



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2018

*January 2018 starts a New Year.* 2017 is now history and we start fresh with a New Year to make memories. Whatever you did in 2017, you have the chance to start again being better or trying something you may have never thought you could do. Today is the start of a *New Day, New Week, New Month, New Year, and a New Future.*

*I have several things to share* with you as we start the New Year. First I want to *THANK* the four outgoing NCCC Board Members for their years of service to NCCC: Dale Samuelson-VP of Competition, Chris Reitz-Secretary, Jack Wilson-Business Manager, and Jeannie Ruston-Sergeant at Arms, and *WELCOME* four new members to the NCCC Elected Board: Joe Eller-VP of Competition, Rita Robison-Secretary, Jim Walton-Business Manager, and Debbie Schafer-Sergeant at Arms. I look forward to working with the new members and the remaining board during my last year as NCCC President.

*Two very exciting things for 2018* are very special for NCCC. As NCCC President I have an appointment to the **National Corvette Museum** as one of the 15 NCM Board Members. Each year the NCM Board reviews a list of names submitted for nomination to the NCM "Hall of Fame". This nomination is one of the highest recognitions and honors to a person for contributions to the creating, maintaining, and future of the Corvette hobby.

*This year in September* during the Anniversary Celebration at the NCM, my good friend and longtime NCCC member *Mike Yager* will be honored and inducted into the NCM "Hall of Fame". I have known Mike since the early days of selling small Corvette items at NCCC Governors meetings and events. Mike has been and is still a huge supporter of NCCC. Mid America Motorworks (MAM) has supported NCCC as a Platinum sponsor for years. I am so proud that I am on the NCM board and one of the votes to honor Mike in the **Corvette Enthusiasts Category.**

*Sitting on the 15 member board* of the NCM are many well-known people. The President of Western States Council of Corvettes (WSCC), the Representative for the National Corvette Restorer Society (NCRS), the Marketing Manager for GM, the Corvette Plant Manager, the NCM Executive Director, and many other well-known Corvette individuals make up this very dedicated board. One member is the well-known disk jockey Lon Helton from Nashville. I got to know Lon on a personal level at one of the board meetings in my second year on the NCM board. Talking about NCCC and the new NCCC charity St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Lon shared with me that he sits on the board for St. Jude. Lon offered to get a signed guitar by several famous Country Music singers that we could use to raise money for St. Jude. At the December 2017 NCM Board meeting I received a new guitar signed by over 15 famous Country Music Stars. The NCCC Charity Committee plans to raffle this Guitar in 2018 and draw the winner at Mid-America's Funfest event at the Saturday night concert September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details about

the raffle will be in the NCCC Winter Blues Bars coming out in February 2018 and also on the NCCC Web Site. Tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The list of singers is very impressive. And **100%** of funds raised will go to St Jude.

**As 2017 ends, I look back** at all the changes we have all experienced in NCCC and the world. Life is never easy, and change is hard. The good part is we have the ability to make changes again and again. If something doesn't work, we can re-arrange and try again to make it better. Nothing is set in stone in NCCC. When new members join NCCC they bring new ideas. When NCCC changes Elected Officers, new ways and ideas are shared. I have always been an "idea guy". How can we do this different and better? This is part of what I wrote about last month with setting "GOALS" in your life. One of the changes in 2017 was the way the NCCC 2018 membership card was sent to all NCCC members. There have been a few bumps in the process and I promise you we will work on making it better. NCCC is looking at a company to mail out a membership card each year in the future. It was one of my "goals" to cut cost with the old NCCC Distribution Center and create a new way to get everyone a card each year. I know a lot of members are unhappy with the electronic membership card. I would ask you to hang in there as the NCCC Board looks at ways to improve everyone receiving their card.

**Next month** in the President's February message, look for information about the 2018 NCCC Annual Corvette Convention in New Orleans. Registration opens several days after my message on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Also attached will be information on how to get chances on the new Guitar with all the famous County Singers Signatures

**Until next month**, be happy with life and make the most of what we all have. We never know what tomorrow may bring! Take care, stay warm, and may God bless you all.

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**President NCCC**