

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2018



I heard someone say that life is like a “merry-go-round”. You get on the ride when it is stopped and ride around not knowing where or when it will stop, and all you do is go around in circles.

Our lives are a lot like a “merry-go-round”. We get up in the morning in the place we live and the day passes and we return to the place we live and start over again in the morning on the “merry-go-round” of life! The day of the week is different, the weather can change, and the time might not be the same, but the routine is the same each day.

So how do we make each day different which in turn will make us feel like there is a change in our lives? I suggest we try each day to make someone’s day better. It’s as easy as saying “Good Morning” to a person we see each day, or saying “Thank You” to someone who has done something for you. These simple statements which cost us nothing may change and make a difference in that person’s life. We never know what kind of day a person is having or what merry-go-round they are on. Be a bright spot in someone’s day! The reward on the “merry-go-round of life” is you will feel better making someone smile. When you do this, you will find blessings will come your way for making someone else feel good each day.

The last week of April 2018 I experienced the full week of exciting things happening at the *National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY*. I have been to the “**Corvette Bash**” but never was able to stay all week and enjoy all the NCM offers to everyone who attends. One thing I noticed all five days at the NCM was the friendliness from all the staff. I watched as people entered the NCM being welcomed and treated like VIPs’. No matter who or what they needed to know, every NCM staff person directed them to where they needed to go or answered any question they may have had. No one left without a “**HAVE A GREAT DAY**”. How nice it would be if the whole world was like this. I encourage you to visit the NCM if you have never been there or better yet, attend one of the major events held each year. I promise you will have a good time and feel good about going.

In 2016 NCCC voted to support a new charity with the Corvette raffle program. The Charity NCCC Governors voted to support was St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis TN. Seven years ago NCCC Mid-Illinois Corvette Club decided to start a **St. Jude Corvette Drive** to support the Hospital in Memphis.

This year Mid-America Motorworks in Effingham Illinois was added to the drive as a “stop for lunch” location on the route from Peoria to Memphis. I had the pleasure of driving with 80 other Corvettes on the drive to Memphis. All drivers had to raise funds to participate on the drive. What a fun day driving to Memphis and visiting the St Jude Hospital. Together the 81 Corvettes on the drive raised over \$240,000 for St. Jude. If you ever wonder what to do in your Corvette, wonder no more. The Peoria team is already planning the 2019 drive to Memphis in May. You need to try it one time to experience

the fun. The 80 Corvettes were divided into four groups led by a police car with lights on all the way to Memphis. How much fun it was to see people driving in the left lane on the expressway pull over for the police car and see 20 Corvettes following the police car drive past them. You can check it out online: stjudedrives.org. Please put this on your “bucket list” for next year.

Remember to be kind to everyone. Hold a door open when you can. Say “Hi” to the next person you see. Tell someone to have a nice day, and for sure thank someone who has done something for you. It makes them feel good and you also. You will be amazed at the change you can make and you never know, you may end up with a new friend.

Summer is here....drive the Corvette. Get out and have some fun!

Be safe and God bless you all!

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President NCCC

Deadline Approaching

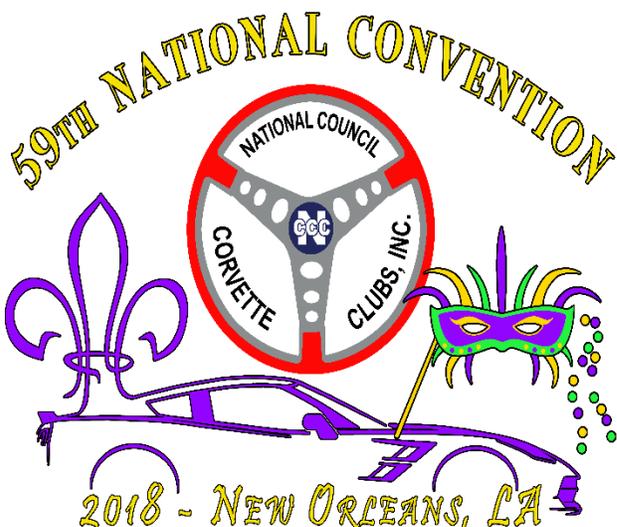
Remember: June 15th is the last day to register for any of the NCCC Competition Events and all are still available! For those that just couldn't decide till now....here's your chance to sign up **NOW!** If you're already registered and have a convention number and want to race; by all means you can still compete! Just email Nancy Bailey and she'll send you an invoice.....
convention2018@corvettesnccc.org

And for those that just haven't made up their minds yet.....we'll leave the light on and the online registration open till July 1st....but if you want to

compete, register by June 15th!

<https://www.corvettesnccc.com/2018Convention/2018Registration/RegistrationInstructions.html>

The Host Hotel also still has rooms available and can accommodate most preferences; but you'll still be onsite!



See you soon...way down yonder in
“N’Awlins”