

# Under The Radar

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## Officers 2015

President .....Tony Schavone  
 Vice-President .....Donna Stewart  
 Secretary ..... Bert Wiest  
 Treasurer.....Mike Baddley  
 NCCC Governor.....Joe Orrico  
 Newsletter Editor.....Debra Ruby  
 Webmaster.....Douglas Mariani

## Board of Governors 2015

Amelia Allison  
 Claude Allison  
 Eric Ellsworth  
 Gary Maleski  
 Gary Plehn  
 Laura Schavone.

## Committee Chair

Banquet.....Dianne & Bert Wiest  
 Car Show.....Claude Allison  
 Care & Kindness..... Dianne Wiest  
 Charity.....Dianne Wiest  
 Clothing.....Shirley Jones/Marcia Lynch  
 Historians.....Pat & Jan Works  
 Meeting Hostess.....Dianne Wiest  
 Membership.....Donna Stewart  
 Raffle.....Linda Norris/ Shirley Jones  
 Sergeant at Arms....Ron DeBartolomeis  
 Trophies/Awards.....Tom Cuccio

Car Show Champion  
 Rally Champion  
 Auto Cross champion



## CSS Board Elections

President: Tony Schavone  
 Vice-President: Donna Stewart  
 Secretary: Bert Wiest  
 Treasurer: Will Grohmann  
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## Running for the Board: (6 spots available)

1. Gary Plehn
2. Dianne Wiest
3. Laura Schavone
4. Eric Ellsworth
5. Sal Cruz
6. George McMullen
7. Joyce Grohmann
8. Ron DiBartolomeis

## Who We Are

We are a car club made up of Corvette owners with a passion for a fine driving machine, with the goal to participate in and support auto-related activities, such as: car shows, auto-crossing, rallies, drag racing, caravans, cruises, parades, etc.

We support (N.C.C.C.) **National Council of Corvette Clubs, National Corvette Museum**, several social, civic, and charitable organizations. CSS is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the County of Orange, California.

## CSS Family Updates

Laura Schavone was in the hospital for complications from a fall that created an infection in her leg. We all hope she heals quickly.

Pat Works received The Stefan Banic Parachute Foundation Award Saturday, 11/28/15, at Skydive Perris for his contribution to the sport of skydiving.





## CSS Upcoming Events 2015

Dec. Club Christmas Party is Postponed.

Jan. 16 Club Banquet

Please let us know of any events you would like to plan and organize. Your ideas and participation are welcomed.

Thanks,  
Vice Prez  
Donna Stewart

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\* **SAVE your POP TOPS** from cans for  
the Ronald McDonald House! \*

\* Please bring your pop tops to our next  
meeting and give them to Dianne.

Thanks!

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To All Club Members:

I'm having a Book Signing at my home!

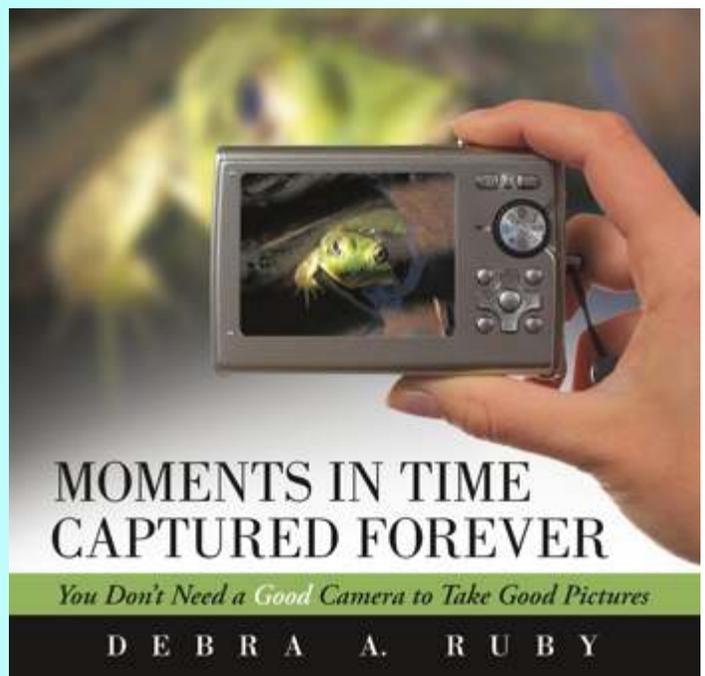
Saturday, December 12

from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Anyone who would like to attend, please  
let me know you are coming at the next  
general meeting, or email me.

Thank you!

Debbie :-)





## President Tony

This year has sped by for me and maybe for a lot of other people. It's been a high and low year in many respects. We were high up in the state for the "Tahoe 47" and low down in the state at Carlsbad. We lost two members who are high up in heaven and the same time lost two members, Cindy and Ed, you will not be forgotten.

You can't get much higher than an article in the OC Register about the club and car show. The low point is how do we get a story in next year's edition. Maybe a second annual. We went high up to Big Bear for the Bash at Shirley and Gary's. We also went all the way down to the HB one Sunday afternoon and ran up and down PCH with Rick and Lynn, Ron and Karen, Brian, and Kevin. Just a little corvette parade of five corvettes with their tops off.

Our year was highlighted with numerous events. Wax your corvette day at Aero, corvette corrals at the Long Beach Grand Prix and the Muckenthaler car show, a mystery run to Joe and Susan's in Pasadena to see his outstanding car collection. Where have you last seen five LT1s?

Car shows at COTV, Temecula Valley, OC Vettes and Huntington Beach concourse, old town Orange.

We can't forget the big car show at Connell Chevrolet in Costa Mesa. It was our annual car show with almost 100 cars! Thanks to Claude and the entire club's help it was a great event.

Our membership is up thanks to everyone talking about the club and the star of the show, the corvette.

Being President this past year has been a real joy. Our success has been because of every club member's contribution to the organization. 2016 should be an even better one. A big thank you to everyone.

First to use a genuine "Dead Petal" a rigid resting place for left foot.

Answer to Last Month's Trivia Question: 1997

Trivia Question: In the smokey mountains of Tennessee is a road of 11 miles long and 318 turns long a place the corvette thrives. What is the name of the road?

## The VP's Column The VP's Word By Donna Stewart



As I write this brief article I have learned to multi-task quite well as I am sure most of you have done the same, jumping up periodically to get ready for our Thanksgiving feast, preparing the turkey, cutting, slicing and dicing onions, celery, bell peppers for stuffing, preparing candied yams, jello salad while trying to keep in perspective what the day is all about.

I am so very thankful to be able to love and enjoy all my children, grandchildren and many wonderful friends. Please take the time to enjoy each and every moment you are to spend with yours and have a wonderful holiday.

We had quite a few great events this past month and I want to thank you all for participating and having so much fun doing so, from the miniature golf, parades, bowling extravaganza – pot luck and car shows and probably some I missed.

I am looking forward for much to come, especially our annual Christmas party at Tony and Laura's home and the annual awards banquet in January!

Please try to be in attendance at our December meeting so you can help decide your officers and board members for the coming year. Also, remember all the candidates are just volunteers and do try and make good decisions for a smooth running of the club. Many times it is not an easy thing to do, so please have understanding and patience. It is greatly appreciated.

Now – once again back to my multi-tasking!

My hope and wishes for the new year is that you are all well and in good health and are able to continue on life's journey.

A very wonderful holiday season to you all.

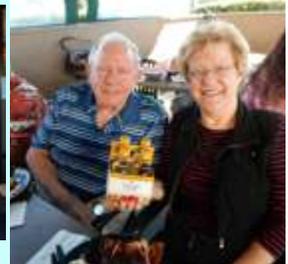
Vice Prez,  
Donna



# Golf Tournament 11/7/15



## The Winners!





Turkey Bowl  
11/14/15



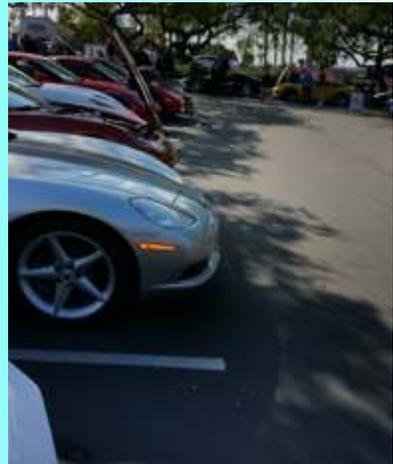


## Veterans Car Show 11/15/15

### Pat Works Honored



Pat Works received The Stefan Banic Parachute Foundation Award Saturday at Skydive Perris for his contribution to the sport of skydiving. 55 years in the sport and still going. A true pioneer in our sport. Thanks Pat for all you've done and continue to do.



## ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA - OCTOBER 3 - 10, 2015

### Up, up and away!

Approximately 500 balloons rose up just as it was getting light on October 7<sup>th</sup> and we were astonished. The pilots of the balloons managed to keep manageable distances from each other and the sky was filled with balloons! Everyone was allowed to walk out on the 350 acre field and see the work involved in getting a balloon to ascend. Most of the baskets accommodated ten to eleven passengers, and the cost was \$350.00 each! Six people from our group, including Doug and Wanda, went up and landed in a tree! However, the pilot was able to go up again and they landed in a field. Chase cars, belonging to each pilot's balloon, brought them back to the balloon field and they were happy to tell us about their adventures.

Our trip to Albuquerque started October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ontario where we met the 60 other people driving 30 Corvettes to begin our trip. Besides Jay and I and Wanda and Doug Utech from CSS, these other people from Corvette clubs were: Pacific Coast Corvettes, Palm Springs Corvettes, Corvettes Limited, The Vette Set and Diamond Valley Vettes. Our first night was spent in Flagstaff, AZ where we all became acquainted. On October 4<sup>th</sup> we drove to the LaQuinta Inn in Albuquerque where we stayed for the entire time.

The day after the Mass Ascension, was Shape Day, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Some of the balloon shapes were an elephant (my favorite, of course), Arabelle the cow, bumble bee, penguin, whale, pig, clown, fire hydrant, Smokey the Bear and Yogi Bear, to name a few. There were many other shapes, too. The whole sky was colorful and crowded!

We made some short trips to Santa Fe (oldest capital city in the U.S.), Los Alamos, and Taos. On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we rode the tram up Sandia Peak for over two miles to reach an altitude of over 10,000 feet. We had delicious dinners at especially reserved tables for our group at the High Finance Restaurant. On our descent while riding the tram, we saw a beautiful sunset and fireworks from the balloon park.

We left Albuquerque on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and many of us went our separate ways.

Charlie McManis from Diamond Valley Vettes, organized this trip and his attention to details was appreciated by all of us.

Both Jay and I will never forget this trip.





### Racer Brenda!

I recently did a "Hooked On Driving" thing at the Fontana Raceway on 11/6/13. I had a blast. It was sooo much fun. I had a coach with me each time on the track and he taught me so much about my car and boosted my driving skills.



## Where You Can Find Corvette Parts and Merchandise

For those of you who have been into Corvettes for awhile most – or all – of the following will not be news to you, but for you relative newcomers to the love of Vettes this offering is being made to help you find the parts you may need for your classic or the trim add-ons you might want to buy to personalize your Vette or the clothing, gear, etc. you might like to own to show others of your interest in the sport.

It's amazing just how many publications are out there that are dedicated to Corvettes and how helpful many of them can be. Following is a list and quick summary of the more popular catalogs that you might want to look into. Most of them are available for routine periodic mailing if you request it, and most of them have a web site from which you can peruse their offerings. Me, I prefer to receive the catalogs so that I can better see just what's out there I might not have not seen before.

The three largest, most popular catalogs with the most items that are non-“parts” are:

- a. Mid America Motorworks, [www.mamotorworks.com](http://www.mamotorworks.com), (800) 500-1500;
- b. Eckler's Corvette, [www.ecklersCorvette.com](http://www.ecklersCorvette.com), (800) 327-4868;
- c. Corvette America, [www.CorvetteAmerica.com](http://www.CorvetteAmerica.com), (800) 458-3475.

Those publications periodically also publish catalogs geared specifically for a single generation of Corvettes so when they ask you for the year and model you drive don't be afraid to tell them.

Then there are catalogs that are almost exclusively for parts, especially of older model Corvettes:

- a. Volunteer Vette Products, [www.volvette.com](http://www.volvette.com), (865) 521-9100;
- b. J & D Corvette, [www.jdcorvette.com](http://www.jdcorvette.com), (800) 838-8353 (located locally in Bellflower, CA).

For trim and accessory items as well as clothes, furniture and the like, you should look at:

- a. Corvette Central, [www.CorvetteCentral.com](http://www.CorvetteCentral.com), (800) 345-4122. They have an accessories catalog and a separate catalog of parts, etc., for each generation of Corvettes.
- b. Burston Marketing's Corvette Collection, [www.CorvetteCollection.com](http://www.CorvetteCollection.com), (800) 653-1375.
- c. And finally, the catalog from the retail store at the National Corvette Museum, [www.CorvetteMuseum.org](http://www.CorvetteMuseum.org), (800) 538-3883.

In addition to the above, you might also consider visiting the show rooms of Corvette Mike's at 1133 North Tustin Avenue and West Coast Corvettes, 1210 N. Kraemer Blvd., both are located near each other in Anaheim just off the 91 freeway in Anaheim. They have a selection of GM authorized accessories and clothes for sale, as well as an indoor Corvette sales room with used road gems. Both also maintain service departments for installing accessories and the like and for general maintenance of Corvettes. West Coast Corvettes has a new catalog that was just released and is available for pick-up at the store. (Price is pre-printed on each catalog as \$12.95, but don't be fooled, they're free - just ask for one.)





## CSS General Meeting Minutes November 3, 2015

Officers present: Tony Schavone, Donna Stewart, Bert Wiest, Douglas Mariani, Joe Orrico

Board members present: Claude Allison, Amelia Allison, Eric Ellsworth, Laura Schavone, Gary Plehn

Members present: 39

A quorum was present.

Sergeant at arms Ron DeBartolomeis called the meeting to order at 1905 and led the assemblage in the pledge of allegiance.

President Tony Schavone welcomed the club, thanking all for their attendance, explaining that this might be a long meeting due to the lengthy agenda.

Secretary Bert Wiest passed out the slips for the members to nominate their choice for club MVM. He explained the procedure for the newer members, explaining that the slips need be turned back in that evening, they would be compiled, the information sent to the members via email and the election held next month.

John Spurr talked about a special event at Knotts Berry Farm honoring veterans. All the clubs veterans stood for special recognition and applause.

Vice President Donna Stewart introduced our newest members, presenting them with their notebooks and name badges: Bill and Marsha Gallavan, Phil and Sherry Anderson and Steve and Cathy Melton. Gary Gutjahr was absent.

Bert Wiest explained the miniature Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, explaining that spots were still available.

Tony Schavone reported that the Dues are due.

Treasurer Mike Baddley gave the financial report. He also presented the budget. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget for 2016, the vote taken and passed unanimously.

Tony made a motion that the board approved charitable contribution amounts of \$1500 to Calicinto Ranch and \$3500 to STEP be adopted. The vote was called for and the motion passed with 1 nay.

Marcia Lynch presented the nominees for the board in reverse alphabetical order to stand and say a few words: Dianne Wiest, Laura Schavone, Gary Plehn, George McMullen, Joyce Grohmann, Eric Ellsworth, Ron DeBartolomeis and Sal Cruz.

Laura Schavone reported that the Christmas party date on the website was in error and the party will be held on December 5 at the Schavone home.

Vice President Donna Stewart gave a brief rundown on the upcoming events: Nov. 7, the miniature golf tournament; Nov. 14, the turkey bowl; Dec. 5, the Christmas party; Jan. 16, the banquet and April 15-17, the Laughlin run.

Dave Alciatore reported on the NCCC convention.

The birthday celebrants were: Wanda Utash, Dave Alciatore, Marcia Lynch, Jenny MacDonough, Dave MacDonough, Jim Raymond, Donna Hunt, Tom Scully and Donna Stewart.

The Anniversaries were: Wayne and Betty Heard, Jim and Elaine Cooper and Andy Ersek.

Dave MacDonough told about Corvette Super Shots, those who enjoy trap and skeet shooting. Next month will be posted via email.

Dianne Wiest read letters of thanks from the Corvette Museum, Ginger Girvin and talked about the upcoming banquet on Jan. 16.

Gary Maleski will not be continuing as publicity chairperson next year due to health concerns. Tony has asked for as volunteer.

The dinner raffle winner was Richard Cheek.

Joe Orrico reports next years NCCC convention will be in Omaha, NE.

The goodies were courtesy of Marsha Lynch and Sandy McMullen.

Claude Allison reports there will be another Aero wax day on Feb. 20

The raffle winners were Sherry Anderson, Lynn Miller, Bob Kump, Cathy Melton, Sandy McMullen and Dale Dobernecker.

See Rick Miller for shirts, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2047.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bert Wiest  
Secretary





### November Birthdays

- 4 - Wanda Utash
- 7 - Dave Alciatore
- 8 - Marcia Lynch
- 9 - Jenny MacDonough
- 18 - Dave MacDonough
- 24 - Jim Raymond
- 28 - Donna Stewart

### November Anniversaries

- 18 - Jim/Elaine Cooper
- 24 - Andy Ersek

### December Birthdays

- 12 - Joe Orrico
- 15 - Sandra McMullen
- 17 - Doug Lyon

### December Anniversaries

- 8 - Claude/Amelia Allison
- 15 - Dave/Jenny MacDonough
- 16 - Art/Marge Huhta
- 19 - John/Judy Spurr
- 19 - Pat/Jan Works
- 24 - John Manfred/Michele Boucher





## Sponsor's Corner:



Connell Chevrolet helps sponsor our Corvette Club. They have been family owned and operated by the Doddridge family since 1989 when Paul Doddridge purchased the franchise from John Connell. Paul is still active with the dealership, but he also spends a lot of his time at his ranch in Montana. His son Wayne Doddridge is the active General Manager.

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Lastly, let's talk about the Connell employee family. To many, their employment at Connell is not a job... It's a career. Many employees including the sales, service and office personnel have worked at Connell for twenty years and more. Even the outside vendors who help to support Connell Chevrolet, have been within the Doddridge family for many years.

Look for Wayne Doddridge next time you're at the dealership and introduce yourself. He is a family man with 6 children and supports the local community. He and Connell Chevrolet help sponsor Orange Lutheran High School, Crean Lutheran High, Costa Mesa High, Fountain Valley High, Estancia High, the Orange County 4H clubs, Newport Harbor Corvettes, Corvette Super Sports, Better Business Bureau, Auto Club, Costco, Los Angeles County Police and Fire Departments, the Orange County Fire Department, Costa Mesa Police, Newport Beach Police, Huntington Beach Police and Irvine Police.

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Website: [www.connellchevy.com](http://www.connellchevy.com)

## In Other News:

Homeland Security Training is now called: **Corvette Super Shots**. We typically meet on the fourth Saturday of each month with lunch afterwards. All are welcome to join!

## Editors' Note:

Hi everyone! I am really enjoying my position as newsletter editor! As always, I welcome pictures and extra articles from other members as long as you send them to me at least **five (5) days before** the end of each month. I especially need pictures and copy for events I do not attend!

Thank you Marcia and Jay for the article about their ballooning adventure! I also want to thank Brenda for sending me pictures of her racing adventure!

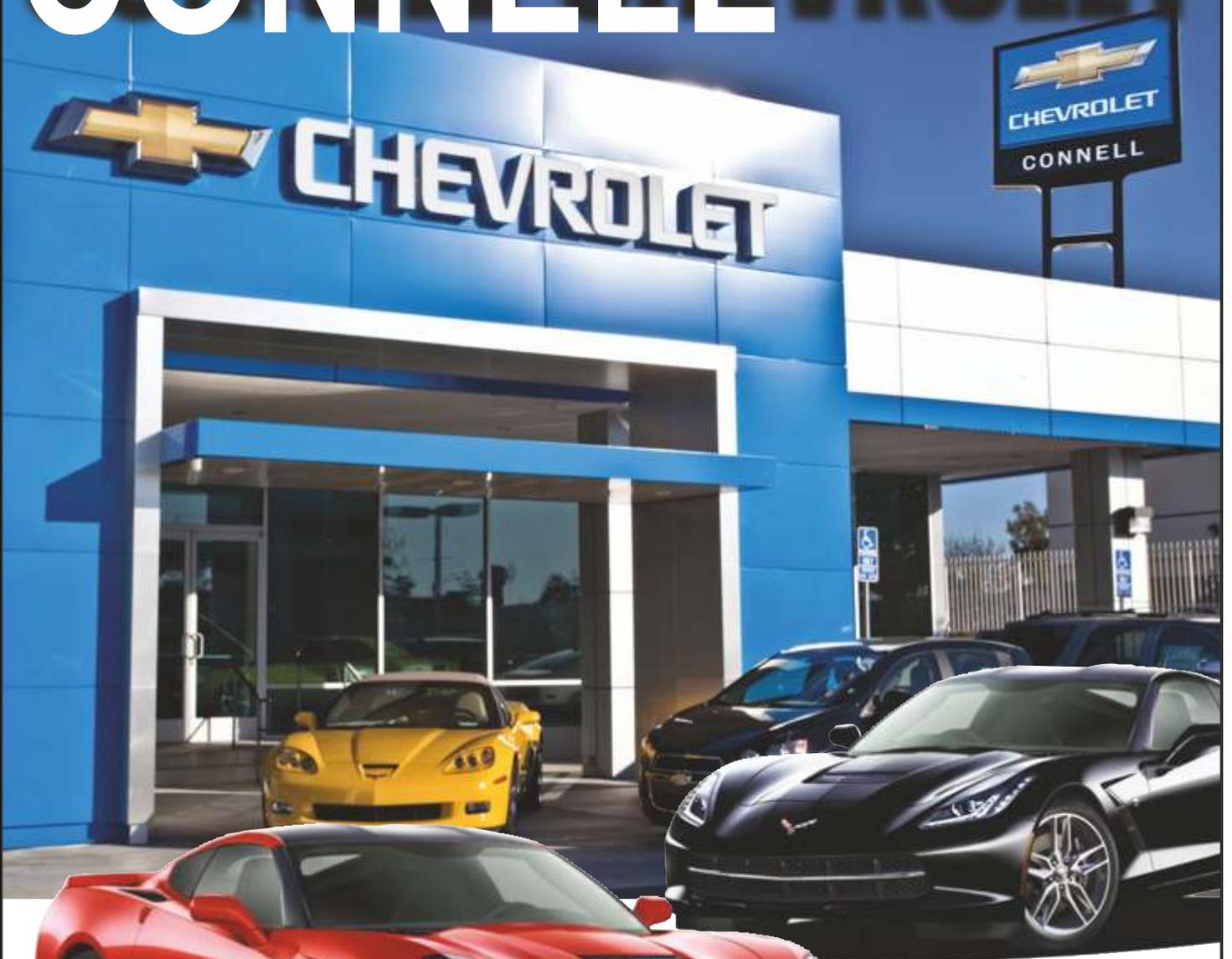
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Debbie :-)





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9:00PM

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MON- FRI  
7:00AM-

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**2015 Holiday Wrapping Days**

**Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Friday, Dec. 11**

**Daily Shifts:**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**&**

**Saturday, December 5**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Wrap Room Location**

1971 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street #130

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(On the first floor below the Council on Aging)

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