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Jim and Rosie Gargano and their new 2022 Arctic White
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To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter.

This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car. All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.

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SCC BIRTHDAYS!



Kathy Bales	Nov. 2	Dawn Siprut	Nov. 14
Don Schroden	Nov. 2	Eric Ostrow	Nov. 16
Bob Hickerson	Nov. 2	Lyn Trayte	Nov. 16
Dave Forwood	Nov. 3	Larry Capek	Nov. 18
Jim Lingley	Nov. 3	Seth Rogers	Nov. 19
Connie Cassel	Nov. 4	Mike Reagan	Nov. 25
Judy Myers	Nov. 4	Judi Findsen	Nov. 27
Gurmit Walsh	Nov. 5	Nancy Sandvig	Nov. 28
Rich Kosina	Nov. 7	Ronald Blair	Nov. 29
Linda Nelson	Nov. 11	Stacey Chulew	Nov. 30
Leon Boyd	Nov. 12	Barbara Follette	Nov. 30
David Sacks	Nov. 14	Manny Siprut	Nov. 30

Jennifer Rabin	Dec. 4
Steve Patricola	Dec. 7
Paula Noell	Dec. 10
Rick Cartell	Dec. 11
Peter Boland	Dec. 17
Terry Patricola	Dec. 24
Janette Boyd	Dec. 28
Bill Follette	Dec. 29



NEW CRUISERS

Mike D'Andrea and Dawn Van Sickle and their 2020 Black Coupe



Mike says: Dawn and I are SO excited to become members and looking forward to joining the crew!

The car is one of limited production of 2020 new C8 mid-engine Corvette. I custom-built it and took delivery in October of 2020. I also had the incredible opportunity to go to Nevada and the Ron Fellows driving school at Spring Mountain to take the 2-day class at the C8 Corvette Driving School ... what a blast! So great of Chevy to offer this class at incredibly discounted rate upon purchase of the car. The 2020 is the 4th Corvette I've owned, had a pair of C4's - 1992-93, and a 1997. I am a lifetime Corvette LOVER!

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

*Reed and Linda Milano and their 2001 Red Coupe and
their 2018 Red Grand Sport Coupe*



WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!

AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

Randy Phillippe and Nancy Seadler and their 2002 Black Convertible



Randy says: Our Corvette is a 2002 Convertible (Triple Black). I am the third owner of this car. It was originally purchased in Orange County, California, and then brought to Arizona, and I purchased it from the second owner. Both previous owners were older gentlemen as I am myself, and I have every maintenance record, etc. documenting the care and pampering that this 48,000-mile baby has received in its life.

This is only the second Corvette that I have owned. I purchased a 1971 Convertible (Ontario Orange) when I was 19 years old. Unfortunately, I totaled it out within 30 days. A few months after my accident, a guy I worked with wanted to sell me his Corvette, a 1963 Split Window Coupe (Silver - 327 - 4 speed). With an insurance check of \$4800 in my hand and reluctantly taking my father's advice, I ordered a brand new 1976 Firebird Trans Am, and that decision still haunts me to this day.

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AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

Stuart and Glee Morse and their 1999 Magnetic Red Convertible



AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

Seth Rogers and his 2018 Black on Black 1LT Convertible, with red seats and belts

Sami Weir and his 2021 Red Coupe

WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!



From Rollie Trayte:
Spy Shot: '23 Corvette E-Ray
Caught Prepping for the 'Ring

[Go here to read all about it.](#)



From Rollie: C8 wreckage after 156 mph crash



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Mark Chulew

Greetings SCC members. It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner followed by the yearend Holidays. With vaccinations and education, life has returned to a more normal situation. It's so nice that our members are feeling comfortable during meetings. Ancala Country Club has been a wonderful venue for our dinner meetings, both the food and service have been terrific.

On December 12th we will hold our Toy Run and Annual Holiday Party. This is one of our premier events. It gives us a chance to give back to those less fortunate, and then enjoy ourselves at Grayhawk Golf Club. The festivities begin at 4:15 at the promenade on Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. We'll all meet and then drive over to our sponsor, Van Chevrolet. At Van Chevrolet we will place our gifts in the toy box or under the tree, take a picture or two and then make our way to Grayhawk for drinks, dinner, and dancing. Music provided by the band Mercer Lane. We have kept the price to \$75.00 per person as it was in the past. The Club does subsidize this event. Look for the EventZilla Link with all the details.

A warm welcome our newest members: they are, Reed & Linda Milano, Michael D'Andrea and Dawn Van Sickle, Sami Weir, Randy Phillippe and Nancy Seadler, Seth Rogers, Stu and Glee Morse. Please welcome them and make them feel at home. As of this past October 25th we have 157 Members.

SCC Board elections will be finalized at our November 10th dinner meeting. This year a vote will not be necessary. Those running, Mark Chulew, Ed Luse, Rob Deacon, and Judy Stein, will be elected by affirmation. The 2022 SCC Board Members will be Mike Reagan, Steve Rabin, Brenda Brandt, Mark Chulew, Ed Luse, Rob Deacon, and Judy Stein.

Tali Amir has retired as our EventZilla Programmer, we thank Tali for his many years of service. Janet Tasnadi has graciously volunteered to be our new EventZilla Programmer. We wish Janet good luck in her new position.

The 2022 Activities Calendar will be published soon. We are gearing up for fun. Frank Tasnadi our Activities Director will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. We thank Frank for his many years of service. Frank will continue to volunteer. I hope YOU will too.

I want to thank Peter Boland for his many years of service to the Club. Peter will remain an active volunteer. Gerry Goepfert has also left the Board but will remain an active volunteer.

Thank you all for continuing to be Members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club. Our motto remains, "We Just Want to Have Fun".

Mark



MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

Jim and Rosie Gargano and their new 2022 Arctic White 2LT hardtop convertible, with Adrenaline Red seats and the Z51 package



Jim says: "This C8 is a dream to drive. We ordered it from Van Chevrolet and just got it!"



From my Wickenburg "car guy" friend:

**2023 Corvette Z06:
Redline Revealed**

[Go here to read about it!](#)



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

I think we have an exciting newsletter for you this issue. It seems like the Club is almost back to normal. We have the usual two trips to feature - the trip to Durango and Silverton and the trip to Jerome. We also have some photos from the September gala, our first in-person get-together in almost two years, as well as photos from the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championship and the Prescott Vette Sette All-Corvette Show.

And it seems there are lots of fun activities on the horizon. We did not receive the calendar for 2022 activities yet so you will not see that in this issue, but it should be coming out to the membership soon. You have received information on the first trip of 2022 - the January trip to Tucson to visit the Sonoran Desert Museum and Kartchner Caverns. I suspect there may room on the waiting list, as sign-up has already started on this event.

I was looking back the other day to see when I started editing this newsletter. It all started for me with the September-October 2006 issue - that's over fifteen years ago! I have always said I would edit the newsletter for as long as I enjoyed and had fun doing it. I am reaching the point where it is becoming less joy and more duty, and so I am hopeful that some one or two of our wonderful members will be willing to step up and take on the pleasant duty - I have really loved it! - of putting out our bi-monthly newsletter. It really entails only having a publishing program - I am using Serif PagePlus X8 which is now available in an updated version "Serif PagePlus 10" - and a program to embellish/resize/clarify the photographs - I have used the same program - Corel Paint Shop Pro Photo XI since I started doing this, and it will work great. The rest is almost all materials received from the membership on events, new members, new Corvettes. We have a wonderfully cooperative, enthusiastic membership who have always supported the efforts for the newsletter to the nth degree! Here's my biggest, most heartfelt thanks to everyone of you who has contributed so much to this newsletter over the years! Without you, it would not exist!

I will, of course, continue my efforts in editing the newsletter until a new editor steps forward. But I am hopeful that this will be in the near future. If you are interested, please contact President Mark Chulew or any Board member.

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne



TOOT - TOOT!! DURANGO TO SILVERTON TRAIN

Story and Photos by Mark Bales

The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad established Durango, Colorado, in 1880. In the Fall of 1881, they began construction of a rail line to Silverton, a prosperous mining community. Although the railroad was originally built to haul precious metals from the San Juan Mountains, from the very beginning it was also recognized as a tourist opportunity. In 1889 a fire destroyed much of downtown Durango, and the mines began to close. With the designation of nearby Mesa Verde as a National Park in 1906, the tourism industry received a shot in the arm.

And speaking of a shot in the arm, poor Silverton suffered not only from mine closures, but was also decimated by the Spanish Flu of 1918. Ten percent of the Silverton population died in six weeks. A little *déjà vu*! Through the next three decades it was one step forward and two steps back. Until, Hollywood! Several movies were filmed, featuring the train: *Ticket to Tomahawk*, *Across the Wide Missouri*, *Denver & Rio Grande*, *Viva Zapata*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, and last but not least, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*.

Durango and the train had found success, and continues to thrive. Although, there was one more bump in the track. In June 2018, the railroad was shut down for several weeks due to a wild-fire in the San Juan National Forest. Fifty-four thousand acres were destroyed. They named it the "416 Fire." The reason being, the coal-fired steam engine, 416, started the fire with sparks from its stack. Over the past few years, the engines remain steam-driven, but have been converted to oil-burning vs. coal.

So, nice history lesson, but what does that have to do with the SCC? In early September, seven couples and John, caravanned to Durango to enjoy the mountain air, and ride the train to Silverton on Saturday. Most of the group arrived on Thursday. In time to not enjoy our first night's meal. The Club has been to Durango on several occasions. And each time, one out of three restaurants suck. Thursday, Season's was this trips turkey. Miscommunications, delays, dropped food, and tough steaks. But, fear not! It was all up hill from there!



Dinner at Seasons

From left, Bob and Chris, Alla and Tali, Pam and Frank, John, Walter and Michele, Janet and Frank, and Kathy



Corvettes at Durango Lodge

Friday was a free day. Some of the group headed to Telluride, and some spent the day leisurely exploring the Durango area. Dinner, Friday night, was a success. Beautiful evening and a wonderful roof-top dinner at Eolus. The Club has been to Eolus before. They seem to get better and better with each visit.

Saturday, the main event. We boarded the train at 9:00 AM for the ride up the mountain to Silverton. We had half of one of the salon cars. Period correct luxurious accommodations, and our own bartender. For obvious engineering reasons, the tracks follow the Animas River as it flows down the mountain from Silverton. The views are breathtaking.





SCCers on the train:
Top, Sandi and Chuck with Chris and Bob
Center left, John with Michele and Walter
Center, right, Frank and Janet
Bottom, Frank and Pam with Tali and Alla

When we arrived Silverton, it was off to find lunch. Due to the pandemic, that was more of a challenge than in previous trips. All of the restaurants asked for patience, cautioning they were under-staffed, and service would be slow. Handlebars, a Club favorite, was booked solid. Breaking off into smaller groups, we all did find replenishment before the trip back. Half the group made the trip back on the train. The other half opted for the quicker but incredibly annoying bus ride. The bus driver started talking before we left Silverton and never, not once, stopped until we unloaded in Durango.

Saturday evening brought another wonderful dinner, and a great way to close a fun trip. We dined at the Ore House. Another SCC Durango favorite. As in the past, good food, good service.



Dinner at the Ore House
From left, John, Walter, Michele, Frank, Pam, Chuck, Sandi, Janet,
Frank, Tali, Alla, Bob, Chris and Kathy

This is the third time SCC has made the Durango train trip. The first time was in 2005, and the second time in 2016. See if you can spot those who made all three trips. (See the three photos on the next page.)

Before we close, this was apparently the first multiple night trip some of our new C8 owners had made. Interesting conversations regarding the new reality in packing!

Thanks to Walter and Michele Juessen for organizing and leading this trip. And thanks to the SCC members who attended. Another great one!

Mark





Mark Bales
 Mark Chulew
 Marsha Cohen
 Michael D'Andrea &
 Dawn Van Sickle
 Jim Dobson
 Jim and Rosie Gargano
 Tom Georgiou
 Fran and Ken Harder
 Howard Katz

Reed & Linda Milano
 Stu & Glee Morse
 Randy Phillippe &
 Nancy Seadler
 Mike Reagan
 Frank Tasnadi
 Rollie & Lyn Trayte
 Sandi Weschler
 Rex West

And last but not least,
 former SCC Member Patrick Dennis who contributed the article
 comparing the 2023 C8 Z06 and the C8 Stingray



The SCC Store utilizes Lands'End because of its reputation for customer service and the quality of their merchandise. The feedback from our membership has been very positive, and we plan to continue to use this site as our Club store.

For new members only, you'll need to create an account. You can do that by clicking on the following url:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub>

Once there, go to the top of the page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit it, and that will be it - and here's the best part: You can immediately start to shop. Should you have any issues, please contact Lands'End @ 1.800.587.15417 and they are available weekdays 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CST.

**A GLIMPSE OF
THE SEPTEMBER GALA
OUR FIRST IN-PERSON GET-TOGETHER
IN ALMOST TWO YEARS**

Photos by Howard Katz & Rollie Trayte



New member Tom Spera
doing his magic for our entertainment



New member Lou Stein
making music on the piano



At left,
comedian
Mark Cordes,
entertained us
with humor
and quips



AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST
SIX SCC PRESIDENTS
(FIVE FORMER AND ONE CURRENT)
WERE PRESENT THAT NIGHT!



From left, Mark Chulew, Mike Cassel, Ken Harder,
Jim Dobson, Manny Siprut and Steve Patricola



From my Wickenburg "car guy" friend:



5 Cool Features on the 2023 Corvette Z06

[Click here to read all about it!](#)

AL BANEN FIGHTS BACK ON SCC TRIP TO JEROME!

Story by Marsha Cohen

Photos by Mark Bales and Sandi Weschler

In the great re-match on October 18 between Al Banen and Route 89A, Al was triumphant! Accompanied by his partner, Marsha Cohen, and other members of the Scottsdale Corvette Club, the parties celebrated their ascent to Prescott at the world famous Palace Saloon and Restaurant, known for hosting Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and later Steve McQueen. The Saloon dates back to the late 19th century, and has a fantastic original wooden bar and swinging doors. The wait staff complete the tableau by dressing in period costumes. You are made to feel like you stepped back into the Wild West, or at least, Hollywood's version of it.



Lunch at the Palace Saloon - from left, Steve and Terry, Fran and Ken, and Sandi and Chuck



Lunch at the Palace Saloon - from left, Kathy, Janet and Frank, Marsha and Al, and Sami



Old Mural at the Palace Saloon

Our group continued on to Jerome, stopping at the Jerome State Historical Museum and Douglas Family Mansion. In its heyday, thousands of tons of gold, copper and zinc were taken out of the earth in this area. What is left are memories and artifacts of the time used not only in mining but in the everyday life of both the miners and all those who prospered here. Roads in Jerome are narrow and winding with hairpin turns and frequent deadends.

The landscape remains unchanged, but the vibes are very different. Jerome is booming today, but not from mining. Jerome today is a funky town, full of off-beat restaurants, shops, and artisans. All the merchants seem to be capitalizing on the "ghost" aspect of the town, especially so near to Halloween. Our hotel, the Jerome Grand Hotel, at the top of an incredibly narrow and winding road, looks down on the town and bills itself as "haunted." (We did hear some voices in the hallway, but I think it came from chambermaids.) The hotel boasts an old Otis elevator with a sliding metal door, and another sliding metal lattice door, both requiring manual operation. (How many of us remember elevators that required elevator operators?)



View from hotel balcony



Corvettes in Hotel Parking Lot



Cocktails before dinner - from left, Walter, Terry, Sandi, Chuck and Steve



Birthday boy Frank and Janet



Terry the two-fisted drinker!



Dinner at the Clinkscale Bar & Grill - Top photo from left, Walter, Michele, Kathy, Terry & Steve; bottom from left, Steve, Sandi, Chuck, Marsha, Al and Sami

Jerome was incredibly crowded for a Monday evening in October. Add to that the fact that help is hard to come by, and you have wine-tasting places closing at 6:00 p.m., or running out of red wine; the original restaurant we had booked deciding now to close on Mondays and Tuesdays; and a substitute restaurant called Clinkscale that couldn't accommodate our whole group (2 couples went to the Haunted Hamburger); long waits for food service, etc.... Enough to dampen the spirits of most, but not our Scottsdale

Corvette Club. We all had a great time, so much so that several of us slept in the next morning and missed breakfast in Cottonwood on our way back home via I-17.

Marsha



*Mark's caption for this photo was
"Room Service."*

*Another thought is Marsha's comment
About hearing "voices in the hallway... from
chambermaids"... Draw your own conclusions!*



*And here's Sandi's
contribution with her
caption:*

*"Mark Bales - Since our
cameraman is never
in a picture!"*

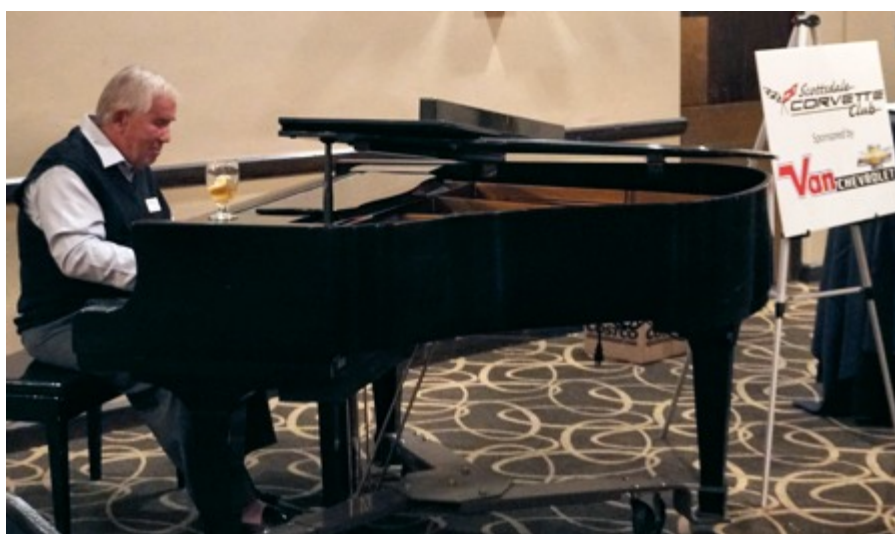
THE SCENE AT THE OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

PHOTOS BY MARK BALES



NEW MEMBERS!

From left, Janet Tasnadi, Howard & Sheryl Katz, Frank & Nancy Hagan, Nancy Sandvig & Michael Terrey, Adrian Flores, Scott & Diane Feck, Judy & Lou Stein, Rhonda & Rob Deacon, Lisa Mayberry and Wesley Trussell



Lou Stein, piano player extraordinaire!



The program for the October dinner meeting featured the new members of the Club. Here's Mike Reagan interviewing Frank and Nancy Hagan.



Janet Tasnadi undergoing questioning from Mike Reagan, with Judy Stein looking on



Here's Rhonda and Rob Deacon (a/k/a Team Deacon) holding forth with Adrian Flores in the background



Former SCC member Patrick Dennis thought you might find this comparison between the 2023 Z06 and the 2023 Stingray interesting. [Go here to see the comparison.](#)

***THE BENTLEY SCOTTSDALE POLO CHAMPIONSHIP
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF HORSEPOWER
OCTOBER 23, 2021***

A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY BY FRAN AND KEN HARDER





Cheerleaders



The Fashion Show





Fran and Ken



The SCC Group and their Corvettes

15TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE ALL-CORVETTE SHOW September 25, 2021

Photos by Lyn & Rollie Trayte



The scene at the Prescott All-Corvette Show in September - hundreds of Corvettes and spectators! There's Rollie with his pride and joy at the Show. For a more comprehensive look at the Show and all it had to offer, [click here](#).

Scottsdale Corvette Club ~ October 8, 2022 7-night cruise

Revel in the beauty of Canada & New England on the *new* Enchanted Princess



SCC Cruise for a Cause –

For every 8 cabins booked into our group, Suzy will donate to our charity Ronald McDonald House the average value of one person's cruise fare in our group.

Prices start at \$999 per person, not including \$230 per person taxes.

Realistically, our group is booking Deluxe Balconies averaging \$4700 per couple and MiniSuites averaging \$7100 per couple, for cruise, port taxes and insurance

AND include free beverage package, free WiFi and Free Tips. Airfare will be extra and determined at a later time.

This cruise group is open to ANYONE YOU WANT TO INVITE – Friends, Family, Neighbors, whomever to maximize our charitable donation.

To Book, contact Suzy Poulter Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com or call/text 925-200-8166 Have your Princess Captain's Circle number handy if you have one/know it.

The deposit due at booking will vary, but expect it to be \$500 per cabin, refundable until July, 2022, when the balance will be due.

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DISCLAIMER

The event(s) below are provided as general information for our SCC Members. These are not SCC Club-Sponsored Events and may not be covered by NCCC insurance.

Members should contact the organizers directly if interested.



Per Frank Tasnadi, Activities Director:

Scuderia Southwest has a meet-up car show on the first Saturday of the month, 7 to 10 a.m. on Market Street at DC Ranch, 20789 North Pima Road in Scottsdale. It's a great "car event."



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**SCC MEN!
SAVE THE DATE!
THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH!
POKER NIGHT!
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**



**Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!
With so many new members,
it helps us all get better acquainted!**



**DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS'
DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY DINNER
MEETINGS!**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.
THE PRIZE MONEY STARTS OUT AT
\$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00
EACH MONTH.**

**BE SURE TO BE THERE!
YOU MIGHT WIN!**



**SCC WOMEN!
SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
THE VETTE VIXENS MEET FOR COCKTAILS
AND DINNER -
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT
THE NEXT DINNER IS WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 17TH!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***Georgia* by Dawn Tripp.** You may be familiar with the well-known artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. As a longtime admirer of her art, I have visited the museum dedicated to her work in Santa Fe and also Taos, New Mexico, where she spent a lot of time and owned a couple of homes. *Georgia* is a historical novel about Georgia O'Keeffe's life, beginning in 1915 when she was a young art teacher in Texas and just discovering her talents as an artist. O'Keeffe was an independent thinker, an interesting and often difficult position for a woman living in those early days of the 20th century. She sent some of her abstract drawings to Alfred Stieglitz in New York for promotion, and they entered into a steamy romantic relationship, albeit Stieglitz was married and had a child. This story takes us through O'Keeffe's life from the time she was 27 years old until her death in 1986 at 98. It is a love story about her relationship with Stieglitz, and a wonderfully descriptive story of her passion for her art and her rebellion against the mostly male voices that critiqued her work. She was a woman before her time who made a lasting name for herself in the art world.

***The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis.** Soline Roussel came from a long line of Parisian dressmakers with a special gift. It was said that a Roussel gown would guarantee a lifetime of joy. This story alternates between the events in Soline's life from World War II in Paris and her life after she immigrates to the United States, continuing until 1985 when she rents the building housing her former bridal shop to Aurore (Rory) Grant. There is a touch of mysticism in this story, which always intrigues me in a book. There turns out to be some surprising relationships among the characters. All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and may look into reading more by this author.

***The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth.** This may not be a book you will say you loved upon finishing it, but the farther into the story you get, the more compelling it becomes. It is a tale of twin sisters in their 20's, Fern and Rose. Fern is tall and slim with some autistic and sensory issues, i.e., bright lights, loud noises, smells and fragrances set off her reactive sensibilities. Rose is short and stocky (her mother refers to her as "Rosie Round") and is very protective of Fern. The story is told from both Fern's and Rose's viewpoints. The family secrets, the twists and turns of the plot, and the character studies will keep you wondering which of the sisters, Fern or Rose, fulfills the promise of the book's title. This book has enticed me to look into reading more of Sally Hepworth's work.

***Win* by Harlan Coben.** If you like mysteries as a reading genre, then you may already be a fan of Harlan Coben, who spins out mysteries regularly. In this story the protagonist, Winston Horne Lockwood III, is a rich, handsome, smart guy with suave manners and excellent combat skills. Win, as he is known, is drawn into the investigation of the murder of a man he does not know because of a painting and a piece of luggage found on the premises. Coben manages to

hook the reader fairly quickly with all the twists and turns of a mystery that compel one to keep reading to find out what's going to happen next. Win has appeared in other Coben mysteries but never as the "star." This is the first of the "Win" mysteries, but something tells me there will be many more. I'll be watching for them to come out.

***The Glass Ocean* by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White.** This one is a book to read, relish and enjoy to the fullest! Three authors, each writing from the point of view of a different character, tell the story of the voyage of the RMS Lusitania in 1915, with a present-day search in Devon, England, for information to uncover the mysteries that occurred during this voyage that led up to the beginning of the First World War. If you know your history, you know that in May of 1915 the Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-Boat and sunk on its voyage from New York to London. All is not as it seems aboard the Lusitania, and the schemes and vagaries, romance and discord, all keep the reader propelled to the end of this grand retelling of history.

***The Summer Wives* by Beatriz Williams.** When I started reading this book, it reminded me of the bygone tales of "manners," those tomes we used to read about the interactions between "summer families," the ultra-rich society folk who kept summer homes on the East Coast or in Europe, and those who resided in these communities as the working class fishermen or household help employed by the "summer families." This historical novel takes place on Winthrop Island off the New England coast during three summers - 1930, 1951 and 1969. The story is told mainly from the viewpoint of Miranda Schuyler, who comes to the island in 1951 as a teenager after her mother marries Hugh Fisher, scion of one of the Summer Families. After a fairly slow start for me, this novel gathered steam - there's romance, the power of money, mystery and second chances. I ended up being unable to put it down and read the last 100 or so pages nonstop.

***The Latinist* by Mark Prins.** I received an advance reader's copy of this novel from BookBrowse.com in exchange for the promise to write a review. I found this book to be a bit difficult to get into, since the subject matter involves early Latin verse including the mythical romance of Daphne and Apollo. Not my usual genre as you might imagine. But once into the story involving Tessa, an American student working on her doctorate at Oxford University, and her advisor-mentor, Chris, I found myself eagerly navigating through the Latin poetry and nuances to discover the current story of Tessa's scholarship abilities and Chris's obsessive behavior. A very different reading experience, but one I thoroughly enjoyed. I believe that I have enriched my reading experience through this novel. Thus, I feel confident in recommending it to you. You will be able to buy it in January 2022.

***The Wedding Dress* by Rachel Hauck.** This is chick lit, no two ways about it, but it's also an interesting story about a wedding dress that is passed down through the years, starting with its design and completion in 1912 for a young bride who went against the wishes of her mother and the mores of the times to have the dress made for her wedding, continuing to its wearing by another related bride in 1939 and a third one in 1968. In current times, Charlotte, the owner of a bridal shop, impulsively buys an old trunk at auction at the urging of a little man in a purple vest who assures her that it's hers. When she discovers the contents are a beautiful vintage wedding dress and a sachet containing a set of military dog tags, the mystery begins to unwind. I found this to be an interesting light read; maybe we could call it a modern-day fairy tale.

The Paris Bookseller by Kerri Maher. A historical novel after my own heart, *The Paris Bookseller* is an intriguing story of one of the most famous bookstores in the world, Shakespeare and Company, in Paris, France, starting in 1919 when Sylvia Beach first opened it as the first English-language book store in the French capital. The prominent writers of the 1920's and 1930's frequented Shakespeare and Company, and it became a gathering place for notables like Ernest Hemingway, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein and, of course, James Joyce, whose novel *Ulysses* Ms. Beach published in segments. This is an interesting glimpse into a time when prohibition was on in the USA, and many artists and writers escaped to Europe to enjoy the lifestyle. The discussion of banned books and pirating manuscripts was enlightening. I enjoyed this book immensely! I was privileged to read an advanced reader's copy, and the book will be published on January 11, 2022.

Happy reading!

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