



**President's
Corner**

Greetings for November

Apparently several club members thought that the weather on meeting night justified staying at home with their Corvettes that they had put away for the winter. The lower attendance at fall/winter club meetings is not unusual, but it did seem a little lower than usual. I want to remind our members that we still have important business to discuss this time of year, not to mention the opportunity to see all of your friends. Please put our meetings on your calendar and come early enough to have a meal and help financially support our host venue.

We had a good time on the fall run, seeing beautiful countryside, having good weather, enjoying good food, and socializing with friends. Thanks to Gene and Linda for organizing a great event. The Perryville road cleanup was well attended and the many hands made for quick work. We were able to get to Granite City for an early lunch; unfortunately I don't think anyone found money this time. Thank you to Sam for hauling away the trash.

Doris presented hard copies of the proposed Bylaw changes. The plan is to let our members review the proposed changes and be prepared to discuss and answer questions at the next meeting. I expect that a final vote may not be taken for another couple meetings, so we have enough time to try to get all of the updates done in one pass. If you were not at the meeting, there are plans to get electronic copies of the proposed changes available soon.

The nominating committee presented the entire slate of officers for 2019. All incumbents for positions are nominated except Jack Wilson is nominated for Governor and Susan Chamberlain is nominated for Treasurer. Voting will take place next month.

The Tailgate party at Johnson's is cancelled due to Barb having some pain issues. The Logan's are hosting the Christmas party again on December 7. The Holiday Party is scheduled for January 12 and sign up has started. Payment will be due before the party, so get your reservation to Barb. It should be a fun night so get signed up.

Membership renewals are lagging so the size of our club seems to be shrinking. I want to remind those that are not renewing that there are a lot of things offered by the club. The variety of activities on our calendar provides a lot of opportunity for things to do involving your Corvette. If there is nothing that interests you, please let me know what type of activity you are interested in so we can look into adding that type of event. Maybe more importantly the personal relationships that can be developed are a big part of what the club offers. If you are not feeling that the relationships are developing for you I hope you will give the club another chance. Most of our members have experienced the way these relationships develop. The participation in a few activities seems to be the best way to get to know the other club members. Attending club meetings is not the easiest way to grow the social connections because of the more formal setting, compared to the casual setting of our events.

These are exciting times for automobile enthusiast, especially Corvette owners. We are anxiously waiting for the C8 Corvette. If we see the same interest in the C8 as we did with the C7, I expect more growth in the ranks of Corvette owners. Hopefully that will also add many new members to our club. As existing members of the club we all have an opportunity to help make new members feel welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please let me know.

Leon Gorsch
NICC President