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Region News

I would like to make this article just a bit different than usual. First, I would like to let you know about our 2017 Officer election. The slate of candidates remained the same as 2016 with one exception and that was our Secretary position. **Jeanne Cassel, Wisconsin Corvette Club** threw her hat into the ring some months ago and was elected along with **Bill Docherty, Windy City Corvettes**, Region Competition Director, **Shannon Davis, Great River Corvette Club**, Region Membership Director and **Nancy Bailey, Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Treasurer**. I will also be returning in the role of Regional Executive.

I want to thank **Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club** for filling our Secretary position during 2016. She did an excellent job for us and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

We have a lot of Midwest Region news to report as we head into the winter "off-season" and I will let **Bill Docherty** tell you about the Competition season and **Shannon Davis** to let you know about recent club Governor changes for 2017 in their articles below.

So what is different about this article? I would like to recognize a number of individuals for outstanding efforts that benefited the region as well as BETHS Place, a domestic violence shelter located in Tuscola, IL. You can find out more about this organization on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BETHSplace99/>

Corvette Club of Illinois has supported BETHS Place for a number of years and during the past few years they have worked with a local grocery chain to provide refreshments at selected events. This year **Tom McKinley and Linda Taylor-McKinley** took the lead in these efforts. It is a lot of work and coordination to bring the food trailer to events and with the help of many club members not only provided the food and drink throughout the weekends but also provided a sizable benefit for the charity. Thanks to all of the efforts of the club. It is a great cause. We are all proud of your accomplishments.

I also wanted to recognize **Bill Docherty (RCD), Duane Buchko, Windy City Corvettes, JR and Karen Hottenrott, Sunburst Corvette Club and Donn Malwick, Central Illinois Corvette Club** for coordinating the Midwest Region October Fundraiser Autocross and all of the members of **Central Illinois Corvette Club** who worked so hard to make the event run smoothly. It was a great weekend that could not have run so successfully without their efforts. A huge thank you to **Shannon Davis, Charlie Ferguson, Erik Fredrickson, Julie Fredrickson, Cindy Goldsby, Randy Goldsby, Robert Hall, John Hibbeler (Governor), Gloria Hoehn, Ron Hoehn, Debbie Malwick, Janice Murphy, John Murphy, Vicky Perry, Walter Perry, Louie Price, Ted Staten, Vicky Staten, Sarah Stuewe and Scott Stuewe**. The individuals above devoted the entire weekend to working the events. They earned our recognition especially since we had them chasing cones throughout Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, I would like to invite all region members to our annual Region Party and Awards Banquet. It will be held on the April 1, 2017 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL. **Dave and Joan Heinemann** will again host the event. **Joan Heinemann and Mary Ann Bugbee, Windy City Corvettes** are leading our 2016 Awards Committee. The awards they selected last year were outstanding. The Governors graciously approved funding that will bring each attendees cost down to \$35 for a family-style dinner, including an Open Bar. You cannot beat the price. I hope that you can all join us.

Wishing you all a warm and safe holiday season and Winter months.

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Competition Update

Once again, the region has completed over 200 events. Congratulations to our Champions; Men's – **Jack Wilson**, Ladies – **Linda Fairlamb**, Club – **Windy City Corvettes**, and Worker – **Dale Samuelson**. The region has 43 Men and 23 Ladies with 200 Plus points who will receive regional awards, as well as the top 20 workers by points for 2016. Note that two of our champions are also National Officers. **Jack Wilson** is Business Manager and **Dale Samuelson** is the VP of Competition. We also award the Top points earners in Autocross – **Jack Wilson** and **Linda Fairlamb**, Car Shows – **John O'Neill** and **Pat Stevens**, and Rallyes – **Larry and Susan Pagliaro**. The recognition of our top competitors at the Awards Party in Spring is one of my favorite duties as RCD and a great way to head into the 2017 season.

Thanks to everyone who chairs, plans, works and helps our events. Your efforts make this a great region to belong to and compete in. As of December 1, the National standings show **Chris Reitz, Janet Wilson, Linda Fairlamb**, and **Debbie Esicar** in the Ladies TOP 15; And **Tom Reitz, Jack Wilson, Brian Eichhorn, Jeff Craig**, and **Bill Esicar** in the Men's TOP 15. **Route 66 Corvette Club, Windy City Corvettes, Badger State Vettes**, and **Sunburst Corvette Club** are in the TOP 15 clubs nationally. As I write this article, there are still results to be posted, but I expect the Region to be well represented in the TOP 15's. Congratulations to All of them.

The schedule for 2017 is nearly complete, but there are several dates that have site issues. Let's hope they can be sorted out and there will plenty of events for us to show, Rallye, and autocross our Corvettes throughout the season. There seems to be something going on every weekend from March until October, so come on out and see what the competitive events are about. Remember, that they also social events with camaraderie, friendship, dining, and possibly a few beverages. Your support at events is essential to keeping our Region Clubs financially secure and our region a leader in the Competition Program.

So now, the snow is falling and the temperatures are cold and I look forward to spring and another great competitive season. I do make use of this off time to work on my cars and get them ready for the relentless chasing of points. Hope your Holidays were filled with Love, Joy and Happiness!

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