

North Shore Corvette Club 50th Anniversary and Awards Banquet Review

On January 20, 2024, the North Shore Corvette Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Cotillion Banquet Hall! It was attended by approximately eighty members and twenty guests, who checked in at 5:00 with Terry DiSilvio and Linda Barnich. They were greeted by Susan and Stuart Rabins, who assisted guests with finding tables and showing them where to get hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Jerry Mulick also took photos of guests.

The centerpieces were attractively done in red and black with tiny lights. There were accents of gold ribbon along with different height cylinders containing floating gold candles. The same color balloons adorned the room along with a lighted, 4-foot, free-standing, 50, on the stage with the Corvette banner above. A banquet program and a Corvette coaster were placed at each place as a memento of the occasion.

The prize raffle tables were wrapped around the wall next to the bar and stage. An assortment of raffle items included jewelry, designer handbags, electronic items, a Corvette decorated corn hole game, a lighted Corvette clock, a Lego Corvette, a large-scale remote-control Corvette, a drone, tools, liquor, and many other items.

At 6:00, our President, Jerry Mulick, welcomed everyone and expressed excitement to celebrate 50 years of club membership. Rev. David Kylo, our Chaplin, offered a blessing before dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed the food.

At 7:00, our President began the program by welcoming members and requested that our veterans, along with the Lake County Honor Flight guests, stand to be recognized. Paula Carabillido, the executive director, spoke of the impact this program has on our veterans, evoking difficult memories but bringing much joy, support, and comradery.

Three of our founding members spoke briefly on their recollections of the club's beginning and were given an award of thanks. Burke Oehrlein was our first president. Bob Cichowski was our third and Rich Stratton was our fourth.

The "Longest Distance Award" was given to Kathy and Bob Cichowski, who traveled 1177 miles, from Brooksville, Florida.

The "Bubbly Award" went to Jeannie Domerchie.

Barb Harms addressed the group with admiration and distributed the Cross Flags points.

The "Driver of the Year" was Frank Punzio and Felicia Mulick received "Member of the Year."

Previous lifetime members were recognized, and the four new lifetime members, Pam Bacci, Nancy Jakubco, Felicia Mulick, and Daryl Ullberg were awarded their jackets.

Susan Rabins, Jeannie Domerchie, and Felicia Mulick co-chaired the banquet. The committee who helped to make the banquet possible was introduced: Jim Arquilla, Linda Barnich, Jim Barnich,

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Terry DiSilvio, Bill Domerchie, Tom Ford, John Jakubco, Nancy Jakubco, Linda Kleinschmidt, Jim Kleinschmidt, Eric Kirchner, Earl Loss, Jerry Mulick, Ken Such, Renee Ullberg, Mary Ziegenhorn and Paul Ziegenhorn.

The following members also assisted with the banquet: Gayle Althardt, Tara Blum, Gale Egle, Deb Monnier, Stuart Rabins, Sue Stockman, Rich Stockman, Tom White, Martha White, Margie Burba, and Dave Ashcraft.

A 50th Anniversary folding chair was gifted to each family membership attending the banquet.

The Honor Flight raffle featured a handmade, quilted table runner, made by Jeannie Domerchie and a Mission BBQ basket. Daryl Ullberg spontaneously set an auction in motion that doubled the amount of money collected. It was the hit of the night! Many thanks go out to those generous members who graciously supported HF! It was such a memorable experience. A big thanks to Daryl!

The banquet ended at 11:00, however the celebration of the club and the 50 years of fellowship will go on.

Click [here](#) to see photos from the Banquet.