



## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



New Members Sheryl and Howard Katz  
and their 2014 Yellow C7 Coupe  
hamming it up in July 2021 at the  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Hills Corvette Classic  
in Spearfish, South Dakota



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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!



Nancy Hagan	September 7
Adrian Flores	September 8
Tali Amir	September 10
Ken Harder	September 10
Jerry Strimbu	September 10
Gloria Ketterl	September 12
Rob Deacon	September 13
Karla Redford	September 13
Wesley Trussell	September 15
Frank Hagan	September 18
Carol Lipsky	September 24
Charlene Capek	September 26
Kenny Mitchell	September 29



Janelle Swenson	October 3
John Walsh	October 9
Brian Anton	October 10
Janet Tasnadi	October 13
Jean Mitchell	October 17
Frank Tasnadi	October 18
Vinny Ritchie	October 22
Kandy Ricotta	October 22
Cindy Berger	October 24
Cheryl Bloom	October 25
Louis Stein	October 25
Ron Myers	October 26
Judith Stein	October 28
Phil Berger	October 30

**THIS ISSUE OF THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB  
NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
OUR FRIEND AND MEMBER**

**PAMELA STRIMBU**



This issue of the Scottsdale Corvette Club Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Pamela Strimbu who died on September 1, 2021 from complications of breast cancer. Pam, along with her husband, Jerry, was an active member of the Scottsdale Corvette Club, having joined the Club in 2013. We will all miss Pam's smiling face and remember her for her love of fine dining and sharing information on the best places to dine.

Pam was born on February 14, 1946. She and Jerry were married in 1967. Pam is survived by her husband, Jerry, son, Christopher, daughter, Elizabeth, and granddaughter, Zoe.

On behalf of all of our Scottsdale Corvette Club members, we extend our sincere condolences and best wishes to Jerry and family. More information on arrangements and memorial tributes will be passed along to SCC members when available.





## ***NEW CRUISERS***

*Mike Terrey and Nancy Sandvig and their 2017 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe*



*Mike says: Thank you for the opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to the Scottsdale Corvette Club. Both Nancy and I enjoy many activities: Traveling, snow skiing, scuba diving, Corvette drives and socializing. I do like to explore my Corvette's performance capabilities at autocross events. The 2017 Grand Sport is my 4th Corvette.*

*We look forward to meeting other club members. Hope to see you at the September meeting.*

*Joe and Jennifer Hitzel and their 2016 C7 Z07*

*Jennifer wrote: We met via mutual friends in CCA and were subsequently married in 2013. Joe has been a "Corvette guy" since 2006. He and one of his sons restored a '66 Sting Ray. With the help of a good friend from CCA, Joe restored a '59 which has won two Regional Top Flight awards. We have owned a C6 Z06 but currently own a C7 Z07. Jennifer enjoys naming the cars. We moved to Fountain Hills in 2019 and look forward to once again participating in Corvette activities.*



***WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!***



## AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...

*Rob and Rhonda Deacon and their 2017 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe*



*Rob and Rhonda Deacon have been Corvette owners and Corvette Club Members since 2006. We owned a 2006 Victory Red C6 Coupe, 2013 Black Grand Sport Coupe, and now we own a 2017 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe. We enjoy hosting events such as drives to Tucson and up north to Wickenburg. We have hosted a couple of Magical Mystery Tours up to Las Vegas and the other to Disneyland!*

*Favorite things to do for Rob and Rhonda are traveling to Hawaii or some far away place. We were able to join our family for a trip to Rome and Venice in 2019. We also love to play golf!*

*We are looking forward to meeting everyone and getting out on the road!*

*Scott and Diane Feck and their 2016 Z06 (Z07) White Coupe*



*Scott says: I achieved my lifelong Corvette ownership dream in 2001. Diane and I have been members of a corvette club since 2004. We look forward to getting to know everyone at SCC.*

*Ed. Note: Check out the next page to see a couple more photos of the Fecks and their Corvette.*

**WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!**



*At left, Scott and Diane Feck; above, Scott and Diane and their Corvette - looks like a Corvette show at the beach!*

## ***AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...***

*Howard and Sheryl Katz and their 2014 Yellow Coupe and 1966 Nassau Blue Coupe*



*You saw this photo of Sheryl and Howard Katz on the front cover of this newsletter.*

*Go to the next page to read about the Katzes and their adventures with their Corvettes.*

***WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!***



*Hello everyone; we're Howard and Sheryl Katz!*

*We both hail from the east coast and are native Washingtonians; work and sunshine brought us out west where we've lived here in Arizona for over 25 years. Last year during the onset of COVID-19, we down sized and moved from Paradise Valley across the Valley to Sun Lakes, a lovely active adult retirement community in the south east.*

*Howard is a retired Electrical Engineer, and his hobbies include restoration of vintage broadcast video equipment and product design. Sheryl retired from corporate Support Services where she initiated large scale planning, training, and recognition programs, and her passions include singing, performing, and making slideshows. As a couple, our favorite sports activities include traveling and antiquing.*

*A few years ago, we first contacted SCC. Back then, SCC membership was closed to new members so we were placed on the waiting list. Fast forward... a few months ago, Membership Chair Mike Reagan contacted us to see if we were still interested - sure! After a fun face-to-face meeting with him, we were invited to join SCC; terrific!*

*Our favorite Corvette activity now is the same as decades ago when we first met: driving the Vette. Our idea of a joy ride is cruising on roads less traveled that offer windy, hilly roads with scenic vistas; living in Arizona has been great for finding special routes.*

*The beautiful southwest offers many amazing touring opportunities, and exploring new places is always a treat. When we discover an awesome driving route, we are inspired to share it with Corvette friends. Planning and hosting events for both driving and social activities has become a grand way to share.*

*Since our marriage we've owned many Corvettes, and presently we have a 2014 YELLLO C7 coupe and '66 Nassau Blue C2 coupe. Overall, Howard's favorite driver was a yellow '63 C2 split window coupe while Sheryl's was her two-tone maroon '81 C3 with mirrored T-Tops.*

*So far this year, our biggest Corvette adventure of 2021 was in July, when we visited South Dakota for the first time to participate in the Sioux Falls Corvette Club's 50th Anniversary of the Black Hills Corvette Classic, a five-day, fun-packed lollapalooza that attracted >650 Corvettes and >1250 participants from around the nation. It was an incredible experience, and we had a blast, a much needed shot of adrenaline... and now, we are ready to rock 'n roll with SCC!*

*Our engines are revvin'... we look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming September dinner meeting!*

## ***AND MORE NEW CRUISERS...***

*Frank and Nancy Hagan and their 2017 Black Grand Sport*

*We hope to have photos of Frank and Nancy and their Corvette  
for the next issue of this Newsletter.*

***WELCOME TO THE SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB!***







## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

*By Mark Chulew*

Greetings SCC members. I hope everyone has had a great summer. We have a lot happening. First, we have a new home at Ancala Country Club. Our first meeting, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, is going to be an event not to be missed. Donna Reagan and her committee, Pam Strimbu, Connie Cassel and Janet Tasnadi have done a marvelous job preparing everything for your enjoyment. We will also be celebrating 20 years with Van

Chevrolet as our sponsor. Elections and Membership renewal are just around the corner.

Mike Reagan has taken on the Vice President duties along with Membership for the balance of the year. Mike has been a huge asset in helping the Club move forward. Please congratulate Mike and thank him.

During the past 18 months we have accepted 24 new members. These new members have met with Mike Reagan who has done an outstanding job as Membership Director. These new members are:

Rob and Rhonda Deacon  
Scott and Diane Feck  
Adrian Flores  
Frank and Nancy Hagan  
Joe and Jennifer Hitzel  
Howard and Sheryl Katz  
Vinny and Holly Ritchie

Tom and Donna Spera  
Louis and Judith Stein  
Janet Tasnadi  
Michael Terrey and Nancy Sandvig  
Wesley Trussell and Lisa Mayberry  
Rex and Michele West

You may have met many of these new members at our Mini Activities. Please welcome them to the Club when we get together at our new home at Ancala Country Club on September 8<sup>th</sup>. At our October dinner meeting, we will have a program devoted to meeting and greeting all our new members. Our SCC Membership now stands at 150.

Your Board of Directors has been meeting regularly during the summer. It has become apparent to us that the Board needed two things: first, a process to bring more people into leadership positions, and secondly, more "horsepower," i.e., members to help out with the "heavy lifting." The solution was to add four new Board members whose initial efforts will go into activities and programming. Also with a larger SCC Board, there will be more members that will have the skills necessary to lead the Club in the future. The new SCC Board Members are, Judy Stein, Rex West, Gerry Goepfert and Rob Deacon (with Rhonda, TEAM DEACON). Initially, these four members will be appointed to the Board. When you see these new Board members, be sure to thank them.

In October we begin our election process. All newly appointed Board members will need to run for the Board as well as those whose terms are expiring, Frank Tasnadi, Ed Luse and Mark

Chulew. I encourage all SCC Members to join the Board. Please contact me for any information. In late September, you will be receiving an email that will describe the nomination voting process. The Directors will be voted for at our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Frank Tasnadi, our Activities Director, and the new Board Members have accepted the challenge to make sure we will have a lot to do in 2022.

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

Mark Chulew



A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed articles, photographs and/or other items of interest or information for this issue of the Newsletter! Those who contributed to this issue are:

Larry Capek  
Mark Chulew  
Marsha Cohen  
Rob & Rhonda Deacon  
Jim Dobson  
Scott & Diane Feck  
Fran Harder  
Jennifer & Joe Hitzel  
Sheryl & Howard Katz

Ed Luse  
Frank Perno  
Mike Reagan  
Jerry Strimbu  
Frank Tasnadi  
Mike Terrey & Nancy Sandvig  
Rollie Trayte  
Rex West



From Larry Capek:  
**25 Corvette Facts Every Enthusiast Should Know**  
[Go here to learn all about it!](#)





Welcome to our four new directors,  
effective August 25, 2021, pictured below:

Rob Deacon, Gerry Goepfert, Judy Stein and Rex West



Rob Deacon



Gerry Goepfert



Judy Stein



Rex West

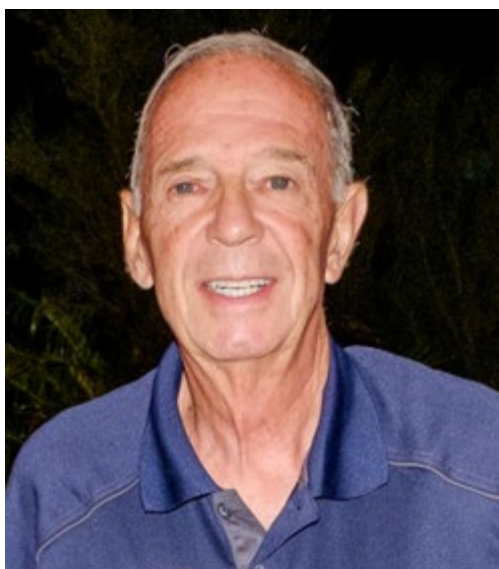
**CONGRATULATIONS, ROB, GERRY, JUDY AND REX!  
WE'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!**



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING VICE PRESIDENT  
BRENDA BRANDT  
WHO WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS TREASURER!**



**AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO  
MIKE REAGAN  
WHO WILL ADD THE DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT  
(UNTIL THE END OF 2021)  
IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR!**







## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

Labor Day is upon us, and fall is not far behind. Our first in-person meeting in over a year and a half is happening next week at our new meeting place, the Ancala Country Club. It's being billed by the Board as a "gala," so I'm sure we're all going to want to attend. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone again, and to meeting all the new members we've recently acquired!

I want to call your attention to the fact that we have some planned events on the calendar for later this month and in October. Of course, the Durango-Silverton trip on September 9-12 has been closed for some time as reservations had to be made well in advance of the dates. But consider these: The Prescott Vette Sette's All-Corvette Show on September 25th is always a fun day - or weekend - in the mile-high, cooler city of Prescott. I note there's a trip to Jerome the weekend of October 18-19 to view the fall colors - and a Halloween costume party on the calendar scheduled for October 30th. Watch your email for more details on all of these events. They promise to be interesting and fun!

I received a postcard in the mail a few days ago regarding the Vintage Visions Luncheon & Boutique Shopping event being put on by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale on Tuesday, November 9th. Two of our members, Cheryl Bloom and Krysha Sorce, are active in this organization, and a number of SCC gals have gone to these luncheons in the past. They've always been fun, so check out the information on [page 27](#) of this newsletter if you are interested.

As always, I want to thank all of you who have contributed photographs, articles, matters of interest to Corvette enthusiasts like us, and ideas to make this issue of our Club newsletter the best it can be!

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne





## ***MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES***

*Frank and Pam Perno and their new Red C8*





## AND MORE MEMBERS WITH NEW VETTES

*Al Banen and Marsha Cohen and their new 2021 Black Convertible  
(You can check out their story on [page 20](#) of this issue!)*





### Fran and Corvette, the Waitress!

I got a text from Fran Harder on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the above photo and comments: "Newsletter worthy? While enjoying a birthday dinner and wine at the new Cooper's Hawk restaurant and wine tasting room, we met our waitress, whose name is ... wait for it ... CORVETTE!!! For real!! We were so surprised! She said to send all our Corvette friends to her. LOL!"

Fran and Ken



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.





## **HALL OF FLAMES MUSEUM AND LUNCH AT OHSO BREWERY & RESTAURANT**

**Story and Photos by Frank Tasnadi**

At the Scottsdale Corvette Club, July is typically a "dark month," no Membership meeting, no Board of Directors meeting and no events. 2020 was a rather lean event year because of COVID, so this year we tried to change that up a bit with two single-day July events.

On Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, members Rich and Angie Kosina hosted a trip to The Hall of Flames Museum of Firefighting in central Phoenix. It was established in 1961 and is the largest museum of its type in not only the US but the entire world! Hundreds of vehicles from around the globe dating back to 1725 are on display. They are separated into 4 different galleries, spanning thousands of square feet and many decades of firefighting progress. Other displays include The Hall of Heroes, honoring firefighters from around the globe, wild land firefighting, fire alarm systems and many more displays and topics. They also have a 50-seat theater and do many educational events ranging from school children to retired firefighters and visiting dignitaries.



Club participants seated are Rich Kosina and Amy Jo  
and John Gottfurcht



Pictured first row from left, Angie & Rich Kosina and Amy Jo Gottfurcht; second row, Mark & Stacey Chulew and Gloria & John Snook; third row, Frank & Janet Tasnadi, Donna Reagan, Rex West, & Mike Reagan; fourth row, Robert & Joan Williams, Izzy & Mary Beth Myers (I think Mary Beth is hidden behind Rex)

Staffed almost completely by volunteers, our hosts this day were just that, retired firefighters volunteering their time. What made this so special was not only the knowledge they possess but the amazing enthusiasm and pride they share. The Museum is typically closed on Mondays, but they agreed to open up just for us. In return, several of us made a cash donation, and the Club purchased an "honor brick" honoring firefighters everywhere. Here are photos of some of equipment and displays in the Museum:









After two hours at the museum we took a short drive to The OHSO Brewery and Restaurant on Indian School Road for lunch. Upon arriving at the parking lot, we were greeted by a very nice young lady directing our Corvette traffic to a private area reserved just for us. Once inside, this same very delightful, personable lady exceeded expectations with her friendly greeting and over-the-top service. It took only a few more minutes to figure out why she was so special to this group... She, a/k/a Kristin, is the daughter of our hosts, Rich and Angie! Easy to see the apple hasn't fallen far from the tree! Food was good, the service was great and the event was first class!! Thanks to Rich and Angie for making our day such a success!

Those in attendance: Rich and Angie Kosina, Mary Beth and Izzy Myers, Mark and Stacey Chulew, Frank and Janet Tasnadi, Mike and Donna Reagan, newbies John and Amy Gottfurcht, John and Gloria Snook and Robert and Joan Williams.

Frank

**This one from Rollie Trayte may put a smile on your face!**





## AL AND MARSHA'S C8 ODYSSEY

Story and Photos by Marsha Cohen

After waiting at least 6 months for delivery of a 2021 Corvette, the day finally arrived when we began our odyssey to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and back to Arizona. We awakened at 3:00 a.m. to make our American Airlines flight to Nashville (closest airport to Bowling Green), which left Sky Harbor on time at 6:00 a.m. The almost 3-hour flight was smooth with no rowdy passengers, everyone wearing masks and no food, except the bagels we brought along.

We secured a shuttle service to drive us the additional hour to Bowling Green, and shared the van with an extremely talkative and outspoken native Chinese lady. At times her accent was hard to understand, but she was repetitious in her opinions and observations, among which were the fact she was amazed that, while in China it was common practice to share one's wealth with relatives, in America, we give it to "strangers." And in China, it is assumed children will help their parents financially, whereas in America, it is the other way around.

Our driver took us to the hotel we had reserved, which, luckily (because we didn't yet have a car of our own) was within walking distance of an Outback Steakhouse.

The next morning a van and driver arrived right after our motel breakfast to take us to the Museum. The driver, John, would be with us for the next four hours, exclusively, explaining all the fine points of the car, and serving as our private docent in the Museum. He was extremely knowledgeable and patient, as there is so much to learn about the car, its capabilities and its options. In the Museum all the cars for delivery that day are roped off in the lobby for visitors to admire. (No touching permitted.) We think ours was the most outstanding in all black... it looks like the Batmobile, and that is the name we have given it. The Museum is quite large and, in addition to Corvettes of every vintage, there are some competitor cars, plus a huge exhibit of the actual sinkhole which swallowed many cars that were on display in 2014.



Finally, John drove our car off the floor (with me in the passenger seat) to cheers and applause of the other visitors. And we set out for our first stop, which would be Memphis.

We mapped out our route in advance and made reservations at hotels in advance, although we did make some changes on the way. I say "hotels" instead of "motels" because we determined that to protect the car from potential theft if left overnight in a motel parking lot, we would opt for big city hotels with secured parking. In Memphis, we had a beautiful room overlooking the Mississippi River.

Our next stop was New Orleans. We spent two nights at the brand new Hilton Higgins Hotel, which is directly across the street from the World War II Museum. Both Al and I had been to this Museum years earlier when it was just getting started and was a small building in a warehouse-type area. Now it is a huge complex of many buildings, and some are still under construction. Founded by Stephen Ambrose ("Band of Brothers"), it has taken over the whole area, and become an industry unto itself. The Museum contains combat airplanes of all types and sizes (not replicas), and one can only assume that the building that houses them was built around the planes. The exhibits are fantastic, with lots of eyewitness testimony, films, etc. The Hotel itself is decorated in 1940's style with wartime pictures to go with the art-deco furniture. We had a great view from the roof garden restaurant (named Rosie's, after "Rosie the Riveter"), and enjoyed drinks and dinner while watching a beautiful sunset. Our brief visit to the French Quarter was a disappointment. It was extremely seedy and not at all like we remembered, although we did have a great Italian dinner there.

Our next stop was Houston, where we had a bit of difficulty navigating the freeways. Our On-Star also led us astray, sending us to Main Street in Houston, rather than Main Street at our next stop, Fredericksburg, Texas. We pulled into a car repair shop and got directions from an employee as to how to get out of town. Sometimes the old-fashioned way trumps technology. Fredericksburg, which is a day trip from Austin, was settled by German immigrants in the 1850's. It is known for its bratwurst and bakeries. The area is known as the Hill Country of Texas, birthplace of LBJ, and home to a burgeoning wine industry. Over 100 wineries have sprung up over the last twenty years. In addition, this boomtown boasts the Nimitz Museum, memorializing the Admiral who oversaw the war in the Pacific. This was another fantastic museum, complete with a submarine, and detailed tableaux of all the major battles in the Pacific. We stayed at the Hangar Hotel, which is a converted airplane hangar, done in WWII decor and located at the local airport. We had a fantastic dinner at Backwoods Barbecue - brisket and tri-tip, Texas style.

The next day was our longest drive. We expected to stop in El Paso, but opted to go a little farther to Las Cruces. Texas is endless, and so little of it is settled. The speed limit is 80 mph on the interstate, so you can just imagine how fast we were going at times on an open road with a brand new Corvette with 500 horsepower. (No tickets.)

Our last stop in Las Cruces was in a motel, where the car seemed very vulnerable. However, the desk clerk moved his car so that we could put the Batmobile in his space, which he could watch from his desk. Otherwise, I think Al might have opted to sleep in the car!





The weather was its worst in Arizona where we hit some blinding thunderstorms. We did hit a few thunderstorms in other areas, but they were short (some lasting less than a few minutes). We reached our home in Fountain Hills a week after we had left, safe and sound. The people we met along the way were universally friendly and helpful. When you make eye contact with someone, they tend to smile and greet you, rather than look away. It was an eye-opening and memorable trip, and we recommend a museum pick-up for your next Corvette!

Marsha

From my Wickenburg “car guy” friend:



**C8 CORVETTE GETS AGGRESSIVE BLACK WIDOW WIDEBODY TREATMENT**

[Go here to see the video and more](#)

**SCC GIVES BACK AT  
ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK  
July 23, 2021**

**Story and Photos by Frank Tasnadi**



Front row, Stacey Chulew, Angie Kosina & Janet Tasnadi; back row, Mark Chulew, Rich Kosina & Frank Tasnadi

Our Friday July 23rd event was one we originally did a couple of years ago, just prior to the COVID debacle, and it was a huge success! We attempted to do it again late last year, but the pandemic took us out. So this year we were again able to do something good for our community.... We call it "The SCC Gives Back."

Let's face it, if you own a Corvette you are likely doing fairly well in this life, certainly through hard work, but maybe a break or two along life's path helped too.

Each time we meet for an early lunch at Mimi's restaurant in the Desert Ridge area and then caravan to St. Mary's Food Bank on 31st Avenue in central Phoenix at 1:00 p.m. Once there, we become a high performing team of box packers, where we pack boxes of food for those less fortunate. It is a fast-paced event with scheduled breaks to keep us all vertical. It is a very rewarding event, and once you've done it, you will want to return. We wrap up at about 3:00 p.m., feeling good about the day's activities and knowing we have made a difference....we have indeed given back to our community.





When I contacted the St. Mary's folks, they said July was the month they most needed help so I volunteered us. I soon discovered why July was a slow volunteer time.... Many are on vacation, and SCC is no different! Several who enjoyed the first event called or emailed me with regrets, explaining they would love to do it again but would simply be out of town. They all said they would do it again if we have a repeat event later in the year.

So armed with only three couples: Kosina, Chulew and Tasnadi, we went searching for help to fill out our roster. As Janet and I met via pickleball-playing friends, we called on that same group to help. We were able to bring the total volunteers under the SCC banner to 12 hard-working people. Everyone had a great time and agreed we will do this again....just maybe not in July!!

Frank Tasnadi



From my Wickenburg "car guy" friend:  
**Chevy Corvette C8 vs. C8.R:**  
**How the Race Car Headed to Le Mans Is Different**  
**[Go here to find out the answer!](#)**



From Rollie Trayte:  
**First Look at Caffeine Metallic on the 2022 Corvette at the Carlisle Show**  
**[Click here to read about it and see more photos](#)**



Another from Rollie Trayte:  
**Long-gone 4-seat 1963 Corvette revealed in rare images**  
**[Go here to see for yourself!](#)**





# 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](mailto: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.

Princess Cruise Lines, Ltd. Ship's Registry Bermuda

### 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:

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SAVE THE DATE!  
THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH!  
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WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**



**Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!  
With so many new members,  
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MEETINGS!**

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DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT  
THE NEXT DINNER IS WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15TH!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**





## THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.** This is a book about books, and the American Library in Paris (ALP) is the repository of thousands of books, maintained and cared for lovingly by the dedicated staff. Odile Souchet, graduate of library school, gets her dream job working at the ALP in the late 1930's. In 1939 when the Nazis occupied Paris in their quest to conquer the world, the librarians at the ALP did everything to protect their precious inventory of books and reading materials from destruction and worked to keep disseminating these materials to their devoted "subscribers" or patrons of the ALP, some of whom were Jewish citizens. With the occupation, many people were not able to be out and about on the streets of Paris, and Odile and the other librarians delivered books and other materials to their loyal subscribers. Interwoven with the story of Odile's life in Paris during the Second World War is a second story of Lily, a teenage girl who lives in a small town in rural Montana in 1983. Curiously, Lily's next door neighbor is an aloof, unfriendly woman named Odile who moved to Montana with her husband right after the Second World War. There are many twists and turns in these two stories, and it is so well written that you find yourself unwilling to leave Odile and Lily and their loves and problems and sorrows. In other words, it's a compelling book you won't want to put down.

***Perfect Match* by Jodi Picoult.** Jodi Picoult is an author I have read over the years, sometimes with great enjoyment, others not so much. *Perfect Match* is a very readable, engaging story about a mother, who happens to be a prosecuting attorney, who avenges the rape of her child by a priest. It is at times contrived, and in the end just downright unbelievable. The small portions of the story told from the child's point of view were poignant, but the conduct of the adults, from the mother, the father, the mother's long-time male friend, even the judge who tried the murder case against the mother - all were at times over-the-top unbelievable for me. Having said that, I am not sorry I read the book. As it happens, it was the July pick for my book club, and we had a very interesting discussion about it this morning.

***The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris* by Jenny Colgan.** If you love Paris, as I do, and relish all things French when it comes to chocolate and wine and food and on and on, then this just might be the perfect light-hearted book for you. It's not about any World Wars or other times of strife, just a story of an English girl, Anna Trent, who works in a chocolate factory in England, suffers a slightly crippling accident, and when she recovers, is persuaded by her French teacher, Claire, to take a job in a chocolate shop on the Ile de La Cite' in Paris. The descriptions of the chocolate shop are enchanting, and Anna learns a lot about making extraordinary chocolate, quite unlike the chalky English chocolate with which she was familiar. Anna's adventures in roaming around Paris, living with her weird roommate Sami, working in the chocolate shop with its erudite owner, Thierry, and meeting his estranged son, Laurent, who is also a chocolatier in a large hotel, all make for a fun, romantic, at times dramatic, adventure in reading. I hope you enjoy this one as much as I did.

***Hello, Sunshine* by Laura Dave.** Perhaps the quote in the forefront of this book is the key to the dilemma of Sunshine Mackenzie, the protagonist. It's by Groucho Marx: "The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you've got it made." Sunny Mackenzie wakes up on her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday to find she has lost her job, her husband and her home due to the ultra-glamorous but fake life she has been leading. The thing that keeps you turning the pages with interest is how Sunny deals with these cataclysmic events in her life. While I might not rate this book quite as highly as Dave's latest novel,



*The Last Thing He Told Me*, or an earlier one that I loved, *Eight Hundred Grapes*, it was definitely readable and held my interest right to the end.

***The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.** I must confess that I spent the first half of this book trying to convince myself that I liked it enough to finish it. But now that I've read this story of racial identity, I'm glad I stuck with it and didn't give up. This story takes place during the period from the 1940's to the 1990's. Desiree and Stella Vignes are identical twins raised in Mallard, Louisiana, a town exclusively populated by light-skinned blacks. When the twins decide to escape the stultifying atmosphere of their small town, one of them disappears and reinvents herself as a white person. It's a story filled with secrets, discrimination, scholarship, determination and ambition. Ultimately, I found it to be interesting and very readable. Sometimes you just have to persist with reading until you reach that satisfying moment when you can no longer turn back.

***Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.** Frank Drum, the narrator, is an adult telling the story from his life as a 13-year-old boy living in New Bremen, Minnesota, in 1961. Frank's father was the town minister, who served three different protestant congregations in the area. Unexpected, unsolved deaths have occurred in New Bremen, beginning with the death of a young boy, Bobby Cole, who was killed by a train while he was on the tracks of a railway trestle over the river - an event that caused Frank in his quest to understand Bobby's death to call it "the awful grace of God." Four more deaths occur that summer, and Frank, a perceptive boy with a gift for listening in on adult conversations, is instrumental in solving most of them. To quote Simon & Schuster, the publisher: "It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God." This is a book I personally savored. Mr. Krueger has a wonderful ability to draw the reader in and never let you go till the story is finished.

***The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell.** In the beginning I felt that this book was swimming in characters with whom I had trouble connecting. By the time I was about a third of the way into the book, I was able to piece together the various relationships. The crux of the story is that a well-to-do family in London's posh Chelsea neighborhood allowed another family access to their spacious home. Gradually, the impostor family led by the father, David Thomsen, takes over the house and dictates all the actions of all the occupants. The story has some interesting twists and turns. When I became more involved in the story, I felt compelled to finish it to learn how it all came out.

***The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.** This story covers so many aspects of life and is so compelling that, if I were the giver of awards for excellence in writing, I would have to give Kristin Hannah the Oscar, the Emmy, the Nobel, the Pulitzer, all the prizes that cover any aspect of excellence in writing. A quote from the book gives a glimpse of what to expect from this reading: 'Hard times don't last. Love does.' If you're familiar with Kristin Hannah's books, you'll expect that the reading will be emotional, and this book brought me to tears many times - tears of pity, tears of joy, tears of sorrow - but the author never lets you down, never lets you put the book down either. I simply cannot say enough about how much I loved this book and the story it tells. The author of *The Nightingale* and many other excellent novels has written another winner!

Happy reading!

Dorinne

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