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**The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club**

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**~Quick Hits from The Editor ~**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**January 2, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Deli Café-Holt**

**BOARD MEETING**

**January 16, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Delhi Café-Holt**

Please send any articles you would like to have  
published to: editor @ cccorvette.org

*From the President, "For What It's Worth"*

Happy New Year, Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and any other salutations that may apply to the new year of 2008 and the fiftieth anniversary of the Capital City Corvette Club.

I know this is the same stuff you hear every year but, I really am excited about the New Year, the fiftieth anniversary/birthday celebrations, getting the chance to serve as your president and to work with the new board. And of course to work with all of you to make this next year a truly fun year for all concerned.

Your board has already had its first meeting and we have several things in the planning stages. The new by-laws require an approved and balanced budget be in place before any expenditure can be made in the New Year. Obviously, this is a necessary fiscal responsibility for the good of the club and your board is working on the proposal as we speak. In order to maintain our financial stability and to continue to be able to spend money on the "Fun Things" it may be prudent to reduce costs or transfer responsibilities elsewhere on certain items. While some cuts may appear more obvious than others, we have an obligation to review and consider all options for reductions and consolidation of expenses.

Our major goal for 2008 is going to be to create an environment where everyone can participate and enjoy themselves at whatever comfort level fits them best. To those of you who eat and sleep Corvettes we will try to have as many activities as we can for you. For those of you who have kids, careers, cottages, boats or other hobbies or that life just keeps getting in the way of enjoying your car with us, please know that you are welcome at any time under any circumstances to join us and that any time you are unable to participate in an event you will be missed. Sandy and I have met many wonderful people through this club and we have made and maintain great friendships over the years of membership. Our goal is to continue and enhance that environment so we can all spend more time prospering old friendships and making new ones.

Remember, this club belongs to all of us and if we all work to make it better, it can't help but happen.

Thanks ***JB***

# CCCC General Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

## Reports from Club Officers

*From The Editor*

Please note that due to the December General Membership Meeting being held as our annual Holiday Party, there are no meeting minutes to report.

The December Board Meeting Minutes have not been received as of production date of this months newsletter; therefore they will be made available in the February edition.

With regard to other reports; due to the season, there are no Competition events to report, Points are updated on the home page, and Social Events are listed on the web calendar.

Thank you to all our 2007 Club Officers for all their dedication and hard work, and Welcome and Good Luck to all our 2008 Club Officers!





## Capital City Chatter

Please be sure to wish a **Happy Birthday** to the following CCCC Club Members!

Celie Bradfield-January 1  
Janyce Shapler-January 2  
Trini Dixon-January 3  
Mike Britz-January 4  
John Shepler-January 5  
Larry Wight-January 6  
Sue VanAtta-January 8

Diana Kuempel-January 14  
Carol Putmon-January 21  
Howard Parks-January 21  
Linda Swift-January 22  
Ellie Lickfeldt-January 24  
Pat Lickfeldt-January 31  
Randy Gisse-January 31

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The club is always looking for volunteers to help out or organize events such as car shows, community events, and social events. Please be sure to contact any of your club officers if you are willing to volunteer your time, and have some fun in the process!

### **Newsletter Articles**

The editor is always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter! Be sure to contact [editor@ccc Corvette.org](mailto:editor@ccc Corvette.org) with your Membership Profile, or "Vette Vignette. Remember, you can earn participation points for submitting articles!

# WINTERFEST

*SATURDAY, JANUARY 12*

*WAGON WHEEL BANQUET ROOM, PORTLAND*

*5:45 pm Cash Bar*

*6:30 pm Buffet*

*Door Prizes*

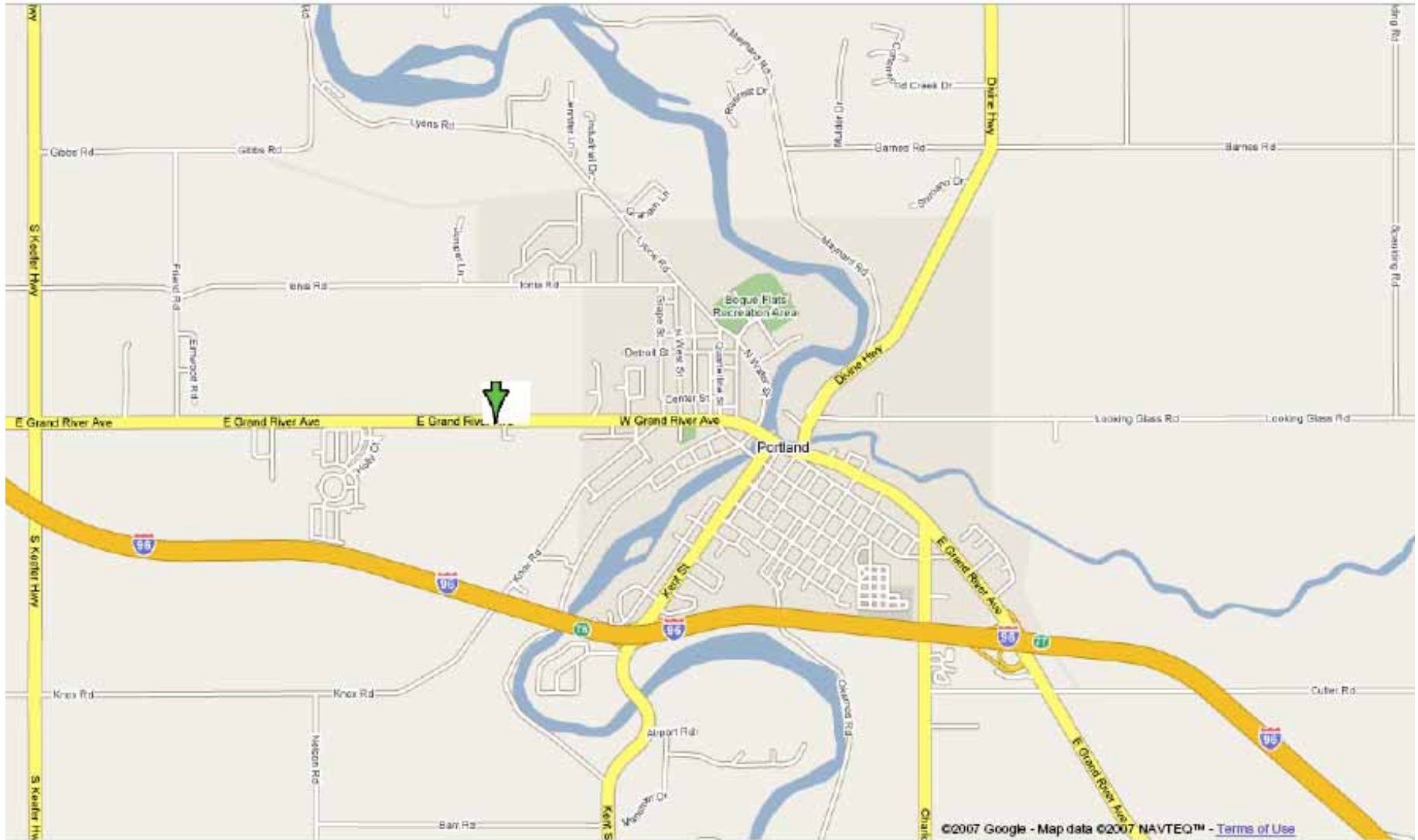
*Awards presented*

*\$25.00 per person*

*At the January 2008 Club meeting you may  
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