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**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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**

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

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Webmaster:</b>	<b>Gary Linsner</b>
<b>NCCC Governor:</b>	<b>Allen Teixeira</b>
<b>Sunshine Representative:</b>	<b>Ruth Looney</b>

**PAST PRESIDENT: Dave Trauger**

### **Mailing Address:**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC  
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Fresno, California 93729-6223**

## **COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET November 7 via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.**

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME**

**If you wish to attend, please request invite from 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

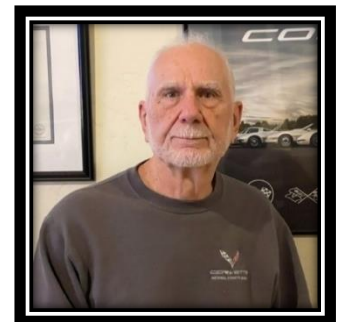


Let me start off by offering my condolences to Dave Trauger on the passing of his wife Carol Trauger a very good friend of the members Corvettes of Fresno. She will be greatly missed. Socorro and I have known Dave and Carol since 2007 when we were members of Sierra Corvettes, the local Visalia Club.

Now I want to congratulate both Cheryl Blackstone and Gerri Ware for the money raised for Charities. I'm not sure but I bet they set an all-time high on funds raised. At the zoom Board Meeting on Nov. 7, we will be discussing the different Charities that could receive the funds. All COF members are invited to sign in, just let Betsy know so she can send you sign in instructions.

Congratulations to our new board members for 2024, Lee Blackstone President, Darrick Duerksen Events Coordinator, Gary Pflepsen Membership, Socorro Biglieri Communication Director, and Jan Pflepsen Sunshine person.

Save the Wave,  
President, Louis Biglieri







# 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

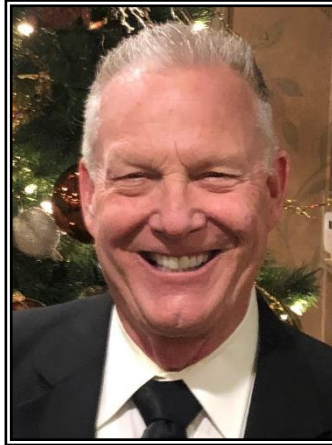
## Elected Officers

**Lee Blackstone**



**President**

**Darrick Duerksen**



**1st Vice Pres. - Activities**

**Gary Pflepsen**



**2nd Vice Pres. - Membership**

**Debbie Dukes**



**Secretary**

**Dave Trauger**



**Treasurer**

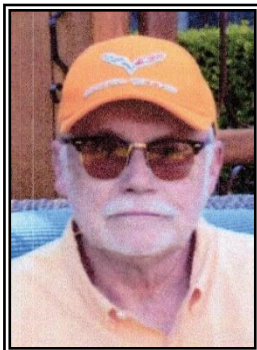
**Socorro Biglieri**



**Communications Director**

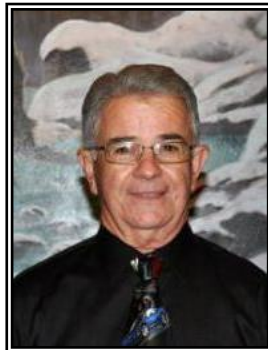
## Board Appointed Officers

**Webmaster**



**Gary Linsner**

**NCCC Governor**



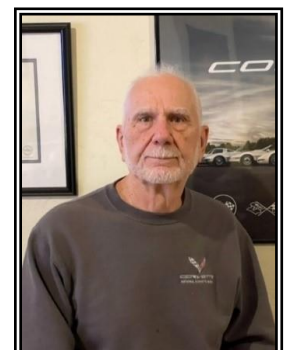
**Allen Teixeira**

**Sunshine Rep.**



**Jan Pflepsen**

## Past President



**Louis Biglieri**

**Corvettes of Fresno**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 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, Betsy Lindegren, Gary Linsner and Allen Teixeira. Randy Forrester, Dave Trauger and Ruth Looney were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last General Meeting dated September 19, 2023 were published in the October 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Clay Mumby. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Nancy Teixeira and seconded by Pete Cholakian. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Dave Trauger's absence, Gerri Ware 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 Gary Pflepsen. Motion approved.

Gerri Ware and Cheryl Blackstone announced the profit made from the Reno/Tahoe Tour. Donation recipients will be discussed at the November Board meeting and presented to the general membership for approval at the November General meeting.



***For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger***

## **Membership Report:**

Cheryl Blackstone reported as of October 17, 2023, Corvettes of Fresno has 63 members and 48 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 45 members and 2 guests. Our guests tonight are Sharon Minnich and Darlene Trower. Sharon is a former Corvettes of Fresno member and Darlene is a guest of Joe Bratton. Darlene will become a new member of COF soon.



Rolando and Lori Martinez are the proud owners of a new 2023 C8 LT2 Hypersonic Gray Corvette. Congratulations!

Please notify Cheryl if you have any changes that need to be made in the COF directory.

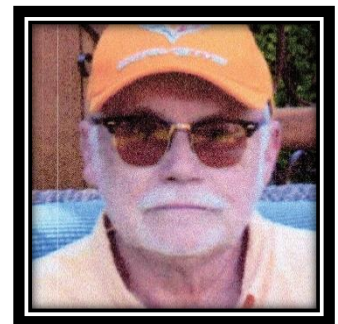
## **Communications Report:**

Betsy Lindegren reported that Carol Trauger is home from the hospital and is on hospice. Everyone please keep Dave, Carol and their family in your prayers.



## **Webmaster Report:**

Gary Linsner reported that he is working on obtaining a new website host for the club website. The web page is up to date and please notify Gary if there is anything you would like to have posted onto the website.





**Activities Report:** Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com).

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



**Past Events:**

**October 7:** Lodi Car Show; hosted by Lee Blackstone. Lee reported that four cars attended this event. It was a nice venue with lots of nice cars.

From COF Facebook Group Page: Lee Blackstone at the Corvettes of Lodi car show. 125 beautiful Corvettes, an airshow and steak sandwich!



**October 8:** Snelling Car Show; hosted by Lee Blackstone. Lee reported that two cars attended this event. It was a nice car show with a deep pit barbeque.

**October 15:** Dennis Christensen Celebration of Life. Jan Pflipsen reported that eleven cars attended Dennis' Celebration of Life.



Editor's Note: Gerri Ware said they had a fun time at the Beach Boys Concert at the Big Fresno Fair. Picture from COF Facebook Group Page





### **Upcoming Events:**

**October 19:** Ladies' Card Party hosted by Betsy Lindegren. 10:00 – 1:00. Please contact Betsy and let her know what dish you will be bringing for the potluck.

**November 4:** Jack Back Memorial – 11:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**November 4:** Kearney Mansion tour and dinner; hosted by Mitch Koligian. Meet at 2:00pm at the Cosmopolitan for the drive to Kearney Mansion. The tour will last approximately forty-five minutes to one hour. There is a \$5 charge per car to enter Kearney Park and an \$8 charge to tour the mansion. After the tour we will return to the Cosmopolitan for dinner. Dinner choices are rigatoni with meatballs, New York steak, salmon marsala or chicken parmesan ranging in price from \$36 to \$44, including tax and tip.

**November 11:** Veteran's Day Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Please meet at Best Uniform, corner of Shaw and Fresno Street at 8:30am. After the parade everyone will meet at DiCicco's at Cedar and Nees for lunch.

**December 1:** COF Christmas Party co-chaired by Socorro Biglieri and Cece Karlie. Socorro stated that there will be a no host bar starting at 6:00pm. Dinner is \$50 per person and Chuck Ware will be the MC for the evening.

**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. Afterwards we will meet at the Red Caboose for brunch.

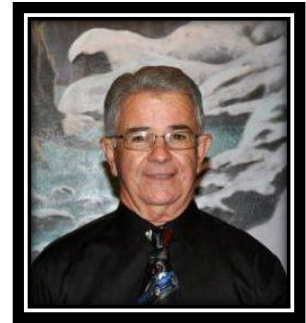
**Lee Blackstone stated that the new Advisory Committee will have their first meeting in the middle of November. Lee will have Betsy send out the date, time and location to those members that have signed up to be on the committee.**

**The next Board meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on November 7, 2023 at 6:30pm. Please contact Betsy if you would like to be included in this meeting.**

**The next General meeting will be on November 21, 2023 at 7:00pm at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave.**

### **NCCC Report:**

Allen Teixeira reported that NCCC has sent out emails informing everyone that they are covered for 2024. If any other members would like to be a part of the 2024 caravan to Bowling Green they will pretty much be on their own, all hotel reservations have already been made for the twenty-one day trip.



### **Sunshine Report:**

In Ruth Looney's absence, Jan Pflepsen reported that Don Dukes will be having surgery to have a brain aneurysm repaired.

Jan spoke to Walt Spate and he said that he misses all of us and he will try to make it to the Kearney Mansion run.



Mokey Cowger had successful eye surgery.

Jan announced birthdays and anniversaries for October.

**Editor's Note: See Page 15 for November Birthdays & Anniversaries.**

### **Old Business / New Business:**

President Louis Biglieri named the following nominations for the open board positions:

President: Lee Blackstone

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Events: Darrick Duerksen

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Membership: Gary Pflepsen

Communications Director: Socorro Biglieri

Sunshine Person: Jan Pflepsen

Allen Teixeira made a motion for one unanimous ballot be cast in favor of all nominees; Ron Lindegren seconded. Motion passed. The new Board members for 2024 have been elected.

## **Old Business/New Business – continued**

Socorro Biglieri requested approval of \$300 for hors d'oeuvres for the Christmas party and three \$50 raffle prizes. Allen Teixeira made the motion to approve the request and Clay Mumby seconded; motion passed.

Allen Teixeira thanked Gary Linsner for the great job he is doing with the Corvettes of Fresno website. Gary is very much appreciated for his hard work on the website and for putting together the Reno/Tahoe Tour slide show.

**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner for the October Name Tag Drawing was Billie Talley. Billie was present with her name tag on and won \$10! The November name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

**50/25/25:** The two winners of \$40 each were Debbie Dukes and Gary Pflepsen! Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Lan Mumby. Motion approved.

**Meeting was adjourned at: 7:59pm.**

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







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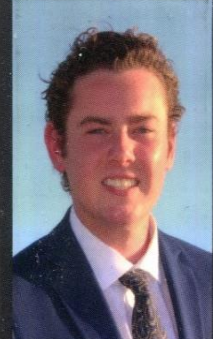
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### ***NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS***



**Allen Teixeira – 5**  
**Sheri Garlock – 7**  
**Nina Gagnebin – 14**  
**Don Dukes – 17**  
**Bill Sahatdjian – 17**  
**Pat Williams – 19**  
**Lisa Chaney – 22**  
**Lance MacKay - 22**

### ***& NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

**None**



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