host Club



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