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If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one-time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, caravan rules and nametag. This fee is due at time of application for club membership along with pro-rated dues amount for the first year.

Our Club Year runs from October 1 through September 30th. Annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual, payable in advance.



CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Louis Biglieri
1ST Vice Pres. – Events:	Randy Forrester
2nd Vice Pres. – Membership:	Cheryl Blackstone
Secretary:	Debbie Dukes
Treasurer:	Dave Trauger
Communications Director:	Betsy Lindegren

APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

Webmaster:	Gary Linsner
NCCC Governor:	Allen Teixeira
Sunshine Representative:	Ruth Looney

PAST PRESIDENT: Dave Trauger

Mailing Address:

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET December 5 6:00 p.m.
(5 p.m. no host dinner)
Bobby Salazar's Restaurant Patio
SW Cor Champlain & Perrin
ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME
If you wish to attend, please notify
Communications Director, Betsy Lindegren**

“Fiberglass Forever” is a monthly newsletter striving to provide information regarding Corvettes of Fresno, Inc. to the public at large and to share information regarding COF Club Events/Activities with the general membership.



PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



My last General Membership Meeting as President was on November 21st and I want to thank all of my Board for all of their work these past two years.

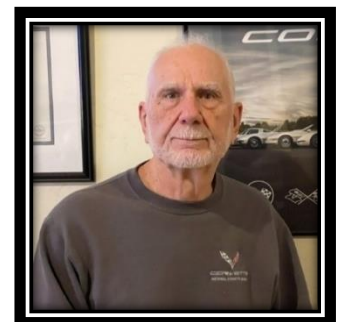
Due to Randy's absence, I called upon members to report on events. Mitch discussed the Kearney Mansion run, Lee spoke about the Veterans parade event, I shared info regarding the COF Christmas Party, and Lee discussed the Sanger Christmas Parade run.

It has been a difficult year due to the passing of many of our members most recently, Carol Trauger and Jerry Clark. I am hoping for us all to continue pulling together in the coming year.

With the new administration taking charge in January, I am looking forward to seeing some old and new things. I'm hoping in 2024 we will be able to increase our membership by putting together day runs with visits to wineries, air and car museums; maybe even visiting Hearst Castle, the Melodrama in Oceano and staying the night; and of course lunch runs to your favorite restaurants.

Finally, I am proud that this club will be able to make 3 generous donations, \$1,000. each to the following 501c3 charities: Marjorie Mason Center, Nancy Hinds Hospice and Community Food Bank. We have set aside funds to repeat these donations next year.

Save the Wave,
President, Louis Biglieri





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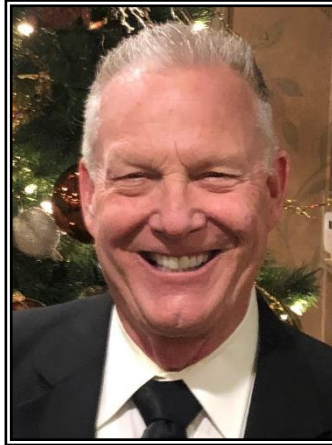
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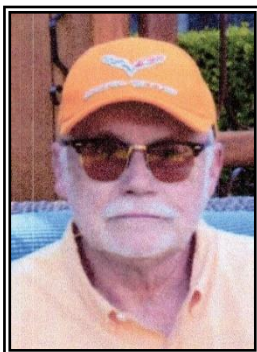
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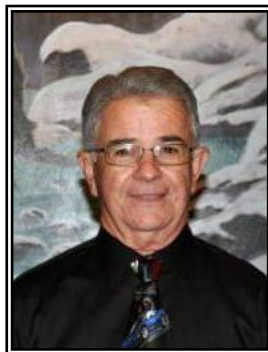
Board Appointed Officers

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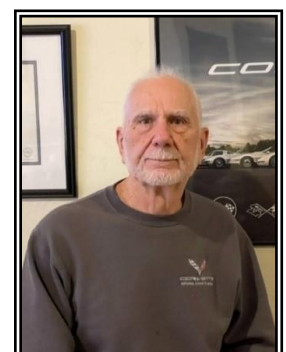
Allen Teixeira

Sunshine Rep.



Jan Pflepsen

Past President



Louis Biglieri

**Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023**

Call to Order: President Louis Biglieri called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Louis Biglieri, Cheryl Blackstone, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Betsy Lindegren, Allen Teixeira and Ruth Looney. Randy Forrester and Gary Linsner were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last General Meeting dated October 17, 2023 were published in the November 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Jerry Najarian and seconded by Socorro Biglieri. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Don Dukes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Trauger reported the accounts activity for the past month, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Ruth Looney. Motion approved.



For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Membership Report:

Cheryl Blackstone reported as of November 21, 2023, Corvettes of Fresno has 61 members and 48 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 33 members and no guests.

New Cars

Lee Delap is the proud owner of a 2016 C7 arctic white Corvette and Joe Bratton is the owner of a black 2008 Z06. Congratulations!



Communications Report:

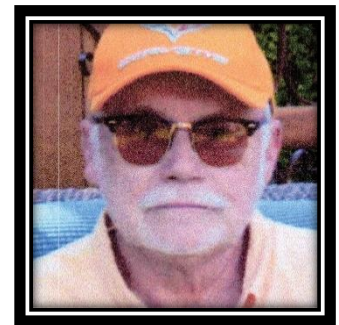
Betsy Lindegren reported that December will be her last month as Communications Director. Socorro Biglieri will be the new Communications Director starting January 1, 2024.

In order to include the pictures from the COF Christmas Party and the Sanger Christmas Parade in the December newsletter, the newsletter will be published a little later than usual.



Webmaster Report:

Gary Linsner was absent, no webmaster report.



Activities Report:

In Randy Forrester's absence, Louis Biglieri reported the following:

Activities Report: Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at www.corvettesoffresno.com. In Randy Forrester's absence, Louis Biglieri reported the following:



Past Events:

November 4: Kearney Mansion tour and dinner; hosted by Mitch Koligian. Mitch thanked everyone that participated in this run. They had an excellent tour guide and they would like to visit the Kearney Mansion again sometime when it is decorated for Christmas.



November 11: Veteran's Day Parade hosted by Lee Delap.

Lee stated that COF has received a letter from the Veteran's group thanking our club for taking part in this parade. The veteran's that were picked up to ride in the parade were all visually challenged and they were very excited about going. If you still have one of the Veteran's signs that were given to you to place in your car, please return them to Billie at the January club meeting.

November 18: Carol Trauger's Celebration of Life.

Ruth Looney reported that she attended a very nice memorial for Carol Trauger.

Remember: Members can always see run/event pictures posted on the Corvettes of Fresno Facebook Group Page, and Anyone can see run/event pictures that are posted on the Corvettes of Fresno Website.

Upcoming Events:

December 1: COF Christmas Party co-chaired by Socorro Biglieri and Cece Karlie. Louis stated that 44 people have signed up to attend the Christmas party. It will be held at the Belmont Country Club and Mokey Cowger will be the DJ.

December 2: Sanger Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Lee stated we will be staging at the northeast corner of Kings Canyon and McCall at 9:00am. You may decorate your car for the parade but please do not wear a Santa suit. There is to be only ONE Santa at the parade. The parade will start at 11:00am. Afterwards we will meet at the Red Caboose for brunch.

We need runs for 2024.

Please start thinking now about runs that you would like to host.

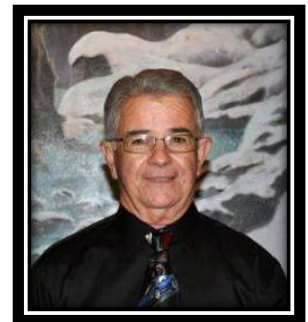
**PLEASE SEE PICTURES FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY & SANGER
CHRISTMAS PARADE ON PP 11 to 15**

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. This meeting will be held at Bobby Salazar's at the southwest corner of Champlain and Perrin with both the outgoing Board members and the incoming Board members in attendance.

The next General meeting will be on January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave. There will not be a General meeting in December.

NCCC Report:

Allen Teixeira reported that Cheryl Blackstone is helping him put together an article regarding the 2023 Reno/Tahoe Tour to be published in the winter edition of the Blue Bars. Also, we should all be receiving new membership cards soon.



Sunshine Report:

Ruth Looney reported that our club recently lost members Carol Trauger, Jerry Clark and former member Dick Johnson. Carol and Dick's Celebration of Life services were held in November and Jerry Clark's Celebration of Life will be held on December 9th from 1:00 – 4:00 at 5876 E. Powers, Clovis, CA.



Editor's Note: See Page 19 for December Birthdays & Anniversaries.

Old Business / New Business:

Cheryl Blackstone announced that the Board suggests that the donations for 2023 will be split between 2023 and 2024. The three nominated recipients, The Marjorie Mason Center, Nancy Hinds Hospice and the Community Food Bank will each receive \$1,000 a piece in 2023 and again in 2024. By a show of hands, the General membership agreed to the donation recipients nominated by the Board.

Lee Blackstone reported that the Advisory Committee held their first meeting on November 15, 2023. With fourteen members in attendance, there were many good suggestions made. **The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 6:00pm on January 24, 2024 at Denny's on Blackstone and Herndon.** For anyone interested, please feel free to attend.

Louis Biglieri announced the names of the 2024 Board Members:

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2nd Vice President - Membership: Gary Pflepsen

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Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the November Name Tag Drawing was Louis Biglieri. Louis was present with his name tag on and won \$10! The January name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

50/25/25: The two winners got \$32 each. Both were won by Gary Pflepsen! Congratulations!!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Najarian and seconded by Pete Cholakian. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:44pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary**



I just want to thank all of Corvettes of Fresno membership for helping to make my life a little more interesting, engaging, and a lot more eventful during the past 7 years I've spent on the Board of Directors. It's been a great time and I am now ready to enjoy just being a part of the General membership ...

Thank you to those who have stepped forward to take on leadership roles...

Thank You to those who quietly work behind the scenes to help this Club and its Membership move forward through both good times and hard times...

I know the Board of Directors and all the Club Members will continue to work towards maintaining the fellowship and comradery that are an integral to our Corvettes of Fresno Family.

*Sending you all hugs and well wishes XOXO
Betsy Lindegren, 2020 through 2023 COF
Communications Director*

2023 Christmas Party Pictures



Side, Christmas Party Co-Chairs Socorro Biglieri & CeCe Karlie have good reason for having great big smiles. What a Wonderful Event Ladies. Thank you So Much

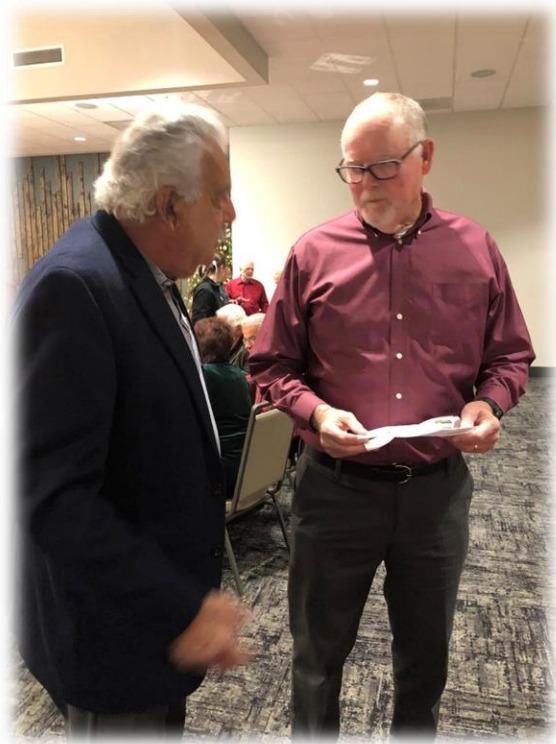


Above, outgoing President Louis Biglieri announces Geri Ware, Cheryl Blackstone, & Betsy Lindegren were all selected by the Board of Directors as 2023 COF Members of the Year



Side, Incoming President Lee Blackstone expressed thanks from all of us to Outgoing President Louis Biglieri who is holding his Plaque.

2023 Christmas Party Pictures – Continued



2023 Christmas Party Pictures – Continued



2023 Christmas Party Pictures – Continued



2023 Sanger Christmas Parade Pictures

Thanks Lee Delap. for organizing this Wonderful Event



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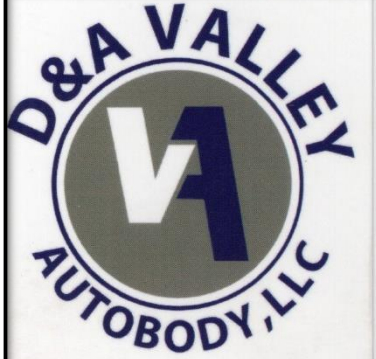
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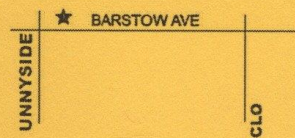
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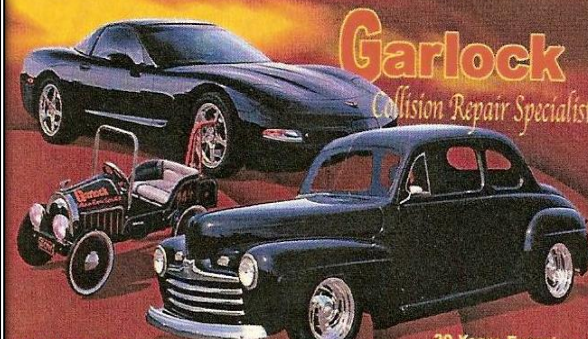
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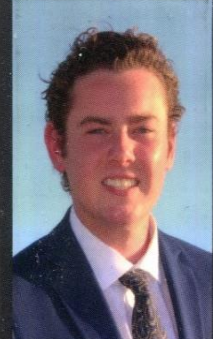
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Kirk Yergat – 24

Lee Blackstone – 26

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& DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None



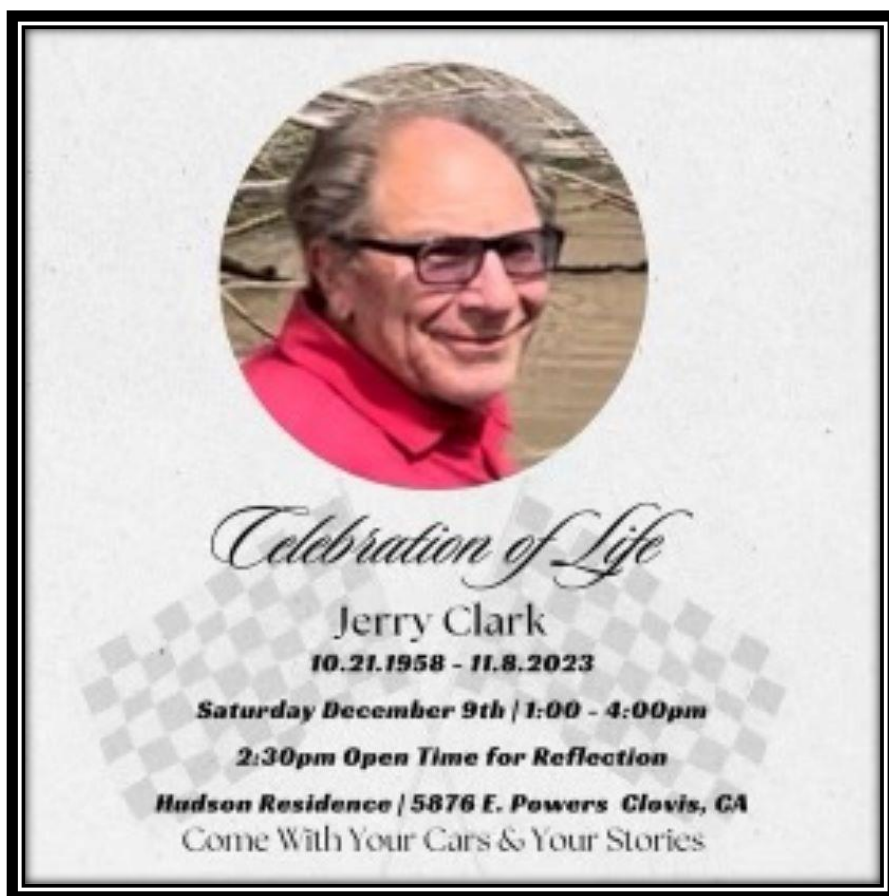
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