

Windy City Corvettes News



Spring 2025





WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.

My Two Cents Lawrence A. Pagliaro



This starts our 35th year as a club. Whoever would have thought on that Wednesday evening, 8/8/1990, in Perry and Dawn Scarsellato's family room, that we were starting what would be a 35 year journey. With 8 original members, we have had close to 900 join us as we enter our 35th year. It is mindboggling and proves we have been on the right path.

It actually started on July 18th at a Bill Kay Chevrolet Corvette show (then known as Liberty Chevrolet) planning meeting. The dealer staff, Larry Stortz and George Wronowski, invited us for drinks at a long-closed Bar (most things start in a bar) named Rosie O'Grady's. "Rosie's" was located close to the dealership on Ogden Ave. We came to the conclusion that what brought us together was the direction that we were setting for the Corvette show, our close relationship with Liberty Chevrolet and each other. We felt we had more in common on those points than we had with the direction being taken by our current club, Golden Glass Corvette Club. And that is how it started.

The eight Charter Windy City Corvettes members were:

- Tony Petraski (President)
- Dave Heinemann (Governor)
- Treasurer (Susan Pagliaro)
- Secretary (Dawn Scarsellato)
- Publicity (Joan Heinemann)
- Membership (Judy Petraski)
- Quartermaster (Larry Pagliaro)

After calling the NCCC region membership director during the 8/8/1990 meeting and finding out what was required to start a new NCCC club, we

all pitched in money to get things moving.

The club was incorporated on 8/15/1990, our now recognized birthdate.

The first Board meeting was held on Wednesday (yes, a Wednesday) 9/12/1990 and our very first General meeting was held at Orland Bowl the following Tuesday, 9/18/1990. We did pick up a couple of new members in late August.

Our first event, an NCCC Halloween Rallye, was hosted by Perry and Dawn Scarsellato, that started in Orland Park. The new Windy City Corvettes, inc. ended our first year of the NCCC Midwest Region Competition championship in 15th place.

Fun facts:

Our first mailing address was 9222 W. 159th St, Suite 349, Orland Park, IL 60462.

Our first option for club colors were Blue and Orange. But that did not last as the Quartermaster convinced the Officers that Blue and Orange may be hard to match and that Black and Silver would be the best colors for long-term consistency. That original Quartermaster still holds firm on Black and Silver. :-)

Skyline Corvette Club was considered for our club name.

The club grew steadily starting the next Spring due to the balance of NCCC events offered, a fun social environment that brought members together and a very successful Charity program. **Who knows** what the next 35 years will bring?

2025 Special Event License Plates



Starting early in the new year we will begin taking orders for the 2025 edition of our clubs Illinois Special Event

license plates. Plan early so that you are able to obtain the plate number that you want. It is recommended that you act early when the ordering process begins to avoid disappointment. See the form below to place your order.



WINDY CITY CORVETTES LICENSE PLATES



- FOR ALL PLATES SOLD, ALL BUYERS MUST SEND WINDY CITY CORVETTES A LEGIBLE COPY OF THEIR CURRENT REGISTRATION VALID THROUGH 8/31/2025 AND DRIVER'S LICENSE. IF ANY INFORMATION IS MISSING, PLATES WILL NOT BE MAILED.
- ALL PLATES WILL BE MAILED FROM THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE TO THE ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.
- **IN ILLINOIS, THE PLATES MAY BE DISPLAYED ON YOUR VEHICLE FROM 6/17/2025 THROUGH 8/15/2025. FOR ALL OTHER STATES, PLATES ARE NOT STREET LEGAL. BUT YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO SEND THE COPIES OF YOUR CURRENT REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

- ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 8/8/2025
- ANY QUESTIONS CALL (708) 567-2513

LICENSE PLATE ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # () _____ REQUESTED PLATE # _____

NUMBER OF SETS _____ X \$45.00 _____ (PAYABLE TO WINDY CITY CORVETTES)

MAIL CHECK ALONG WITH COPY OF CURRENT REGISTRATION VALID THROUGH 8/31/2025 AND DRIVER LICENSE TO:

WINDY CITY CORVETTES LICENSE PLATES

P.O. BOX 353

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60462-0353

Charity Clips

It has been a busy couple of weekends for WCC Charity. On Saturday, September 30th we partnered with ISBA to help host their annual picnic. This year it was held at Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago. What a great facility and the weather was warm and sunny. They have a playground that is totally assessable for children of all ages and all disabilities. I took a picture of one of the kids (with his and his parents' permission) who was using the wheelchair swing. He talked with me for a long time, telling me that he could swing all day because he could do it himself. He didn't need any help from anyone. This is what ISBA does every day. They work with hospitals, companies, schools, organizations, parents, etc. to help those with Spina Bifida become independent.

Kendra Jewelers is another partner of ISBA. They were there helping the kids make bracelets. They had hero capes for the little ones also. The jewelry they brought and sold to the adults came with 20% going back to ISBA. Check out an opportunity to buy jewelry from them from October 21-24 with this same 20% going back to ISBA. Never too early to start your Christmas shopping. <https://i-sba.org/kendrascott2023> Don't forget to type GIVEBACK-ISBA2 when you make your purchase.

What I love about ISBA is, they don't just focus on the child/adult with Spina Bifida, they focus on the whole family. That was what this picnic was all about – the Whole Family. There was basketball going on, soccer, bikes to ride, the playground, bubbles, and of course food. It's not a picnic if you don't have hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks/water. *Hubby's in the Dog House* wagon was there, cooking and serving hot dogs. They were delicious.

Matt Larsen, Director of ISBA, and Becky Rupnick, ISBA Board President, had a big announcement for everyone. Becky read a Proclamation signed by our Governor, JB Pritzker and our Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulias. It proclaims that **October 25, 2023, as Spina Bifida Awareness Day**. I know many of you donate to a charity at the end of the year for tax purposes. It would be great to do that now in October, whether it is to ISBA or some other charity. I do know that many charities are not receiving donations because of the economy. You can donate on-line, but you will have to pay the credit card fees. You can also send a check directly to ISBA. To make things easier, I will have an envelope for those who wish to send a check ready to go at our October meeting. Don't forget all donations are tax deductible. I will also have yellow ribbons (ISBA's color) and rubber teal bracelets (SBA's national color) at our general meeting for anyone to take.

On Saturday, October 7th, WCC partnered with Burr Ridge to help run their annual car show in conjunction with the Taste of Burr Ridge. Even though the weather was much different, windy and colder, it was a huge success. So many beautiful cars. WCC Charity along with ISBA was able to conduct a split the pot. The winner took home \$320. ISBA received \$340 (a \$20 donation was added from a club member). Our picnic jug also received a few dollars.

Ironically, both charities that we support, ISBA and A Silver Lining Foundation celebrate their individual cause during the month of October. As you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Bill and I along with John and Kathy Callan were fortunate enough to attend ASLF's Gala on Saturday, September 30th. **It was a HUGE success.** Roz Varon, from Channel 7, was the MC. As you would expect, Greg Hines and Dr. Sandy Goldberg were the perfect Hosts. I will also have an envelope addressed to A Silver Lining Foundation if anyone would like to donate to them. There will also be pink ribbons available, representing Breast Cancer Awareness.

Hope to see you all soon,

Teresa Kocanda and Nancy Burns
WCC Charity

Here are some links for easy access to our partners:

<https://i-sba.org/> Check out ISBA's website to see all that they do for families.

<https://i-sba.org/kendrascott2023> Use this link to purchase jewelry. Don't forget to type **GIVEBACK-ISBA2** and ISBA will receive 20% back from October 21-24.

<https://asilverliningfoundation.org/> Check out ASLF's website to see how they help so many.

Check out some pictures on the next page. All pictures were taken with permission.

Pictures from the ISBA Picnic





Pictures from the Gala



MANTENO VETERANS HOME

Windy City Corvettes will have a collection box available at the show and will be collecting the following approved items to be donated to Manteno Veterans Home:

Personal Care – Due to infection control policies, all personal care items must be NEW

Hair Cream/dressing for Men	Aftershave
Deodorant (roll-on)	Pre-Electric Lotion
Electric Razors – NEW ONLY	Cologne for Men & Women (Body Spray)
Body wash (men & women)	Efferdent Tablets – for dentures
Polident Denture Cream	Kleenex
Toothbrushes	Railroad or Diabetic Socks
Combs/Hairbrushes	Sweatpants, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
Listerine Mouthwash	Men's T-shirts M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Manteno cannot accept homemade or independently prepared refreshments for distributions to the Veterans. Food items brought in for a party will have to be purchased through a commercial vendor due to Public Health guidelines.

Snack Food

Small boxes of raisins	Small candy bars – no nuts
Individual packaged chips, pretzels	Cookies – regular & sugar free – no nuts
Soft granola/cereal bars	Hawaiian Punch – gallon size
Coffee – regular & decaffeinated	Packaged crackers/cheese
Sugar free chocolate bars	Packaged crackers/peanut butter
Cases of soda – regular & diet	Sugar free gum
Individual packages of cookies & snack cakes(Little Debbie's)	

Entertainment

Greeting cards (New)	Wireless Head Phones for TV use
Batteries: AA, AAA, C, D	Men's wallets/coin purses
Small flashlights	Postage Stamps

Misc

Paper plates (various sizes)	Six ounce foam cups
Napkins	Forks, spoons, knives – Plastic
Paper Towels - rolls	