

# December 2020



# The Orange Pits

## Final 2020 Coronavirus Special Edition

### OCV VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year this has been! If anything, living through this pandemic has made me realize that we take too much for granted and need to appreciate family and friends like never before. We have had to learn patience and a new way of life for now. Even though right now things seem to be getting worse, we need to be more vigilant in keeping our loved ones and ourselves safe and healthy.

It has been very frustrating to not be able to have club meeting, socials and events. The Board has been able to organize a few events that were in line with Covid guidelines, and we appreciate those that have been able to participate. We will continue to try to organize outings that are safe, but still allow us to get out, see each other and exercise those fantastic Corvettes that we have. If anyone has a suggestion for something we can do, please let any Board member know. We will keep the membership apprised of when the next event will be.

We hope that you are enjoying your floral arrangements that we distributed this weekend. Since we cannot have a Christmas party this year, we wanted to be able to do something for you to put a smile on your faces and bring a little joy into your homes. Thanks to the Board members for being the Elves on Saturday, making deliveries to all of you. A special thank you to Janet Cherry for making all of the cards that went along with the arrangements. Thank you to Carol Thompson for putting together this year-end newsletter. Thank you to the OCV Board members for continuing to hang in there and keep this club moving forward.

Please be safe and stay healthy during this holiday season. I know that it will be different for all of us, but we are resilient and will come out on the other side better than before! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, wear your mask and save the wave!

Conda

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### Editor's Note

The last OCV Newsletter came out in May. This newsletter will provide information to cover activities through the end of 2020.

I tried to cover all the activities that have occurred in this newsletter, If I missed anyone's information, I apologize in advance. I realize now that with so much time passing between newsletters, I should have kept better records during the year! Thanks to all the members who helped provide info for the articles and thanks to Jerry Wheeler for his photos.

# Drive-by Party for Joe Goff

May 27<sup>th</sup> was Joe Goff's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. His family (granddaughter Kaci and daughter Teri) arranged for a surprise drive-by birthday party. Members of OCV and the Model A club met in Tustin to coordinate the drive-by. Cars were decorated and people had signs to hold up when they passed Joe's house. He was outside with his wife and daughter passing out birthday cupcakes to all the participants. It was great to see so many people stepping out for Joe's special day.





# Airport Breakfast Sept 5

On Sept 5, Janet Cherry set up an un-official breakfast outing for OCV at Wings Café, the Fullerton Airport restaurant. The venue offered outside seating (which was allowed at that time). Twenty members attended. It was great to get to see members again and catch up on the news. Thanks to Janet and the Board for setting up the breakfast.





# OCV Holiday Gift Delivery

By now everyone should have received their holiday flower arrangement from OCV. Since we are unable to get together for the annual OCV holiday party, the Board decided to bring a little bit of the holidays to everyone's home. Board members personally delivered the flowers to members who live locally. The accompanying cards were handmade by Janet Cherry. Thanks to the Board for finding a really nice way to say "Happy Holidays!"



Left: Member Ellie Jeppesen receives her flowers.  
Right: Marian Bronston with flowers sent from OCV. Below: New members Michael and Doris Dix hold their holiday flower arrangement.



Card that was delivered with flower arrangements





# Spark of Love Toy Drive

Saturday, Dec 5, OCV members were invited to participate in the Spark of Love Toy Drive being held by Laguna Hills Fire Department. Bob and Cecil Blattenberg coordinated the event. Twenty Corvettes took the drive from Fashion Island in Newport Beach, along the coast through beautiful neighborhoods, to the Crossline Church in Laguna Hills. It was a beautiful day and it was fun to drive by the multi-million dollar homes in the area.

Each person was asked to bring an unwrapped toy for donation. The group stopped near the church to regroup so we could enter the event together. Once there, Orange County Fire Authority partnered with KWAVE radio to help collect and distribute toys to non-profits throughout Orange County. It was a drive-through event and the toys were collected in a Coronavirus-safe method.

Many thanks to Bob and Cecil for organizing the event and providing maps for the morning drive.













# Drive-by Greetings for Bryce

Ted Feduska is a long-time OCV member. Ted's grandson, Bryce Zuiden, was released from CHOC in November after undergoing brain surgery. He had to have a very complicated surgery on his brain to alleviate seizures. Bryce is ten years old. Ted told the OCV Board that Bryce would really appreciate a "Welcome Home, Get Well Soon Drive-By". OCV is always looking for reasons to drive our Vettes and that was a perfect reason!

The group met on Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Home in Mira Loma). Ted led the group to the Van Zuiden's home in Eastvale. Many members had signs to welcome Bryce home. Afterwards, the group took lunches to a nearby park for an impromptu social distancing picnic.

# Board Member Elections

No one could have foreseen that March would have been Janet Cherry's last meeting as our President. Elections were held and all offices were filled except for Secretary. Then new member Tim Elder stepped up to volunteer. Thank you, Tim! The OCV Board for 2020-2021 is:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Conda Takanabe  |
| Vice President | Leo Mann        |
| Secretary      | Tim Elder       |
| Treasurer      | Janet Cherry    |
| Director       | Bob Blattenberg |





# Food Truck Dinners

Throughout the summer, OCV members met to visit and have dinner from food catering trucks located at two OC shopping centers. One took place on Tuesday evenings at the Home Depot in Yorba Linda/Anaheim Hills. Another was on Thursday evenings at Total Wine in Huntington Beach. Various members took part in the dinners each week. Conda's son, Brandon, owned and operated one of the trucks. It was fun to meet up with everyone and also to help out the truck owners with extra business during the COVID crisis.





# Food Truck Dinner Pictures





## Poker Funrun Drive and Picnic

The Board proposed another activity for early November, however, it had to be postponed a week due to the fires burning in inland Orange County. On Sunday, November 8, even though it was still windy, the fires were under control. We were able to take a drive along our 2019 OCV Poker Run route. That was followed by a social distancing picnic at Bill Barber Memorial Park in Irvine. Everyone brought their own lunches. Just as we did for the 2019 Poker Run, OCV members met at Enderle Center in Tustin to begin the ride. The drive went out by Trabuco Canyon, Santiago Canyon, and Cook's Corner and took over an hour to complete. The drive ended at Bill Barber Park where a surprise waited for us. Member Dave Hamel arranged for music along with our old friend and prior member Roy Southerland. Dave and Roy performed a variety of songs and everyone enjoyed the impromptu concert. Thanks to Dave for performing and to the Board for setting up a fun day.









## OCV Birthdays and Anniversaries

Normally, birthday and anniversary information is included in every monthly newsletter. Since we don't know how long it may take before we can start having meetings again, below is an

updated list of OCV member birthdays and anniversaries for the year. (if any information is incorrect, please email Carol Thompson with the correct information.)

### January

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

2 Conda Takanabe  
4 Jane Wheeler  
12 Ron Molendyk  
15 Ruth Nichols  
20 Bill Kupper  
23 Michael Molendyk  
24 Henry Walker  
26 George Loveren  
27 Mark Shearer  
28 Jan Hartzog  
31 Masako Burggraf

3 Larry & Nancy Ward  
20 Walt & Alice Willard  
22 Tram & Jan Hartzog



### February

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

2 Sue Walker  
4 Hank Grampre  
5 Carrie Strand  
6 Jack Grubisich  
8 Tim Elder  
8 Ferris Worden  
12 Mike Blume  
16 Ray Cranston  
17 Bernie DeMarkey  
22 Fred Fossek  
23 George Martin  
28 Rosemary Shearer

13 Mickey & Sue Lookman  
14 Ray & Ellie Cranston  
22 George & Isabella Loveren



### March

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

4 Ellie Cranston  
12 David Walsh  
22 Bob Blattenberg  
25 Richard Thompson

### April

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

3 Doris Dix  
4 Debb Van Der Upwich  
7 Pat Beucler  
8 Bruce Williams  
11 CW Gruenig  
16 Sue Fossek  
17 Teri Kupper  
21 Janet Cherry  
23 Chris Hamel  
27 Leo Mann

3 Tim & Peggy Elder  
9 Michael & Doris Dix  
17 Fred & Sue Fossek



#### Birthday

13 Marian Bronston  
22 Peggy Elder  
27 Joe Goff  
28 Bill Norman

#### Birthday

5 Walt Willard  
5 Dorothy Treece  
13 Judy Oedekerker  
15 Barbara Hall  
17 Dee Gruenig  
20 David Hamel  
23 Dave Ruffell  
24 Janis Parkinson  
29 Steve Bronston  
29 Ivan Nichols

#### Birthday

2 Michael Dix  
5 George Fyhrie  
5 Tram Hartzog  
9 Helen Norman  
12 John Treece  
17 Ted Feduska  
17 Ron Pavak  
17 Nancy Ward  
20 Tony Siragusa  
23 Judy Crouch  
27 Janet Walsh  
28 Matt Beucler

#### Birthday

3 Bob Burggraf  
4 Tronya Nelson  
20 Jim Lunda  
21 Lori Blume  
23 Jaye Brown  
28 Ruth Worden

### May

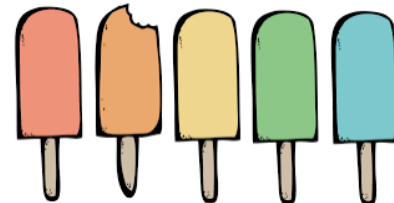
#### Anniversary

3 Tony & Vicky Siragusa  
25 Mark & Rosemary Shearer

### June

#### Anniversary

8 Bernie and Nina DeMarkey  
13 Gary & Judy Oedekerker  
27 Ivan & Ruth Nichols



### July

#### Anniversary

10 Brian & Margaret Hoiem  
14 David & Chris Hamel  
20 Bob & Cecil Blattenberg  
27 CW & Dee Gruenig



### August

#### Anniversary

3 Mike & Lori Blume  
12 Steve & Marian Bronston  
13 Leo & Donna Mann  
15 Henry & Sue Walker  
21 Richard & Carol Thompson  
24 George & Denese Fyhrie  
28 Ron & Val Molendyk



## OCV Birthdays and Anniversaries (Continued)

### September

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

- 3 Margaret Hoiem
- 4 Judy Lundal
- 4 Val Molendyk
- 4 Bob Van Der Upwich
- 9 Michelle Molendyk
- 17 Mike Stought
- 27 Vicky Siragusa

- 2 Bob & Debb Van Der Upwich
- 3 Bill & Helen Norman
- 19 Matt and Pat Beucler
- 25 Jim & Judy Lundal

### October

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

- 8 Isabella Loveren
- 8 Richard Sheff
- 11 Donna Mann
- 12 Denese Fyhrie
- 13 Nina DeMarkey
- 14 Frank Reese
- 27 Ellie Jeppesen
- 27 Betsy Slauson

- 27 Jerry & Jane Wheeler



### November

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

- 1 Larry Ward
- 3 Ken Blankshain
- 5 Carol Thompson
- 13 Robin Rosen
- 14 Carole Howard
- 15 Cecil Blattenberg
- 17 Lynda Fox
- 17 Alice Willard
- 18 Gary Oedekerck
- 18 Art Rosen

- 8 Don & Betsy Slauson
- 28 John & Dorothy Treece



### December

#### Birthday

#### Anniversary

- 6 Barbara Pavek
- 15 Brian Hoiem
- 15 Jerry Wheeler
- 21 Sue Lookman
- 26 Mickey Lookman
- 28 Tony DeRosa

- 15 David & Janet Walsh
- 17 Ron & Barbara Pavek
- 18 Michael & Michelle Molendyk
- 27 Bill & Teri Kupper
- 28 Art & Robin Rosen
- 28 Ferris & Ruth Worden
- 31 Bob & Masako Burggraf

## Social Distancing Picnic

On June 7, an unofficial club picnic was held at Lagenbeck Park in Huntington Beach. Members sat in a circle with masks worn and social distance between everyone. It was the first meeting of OCV members since the lockdown started and many were happy to have a chance to say hello and catch up with friends. Thanks to Mike Stought who offered up the location and his bathroom since his house was across the street from the park.







The Orange Pits is the monthly Newsletter for the OC Vettes Club of Orange County, CA. This newsletter is intended to inform our membership about club news and events. Articles to be submitted for publication in the newsletter should be submitted on the night of the monthly General Business Meeting or sent via email to Newsletter Editor Carol Thompson at: carolthom99@gmail.com. All written correspondence to the club should be mailed to:

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O C Vettes (OCV) is a Corvette club based in Orange County, California. OCV is a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). OCV is an active supporter of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

O C Vettes is a club of individuals who appreciate driving Chevrolet Corvettes and enjoy socializing with fellow Corvette owners. Currently, OCV has over 100 members who enjoy a varied calendar of events. Car shows, day trips, overnight trips, extended trips or other events are usually scheduled each month.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Corvettes. More information is available on our Web site at [www.ocvettes.com](http://www.ocvettes.com).

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