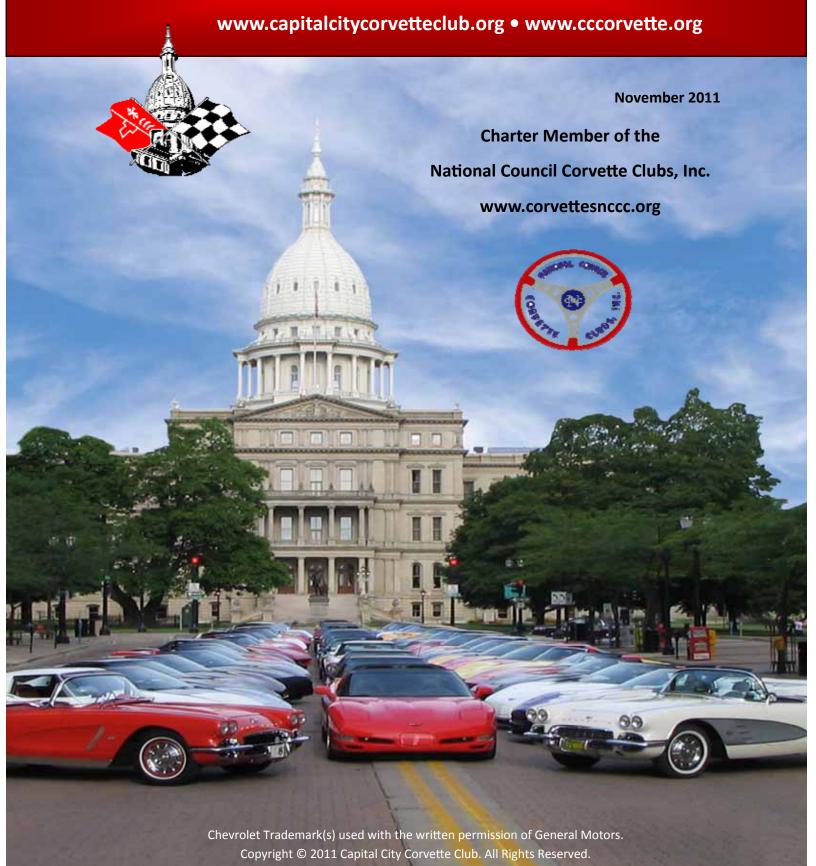
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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **General Membership Meeting**

November 2nd • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Board Meeting**

November 16th • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **November Birthdays**

Art Doty (4) • David Pursel (12)

Joe Platte (21)

#### **BINGO AT TAMARACK**

November 5th • See Flyer

#### **Let's Meet For Breakfast**

November 12th • See Flyer

#### The Purple Rose • Escanaba in da Moonlight

November 13th • See Flyer

### Holiday Christmas Party

December 10th • See Flyer

#### **Newsletter Article Deadline**

Send all December newsletter articles to



There will not be a December Membership Meeting



### From The President...



ovember already. Don't despair. It's closer to spring that it was last week. Janet and I are dragging our feet on taking the driving insurance off the Vette. You never know when a real nice day will show up, and we want to be able to take advantage of it. With my luck, I'll end up trying to get it into storage after a foot of snow has fallen – but it will be worth it for just a couple extra cruises.



It's almost a relief to have all our major shows and driving events out of the way for the year.

Now we can concentrate on the upcoming holidays with our families and friends. Not that the ol' club is done for the winter. We'll have breakfasts; maybe a Drive and Dine or two; Bingo; a holiday party; an awards evening. Then who know what else will crop up before Spring. If you have any ideas, bring them up, or just set up an event at your leisure. Someone will gladly help you along if you have never done one. We are also looking for chairpersons or co-chairs for our Blessing of the Vettes and Horsepower at the Zoo shows next summer. Please consider volunteering. You can even set up a small workgroup or organizing committee if you prefer. No rules, but we have some helpful guidelines.

By the time you read this we will have a new Board of Directors elected for 2012. Not a lot of changes, but I hope that can be considered a vote of confidence. The club seems to be running along without major issues, as it should. I sure hope everyone is happy as they appear to be. We try to keep things fun and interesting.

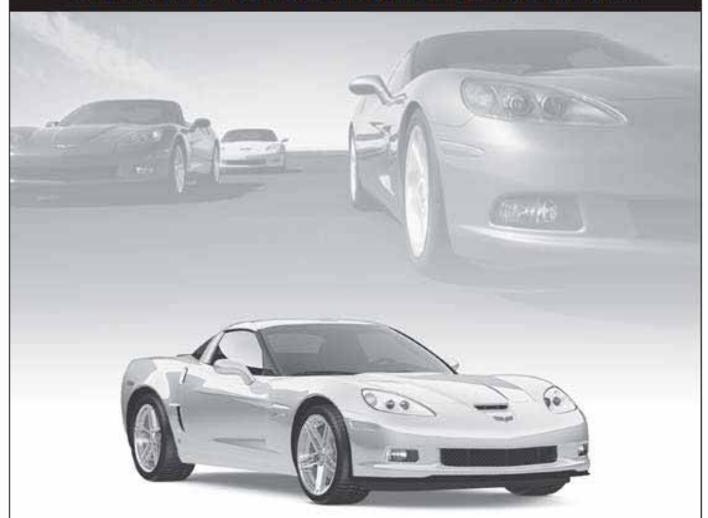
I "plan" to send out a short survey to everyone. It will help us more specifically determine what everyone is interested or disinterested in doing. That will help guide the direction of club events and other activities. Stay tuned.

I guess it time to go out and clean the eaves troughs for the third or fourth time in the last week or so. Nice and wet this time around, but it still beats snow. Ooops. Forget I mentioned snow! See ya'll at the next event.

Save the Wave! Craig



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DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2011

**TIME:** 2:00 – 4:00 pm (set up at 1:30)

**LOCATION:** Tamarack Apartments

4400 Holt Road – Holt, MI

Keep gathering your "fab" Bingo prices. Hand made items are always a plus, but if you're not "crafty", stop into Meijer or the dollar store and pick up some bric-a-brac. Being so close to Christmas, think of items they can use (gift wrap, Christmas cards, decorations); and items they can keep or regift (stuffed animals, decorative towels, pot holders, etc.). What would you like?

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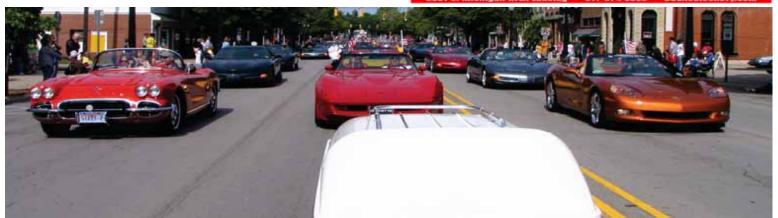
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### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB October 5th, 2011 Membership Meeting



Social Time & Dining around 5:30 P.M.

**President: Craig lansiti** opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. by welcoming guests and new members. He reminded members that waivers must be signed by each individual attending the event, in other words spouses cannot sign for one another.

Janet lansiti: reported on the success of Horsepower at the Zoo or "HAZ". There were 128 cars in attendance. She advised those present at the meeting, she had a number of dash plaques still available if someone who attended the show did not receive one. She thanked members for contributing to the success of the show. When Janet reported the amount the club netted, Sandy Bechtel proposed the club round that amount up to an even \$4600 to be given to the Potter Park Zoo. The motion carried.

#### **Roundup of September Events:**

**Carol Putmon** reported the **Bonfire, Hayride, and Potluck** held at her home was a huge success with 45 people attending. She thanked all who came who helped make the evening great!

**Craig** told members about attending the Jackson Corvette Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presenting them with a plaque to commemorate their anniversary.

**Greg Kapp** told about the recent **Fall Getaway Trip** to Portage Lake and Onekema. He reported on the beautiful weather albeit a little windy. The group witnessed picturesque nature scenes which included the salmon fish ladder, otters playing in the wild, a morning fog-covered lake. Attendees scattered and did things on their own and later met for dinner. All in all, it made for a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

#### **Board of Director Reports:**

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** reported on attending the recent Governor's Meeting.

The 2013 Convention is being planned to take place in Bowling Green. There are many topics to be voted on and although he has not received his ballot yet, he encouraged CCCC members to refer to the National website and get back to him with their opinions on matters so that he could reflect our club's wishes on his ballot.

Secretary: Connie Britz asked that minutes from the September Board Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** reported the club's current account balances.

Mike reminded Craig to discuss the club's donation to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Craig had suggested at a Board Meeting that the club give the donation, which is usually given in December, early since the Food Bank had recently experienced some setbacks. They had lost a lot of food due to a malfunction of their refrigerator and freezer. The club approved of giving their donation of early this year.

Sandy Bechtel encouraged members to donate individually if they would care to.

**Points: Kim Keith** said points were all updated unless someone had more to tell him. **Kim** explained to new members that the club uses the point-based system to determine which events are most attended by members and to plan events which have interest to the group.

**Membership: Dave Pursel** reported that membership stands at 98 members and 61 FCOA's. Dues are due in November and must be paid in order to run for office or to vote for the 2011-2012 club officers. If dues are not paid by the end of the meeting in November, a late fee will be assessed by NCCC. The application for renewal can be found on the club's website.

**Editor: Randy Buck** had nothing new to report. Joe Thomas gave Randy the address to the Corvette Museum so that he can send copies of our newsletter to the museum. This will ensure that CCCC's newsletter will be eligible for the museum's newsletter contest.

**Competition: Rich Bratschi** reported he has booked Spartan Speedway again for the last weekend in July 2012. Although prices for the Speedway have increased and race participants have decreased, he will be prepared to organize the low-speed event again for next year if the club decides to run the low-speed event again. The proceeds from this event go to the general club operations fund.

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### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB October 5th, 2011 Membership Meeting



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Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel said letters will go out next month for advertisers for next year's newsletters.

**Social: Carol Putmon** reported the Christmas Party would be held Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 4:00 P.M. at Coral Gables in East Lansing. There will not be a general meeting on Wednesday, December 7. It is hoped that this time will encourage more people to attend.

#### **Upcoming Club Activities:**

'Let's Meet for Breakfast' on October 22nd, organized by Angela Hyde, will be at Blondies in Haslett. This will precede the Toys for Tots 'Drive & Dine' also organized by Angela. Members are encouraged to bring Walkie Talkies. Marine Corps guidelines for toys are to be observed (no Play Dough, stuffed animals, or liquids of any kind).

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher told members she had sent a thank-you letter to Jim Hoppin for his recent appearance at the last meeting where he spoke about the club's beginning, etc. and his loan of documents and pictures to be scanned for club's archives.

**Historian: Sue Keith** reported on items recently acquired to be included in club's archives. The items are: 52 printed editions of old newsletters. She thanked **Ted Lasher** for scanning articles, pictures, and documents lent by **Jim Hoppin**. She also thanked **Carlo Litrenta** for donating a hand-painted club banner he had recently found in an old trailer he had purchased.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** gave **Randy Buck, editor**, address for museum.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** told club he had scanned material pertaining to club history lent to him by **Jim Hoppin**. Ted also told club members about a production of Escanaba in da Moonlight at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea in November. He was going to put together a notice about the upcoming event on the website and also make a flyer.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not present.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt was not present.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** reported that date for 'Ladies to Shop' would be Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Dress Barn. She also reported a coworker of hers had written an article in the Sparrow employee newsletter on **Gloria and Simon's** involvement in the CCCC and how the club was instrumental in raising money for Sparrow charities.

**Member Input: Colleen Bratschi** took nominations for the club's next year slate of officers. These will be voted on at the November meeting.

Craig showed the plaque given to the club for their donation to the VFW National Home for Children.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Joe Thomas**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz, Secretary





### Sunday, November 13th 2:00pm Matinee

### Escanaba in da Moonlight

A Comedy by Jeff Daniels

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the woods, the Michigan classic, *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*, returns to its original home on the Purple Rose stage. As the Soady clan gathers at the family deer camp, Reuben Soady is hoping to get his shot and shed the mantle of "the buckless yooper." But as opening day of deer season approaches, a series of weird occurrences and crazy locals seem to prevent him from bagging his buck. One thing is sure, this hilarious hunting trip will be one for the Soady history books!

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By Mike Wehner, Tecca



hevrolet Corvette turns into speedboat with \$1.7 million price tag. Seeing a Chevy Corvette tearing up a freeway is a common site all over the United States, but we never thought we'd see one riding the waves. Performance boat manufacturer Marine Technology, Inc. wanted to change that, and the result is an insanely powerful aquatic speed demon called the ZR48 — a boat that boasts neck-snapping speeds and a massive price tag.

Built using parts from a genuine Corvette ZR1, the ZR48 oozes style. Its sleek body lines are undeniably auto-inspired, and great touches like genuine taillights and Corvette badges make it a treat to look at. The boat's body is built out of lightweight carbon fiber, which is as strong as metal but much lighter.

But it's not just the outside that will appeal to Chevy diehards, the interior has been given an equally stunning treatment. After entering through custom gull wing doors, the driver is treated to a true Corvette cockpit, complete with an original shifter and steering wheel. Leather and suede seating provides room for six, and a 8,000 watt sound system ensures that the party never stops.

If you feel like enjoying some quality programming while cruising the open sea, you can switch on the built-in LCD displays which come complete with Apple TV and a mobile wifi hotspot. iPad owners get additional treatment with a custom dock and charging station. The accessories alone are powered by a standalone Fischer diesel motor. The ZR48 has just as much "go" as it has show, and a pair of 1,350 horsepower, twin-turbo Mercury Racing engines deliver speed on demand.

The 48-foot monster boat comes with a special, tricked-out trailer to suit its extra wide stance. The transporter features a total of 5 TVs, a DVD player, LED display lighting, and matching paint scheme. In transit, the boat is situated sideways on the trailer to avoid the need for special highway permits.

As you may have guessed, the customer nature of the ZR48 and its luxurious touches demand top dollar, and a price of no less than \$1.7 million is being asked. The one-of-a-kind boat will undoubtedly make you the star of whatever marina you frequent, and wealthy Corvette fans will surely find its charm hard to resist.

#### Submitted by Janet lansiti





### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB October 19th, 2011 Board Meeting



**President: Craig lansiti** opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Craig used that time to update Board Members on his wife's, Janet, recent knee replacement surgery. He was glad to report everything went well. Her recovery was going well and she is looking forward to having her other knee replaced in about 6 weeks.

**Board of Director Reports:** 

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer reported on attending the recent Governor's Meeting. Simon updated Board Members on voting for next year's officers. He concluded by saying he was trying to reflect club's wishes on the various candidates, etc. He informed members that the 2013 convention would be held in Bowling Green. He presented the national calendar as it presently stands. Board Members decided the club should reserve dates for our events. Those included were Spartan Speedway, July 28 & 29, Blessing of the Vettes, June 9 (hopefully getting better weather by making it a little later), and HAZ Sunday, September 16. These dates may be rescheduled if need be.

**Secretary: Connie Britz** asked that minutes from the September Board Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** reported the club's current account balances. He had emailed Board Members the current budget. He stated that the Food Bank donation had been deducted but that the donations to the Potter Park Zoo and the VFW Children's Home still needed to be presented. The Potter Park Zoo representatives will attend the next meeting to accept the donation. The Children's home donation will be given in the future at a time still to be determined.

**Points: Kim Keith** told members the points 'season' was winding down. He said that the most attended event by members were meetings, followed by HAZ (which is also the most attended car show in the area), and the breakfast gatherings. He also reported that he would use his allotted budget.

**Membership: Dave Pursel** reported that membership renewals are about 60% complete and that he expects more at November's General Meeting. Dave is updating the club's data base and will email a dues reminder to members.

**Editor:** Randy Buck reported he would include a reminder to pay dues in the next newsletter. He also shared that the newsletter is almost 100% electronic which saves the club a lot of money on printing and postage.

Competition: Rich Bratschi had nothing new to report.

Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel was not present.

**Social: Carol Putmon** reported the Christmas Party would be held Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 4:00 P.M. at Coral Gables in East Lansing. There will not be a general meeting on Wednesday, December 7. It is hoped that this time will encourage more people to attend. November 5 will be Bingo at the Tamarack Apartments. Dress Barn will not be on November 10 but will be postponed until spring.

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Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was not present.

**Historian: Sue Keith** reported on items recently acquired to be included in club's archives. The items are: 32 printed editions of old newsletters, NCCC Convention Programs, Award Banquet Programs, 2000 Top Ten, Membership Lists, and HAZ items. Sue received these items from Cindy and Phil Hanses (a former CCCC President). She also received 2 tote bins of Car Show Supplies which she gave to Randy Putmon..

She met with Jim Hoppin (a founding member of CCCC) and his wife, Judy, at the home of Ted & Julie Lasher so that Jim could identify photos he had lent to Ted to scan. He also donated more memorabilia which included a Steuben Crystal Bowl awarded to CCCC in 1962 by Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation for being the national Outstanding Club of the Year.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not present.

Photographer: Ted Lasher was not present.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt was not present.

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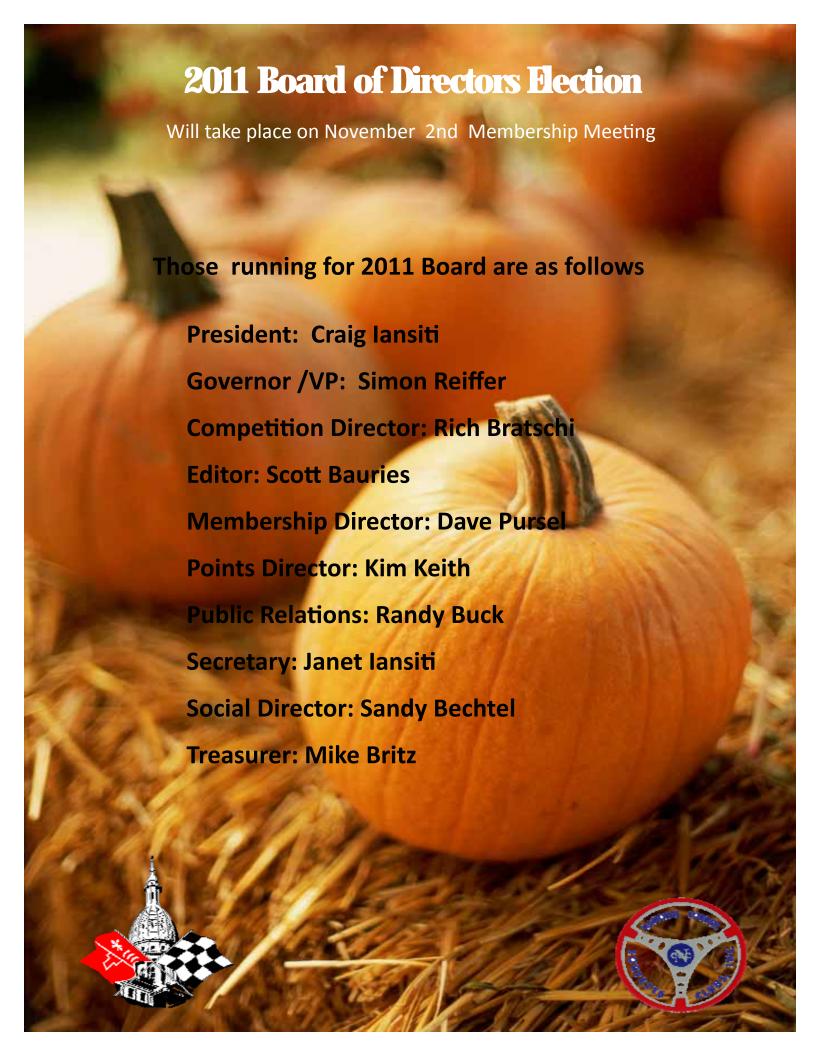
Items for Discussion, Reminders, and General Information
The discussion about the use of the GM Logo not being in compliance was resolved. No one is currently not in compliance.

Because of time constraints, it was decided to discuss other topics at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz, Secretary







### Capital City Corvette Club



### Participation Points as of October 30, 2011

71	Sandy Bechtel	8	Randy Gisse	11	Shalimar Maynard	0	Victor Smith
21	James Boettcher	24	Vidal Gonzalez	2	Linda McMillan	4	David Sowders
21	Mara Boettcher	6	Ward Harris	11	Barb Musselman	0	Fran Sowders
61	Colleen Bratschi	24	Howard Hein	11	Steve Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
70	Rich Bratschi	45	Angela Hyde	1	George Nelson	4	Steve Spinrad
21	Connie Britz	97	Craig lansiti	50	Dominique Palacios	2	Alex Spitzley
37	Mike Britz	81	Janet lansiti	48	Jerry Palacios	2	Joan Spitzley
0	David Brown	1	Dick Iding	6	Diana Parks	3	Janet Sprague
24	Diana Brown-Mosher	31	Greg Kapp	8	Howard Parks	8	Michael Sprague
86	NancyLee Buck	93	Kim Keith	18	Joe Platte	10	Ralph Swan
95	Randy Buck	95	Sue Keith	13	Ed Politza	10	Susan Swan
38	Chris Burke	2	Frank Kessler	13	Suzanne Politza	23	Connie Taylor
49	Terry Burke	2	Judy Kessler	51	David Pursel	23	Tom Taylor
17	Dennis Burt	1	Laurie Ketcik	22	Kathryn Pursel	31	Joseph Thomas*
9	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	66	Carol Putmon	39	Harold Twining
14	Dana Conley	0	Judy Koos	64	Randy Putmon	37	Katherine Twining
14	Darrell Conley	23	Sheila Lansing	112	Gloria Reiffer	33	Sue VanAtta
25	Dave Cripe*	50	Julie Lasher	102	Simon Reiffer	0	Larry Warren*
11	Pat Cripe	60	Ted Lasher	78	Robert Ribar	0	Linda Warren*
5	Darwin Day	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	32	Milton Scales	4	Lee Webster
46	Art Doty*	19	Patrick Lickfeldt	9	Brenda Shatkosky*	1	Robert Wheeler
42	Nancy Doty*	28	Carlo Litrenta	12	Richard Shatkosky*	35	Larry Wight
1	Catherine Eiseman	26	Janet Litrenta	2	Bill Simons	12	Gary Wyma
1	Raoul Eiseman	19	Bob Maynard	22	Thomas Sipka	16	Kathy Wyma
15	Jennifer Everhart*						

### **Current 2011 Top Ten**

112	Gloria Reiffer	95	Randy Buck	86	NancyLee Buck	71	Sandy Bechtel	
102	Simon Reiffer	95	Sue Keith	81	Janet lansiti			
97	Craig lansiti	93	Kim Keith	78	Robert Ribar			





December 10th, 2011

Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave.

East Lansing, MI

Time: 12:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Buffet at 1:00 p.m.

Cash Bar opens at 12:15 p.m.

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Please bring a donation for the Lansing food bank (canned or non perishable items)

**Bob Maynard with also be collecting monetary donations for the Lansing Food Bank** 





The Greater Lansing Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. The Food Bank annually serves tens of thousands of people, many of them seniors and children. Recipients also include the "working poor," those individuals who are employed but don't earn enough to meet housing, health, transportation and food needs.

In 2005 Bob Maynard brought the needs of the GLFB to our members and asked us to help with monetary donations at our annual holiday party. Since 2005 CCCC members have donated close to \$10,500, with another \$3,000 coming from club funds. Bob will accept checks, made out to the Greater Lansing Food Bank, at the holiday party again this year. We will also be collecting canned goods and boxed items to donate. No glass jars or home-made items can be accepted.

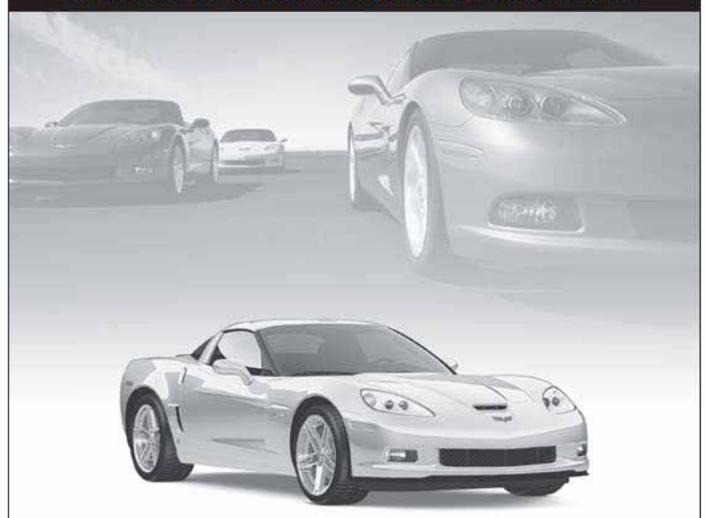
Michigan offers an income tax credit that allows reclamation of up to 50% of monetary donations to Michigan food banks. For instance, a donation of \$100 provides you with a tax credit of \$50. Couples can donate up to \$400 for a tax credit of \$200 on your State return. Contributions are also deductible on Federal tax returns!

### Services provided by the Greater Lansing Food Bank...

- Emergency food orders, which include enough non-perishable food to last a family for six days.
- The Food Movers program that rescues perishable food from restaurants, commercial kitchens, bakeries, and grocery stores and delivers to our network of pantries and agencies and subsidized housing complexes.
- Packs for the homeless, which include food and items such as paper plates and can openers needed by individuals without a residence.
- The Garden Project that provides support to home and community gardeners, which
  includes providing seeds, plant starts, tools and volunteers for gleaning projects.
- Open food distribution at Neighbourhood Partnership Program sites & Mass Food Drops (taking food into surrounding communities).
- Vouchers for the purchase of dairy and fresh produce.
- Financial support to human service agencies for the purchase of food.

**Did you know...** The GLFB had a string of bad luck in 2011. Catalytic converters were stolen off their trucks in the spring and then their freezer broke down during a heat-wave causing massive food spoilage. This was followed closely by a lightning strike near their facility and the theft of 7 tires off their trucks! In mid-August their Food Movers refrigerated truck was stolen and then destroyed by fire. Vandals then threw a chunk of metal over their fence and smashed the windshield of their Garden Project truck. Through all of these challenges, they never lost focus on feeding needy families in our community. Let's do our best to help the GLFB as they reach out to help others. Visit www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org to find out more ways to help.

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### **Calendar of Events**



### November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 pm General Member- ship Meeting	3	4	5 1:30 pm Bingo at Tamarack
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 9:00 am Let's Meet For Breakfast
13 12:00 pm The Purple Rose Escanaba in da Moonlight	14	15	16 6:30 pm Board Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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