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### Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

I am honored and privileged to address you as your Club President for the coming year. Thank you for your support and confidence in me!

I want to express my appreciation to Nancy and Ray Marshall for their selfless service during this past year. You both exemplify what it takes to make our Club great. Thank you!

As I explained to our newly constituted Board, my vision for our Club this year is to continue to offer varied and exciting events, and to encourage wider participation in our Club's activities. I have only been a member of this Great Club for a little over two years and in that time, I have noticed that only a small portion of our Club members actually give of their time to help make our Club what it is.

My experience throughout my adult life is that only ten percent of any organization actually makes things happen. My challenge to each of you then is to become part of that ten percent! You and your fellow Club members will be grateful for any effort - no matter how small!

I am excited about the energy and ideas that your new Board members possess! Bernie DeMarkey has hit the ground running and is ensuring that our Club Calendar is filled with the types of events that our members long for. Thank you Bernie!

Stephanie DeMarkey and Kathy Zechmeister have re-established our Company Store and have exciting new ideas for apparel and other Club stuff. Look for announcements in our Monthly Newsletter.

Scott Sturdivant has been working tirelessly to make our Club website as useful and informative as possible. Please get used to consulting our website and Calendar often to keep yourself abreast of what our Club is doing. Thank you Scott!

Your Board also desires to solicit and expand advertising opportunities to enhance our main service goals of providing as many scholarships as possible to eligible high school students. We normally offer only one scholarship annually. Your Board's hope is that with enough financial support, we can significantly expand that number. Advertising will enable that to happen. So if you, your employer, or the businesses that you regularly do business with, would like to join us on our scholarship adventures, please contact me. Together, we'll make good things happen!

And finally, this is our Club's THIRTY FIFTH Anniversary! We each have a great legacy to live up to in keeping our Club strong. Look for 35th Anniversary activities throughout the year.

Well, the Red Rocket is calling my name...

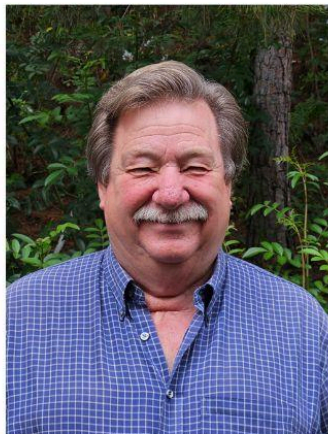
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***Saving the Wave for 35 Years!***

Charles



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Bernie DeMarkey**

Well, here it is my first official duty as Vice President of PCC. I just completed a meeting with our newly elected President Charles Walsh who has shown me the ropes. (I just hope it not enough rope to Hang Myself.) For those who do not know me and my wife Stephanie, we joined the club a few months ago and all I can say is WOW What a friendly group of people. Every event, every meeting we have met new folks and different members of the Club.

I have been a "Gasoline in the veins Guy" all my life, a Corvette Convertible top down criss-crossing the country. Can it get any better? I caught the Corvette bug watching the TV Show "Route 66". I grew up in New England where you can watch the cars rust away day by day, California Dreaming became a reality in January, 1981. I have owned several different classic and fun Cars and have been a club member and a board member in a few car clubs and believe me when I tell you what we have here in PCC is fantastic I am looking forward to a very busy year of helping many club members put on a lot of great events. Is there somewhere you want to go or something you want to see? Well call me up and let's plan a trip there. We live in the most exciting and unique place in America. We drive the most special cars made in America. We all know the Slogan "See the USA in your Chevrolet." The calendar is filling up with events and concerts for 2025: BUT! there is room for plenty more Fun EVENTS!! Call me! Text me! We will make it happen!

Here is my list of places and things I would like to see us do BUT I NEED YOUR HELP,

The USS Midway San Diego  
The USS Iowa, San Pedro  
The Palm Springs Ariel Tramway  
The Palm Spring Wind Turbine Museum  
The Palm Springs Airplane Museum  
Angelus Crest Highway, California Route 2 from La Canada to Mile High Skey resort  
The Nethercutt House of Beauty  
Carbon Canyon Drive to the Chino Air museums (Both) then Lunch at Flo's Diner  
The Reagan Presidential Library  
Deer Park Winery  
OC Railroad Museum  
The Nixon Library

If any of these sound like fun to you, help me make it happen.  
If you have never hosted an event and you want to, I will help every step of the way to make it a success.

At the awards banquet, a member talked to me about a trip to Palos Robles if you are hat member, PLEASE call me.

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Recent events: Bob and Sandy Savanich hosted the New Year's Day drive and lunch at Lucille's What a fun drive topped off by a great lunch and the best way I know to start the New Year!! Thank you Both.

The FORMAL Black and White Awards Banquet, was my first one and all I can say the 2026 Banquet Team has their work cut out for them because this year was something special. A very Special Thank you to all the folks who worked really to make this event truly memorable. BTW Stephanie won one of the table centerpieces and it is now on the coffee table in our den.

Have fun out there and DRIVE your Corvette every chance you get.

Bernie

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1** Tina Turner Tribute Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Feb. 5** PCC Monthly Meeting Campus JAX
- Feb. 7** The Eagles Ronstadt Experience Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Feb. 8** The Chicago Tribute Experience Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Feb. 15** 3 Museum Couples Cruise, Host Bernie DeMarkey
- Feb. 21** Kenny Metcalf as Elton John & the Early Years Band Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Feb. 22** Cruise to Harbor House Café Hosted by Scott Sturdivant
- Feb. 28** Smooth Sounds of Santana, Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Mar. 5** PCC Monthly Meeting
- Mar. 7** Bee Gee Gold , Hosted by Gary Uchino
- Mar. 8** 2025 Festival of the Whales, Hosted by Bob and Sandy Savanich
- Mar. 15** Ronstadt Revival, Hosted by Gary Uchino

**As you can see we are very busy but that is Ok.**

**Let's get even more busy.**

**Bernie**





# BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

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**Greetings PCC'ers!** In this episode, I'll talk to you about some necessary modifications and upgrades to The Red Rocket to enhance her performance and most importantly, to keep her legal in the State of California!

When I purchased my 1999 C5 Corvette Convertible, it came with some modifications done by the previous owner. Along with non-pop up headlights, he had installed an aftermarket air intake system that I unfortunately discovered was not California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliant. I contacted the manufacturer of the errant air intake system in the hopes that they made a CARB compliant model but to no avail.

So, I was on my own to either reinstall the original factory air intake system which the previous owner gave me or, try to find an aftermarket air intake system that would address both performance and legality.



Thankfully, Callaway Performance manufacturers a Honker Air Intake system for the C5 Corvette that guarantees a performance improvement and is CARB compliant.

I purchased this Honker system and fully intended to install it myself. But as we all know, life somehow intrudes to prevent the best of intentions. I'm pretty good as a Backyard Mechanic but even I have limitations. So what to do? How could I get this system installed correctly with minimal down-time?

Thanks to Carl Jablonski's experience having Callaway install his supercharger on his C8, he recommended that I contact them about installing their Honker system on my Corvette.

A call to Callaway determined that they indeed would love to install their Honker and boy, am I glad I chose to have them do it. You see, when the previous owner installed his aftermarket air intake, he cut the radiator shroud as required. When Callaway started the Honker installation on my 'Vette, they discovered that the cut radiator shroud had a hole that was too wide for the correct installation of the Honker.

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Not to worry, their shop in Temecula specializes in unique automotive issues so with a couple of pieces of carbon fiber, they modified my errant radiator shroud to accept the Honker with no issues. The installation went flawlessly and I even had them install some radiator covers painted to match The Red Rocket's Magnetic Red Metallic paint. If you look good... you are good!

The most important aspect of installing Callaway's Honker Air Intake System is the CARB sticker that comes with the kit. And I've already passed my latest smog test!



There are very few items about my C5 Corvette that I dislike. One of the most egregious items is the stock 6-speed manual shifter. Shifting from second to third, or even worse - fourth to fifth - made me feel like my arm just wasn't long enough to make that shifting throw! And if you've every been stuck in interminable stop and go traffic, you'll truly wish you had an automatic transmission.

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Callaway Performance thankfully makes a shift mechanism that addresses this short-coming. The Callaway S4 Shifter for the C5 Corvette is an incredibly smooth, although pricey, solution to my stock shifter issues.

Because the entire center console has to be removed to install this new shifter, I opted once again to have Callaway install it at their Temecula facility. Installation took only a couple of hours and the shifting improvement was dramatic. A quick flick of the wrist smoothly and effortlessly moves the transmission through the gears. A gentle push is all that is required to shift from second to third. Magical!

The shifter is optimized for performance so the easiest transitions are from third to fourth and back again. No longer do I have to “hunt” for the correct gear placement. This upgrade was definitely a wise decision.

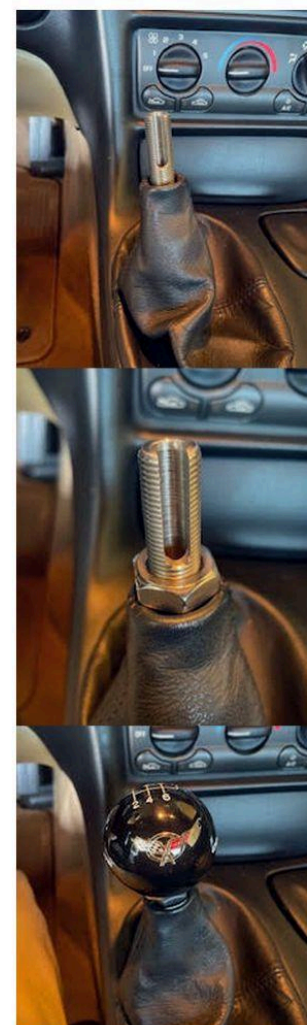
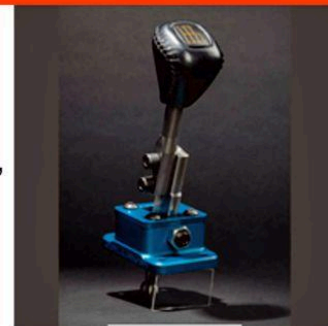
In keeping with the “If you look good ...you are good” theme, I opted to dress up the shifter with a cue ball knob appropriately adorned with Corvette stuff. I needed to add a locking nut to the shifter shaft to keep the cue ball centered.

So now, driving is even more pleasant than it ever was before.

I hope you’ve enjoyed this episode of the Backyard Mechanic. Although most of the grunt work of doing the two installations described above was done by Callaway, I feel that my planning, research and of course check writing(!) qualifies me to present this as part of my ongoing efforts to inspire you to do more with your own Corvettes.

**‘Till next time, Stay Safe and Stay Fast!**

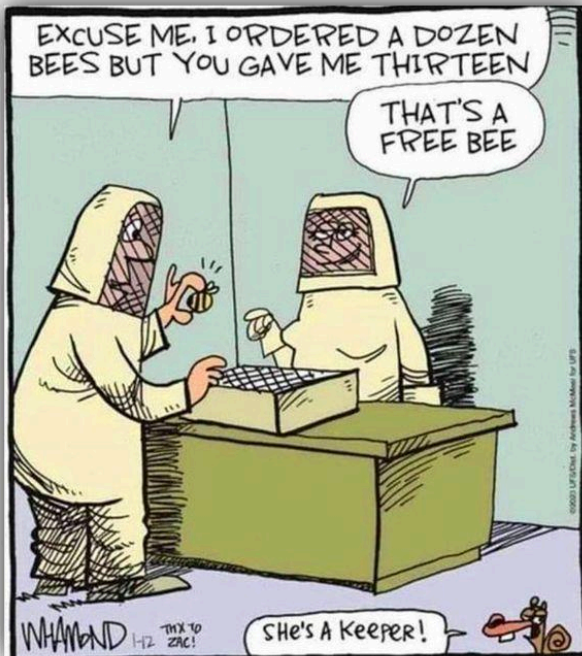
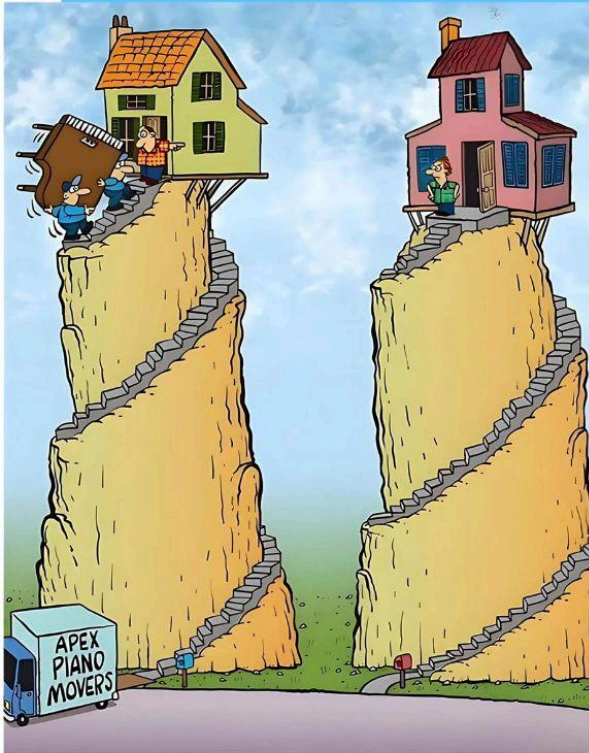
**Charles**





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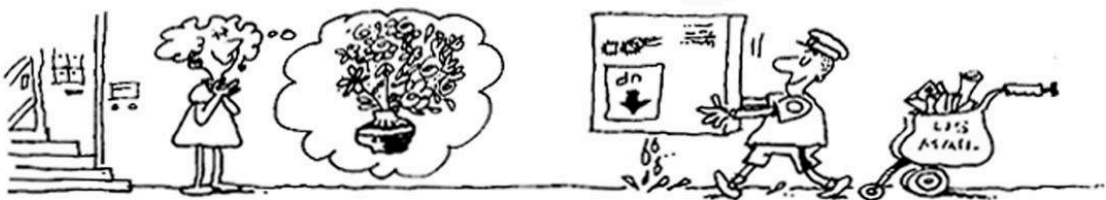
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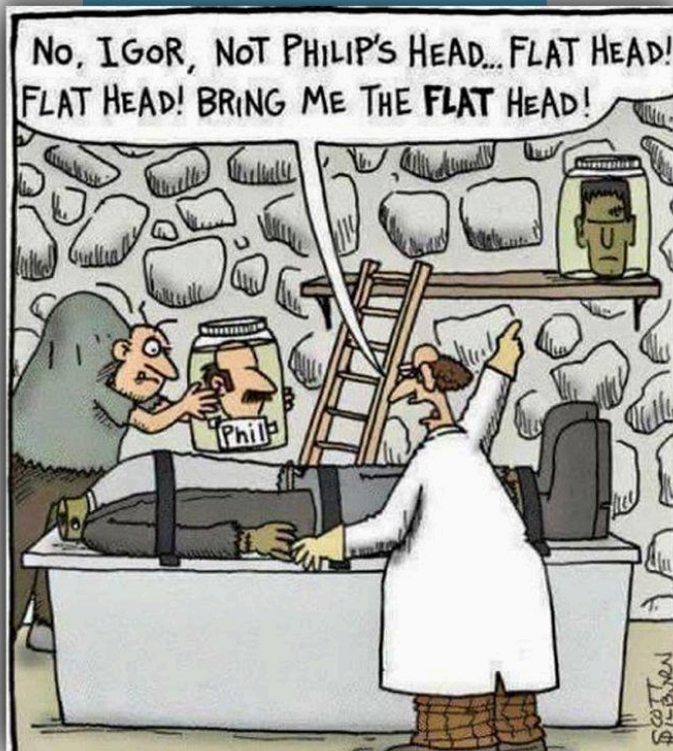
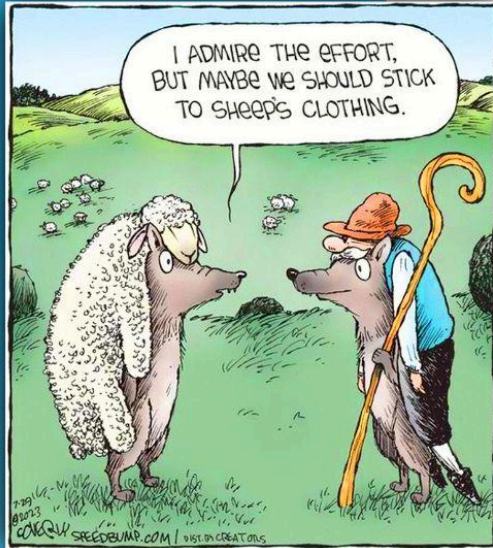
**Me:** I don't think I know six people  
without any problems.





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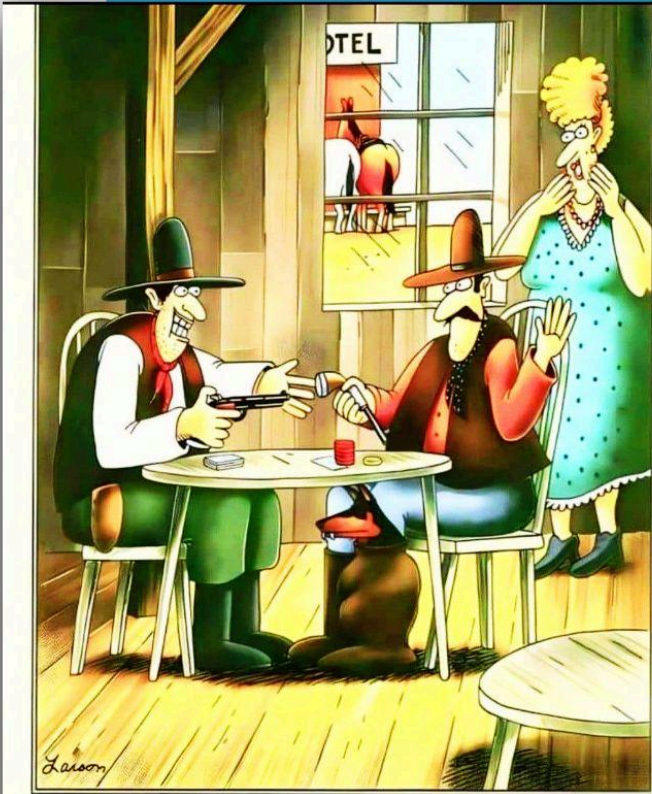
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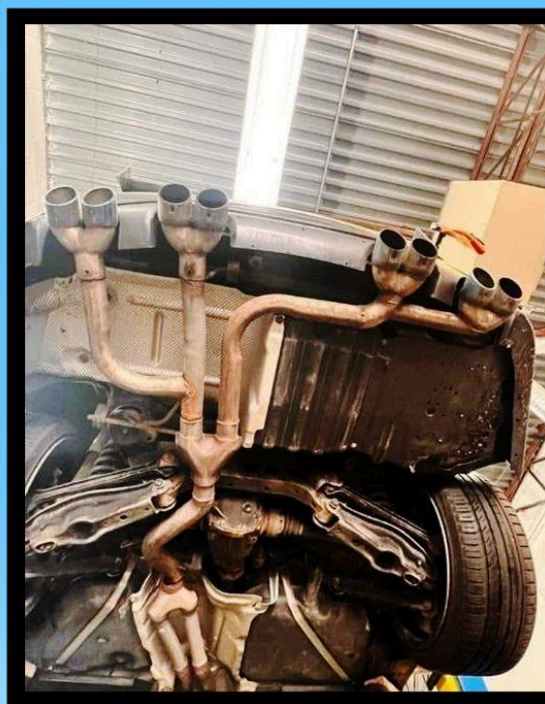
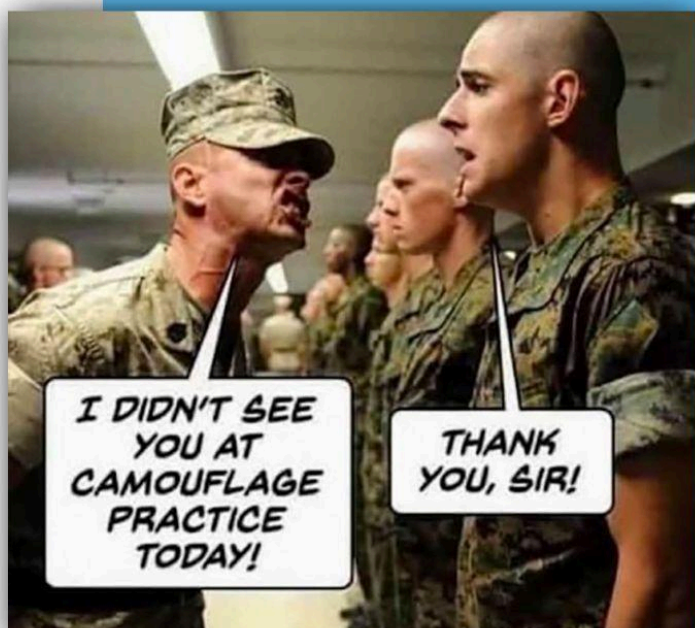
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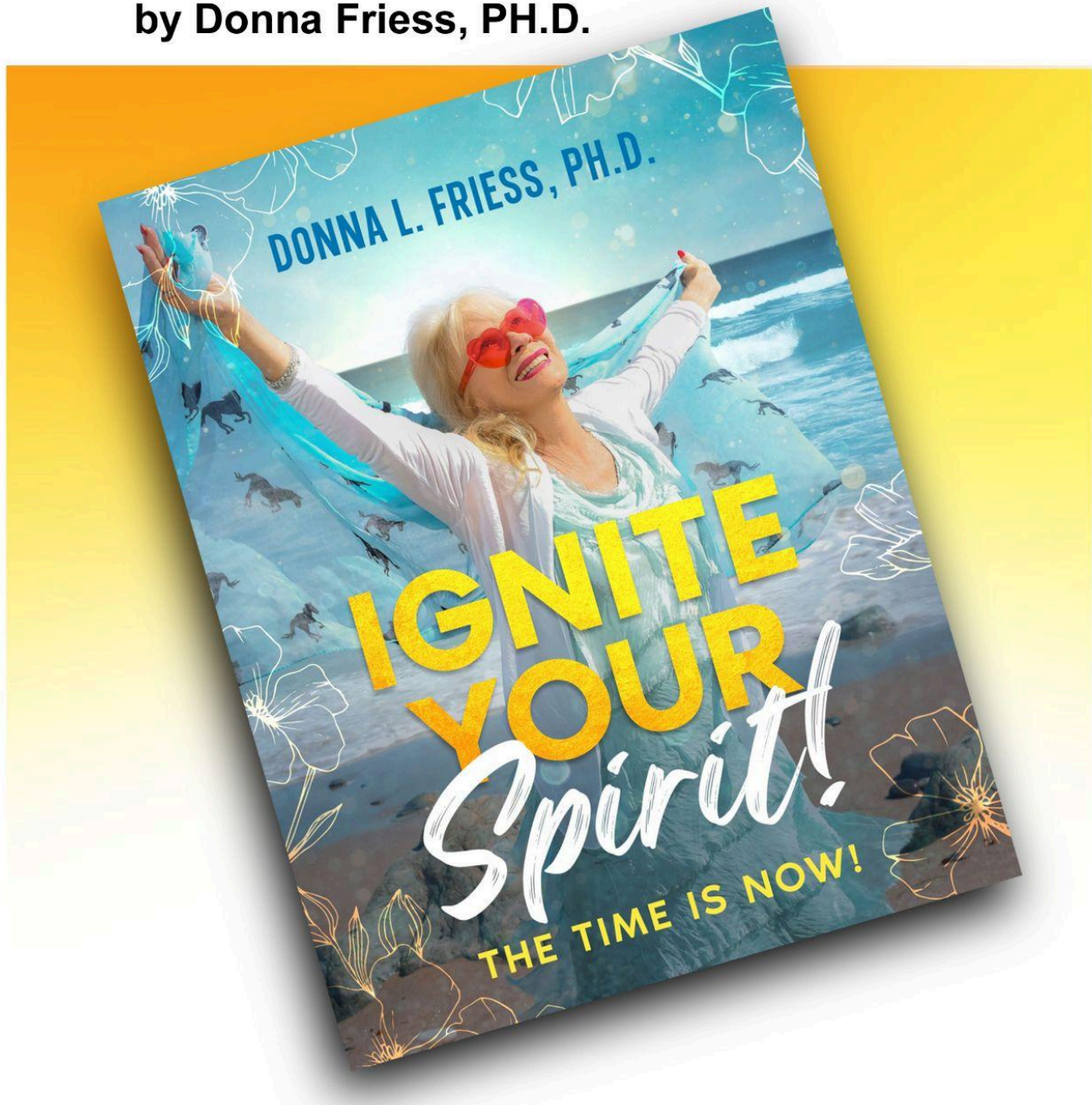
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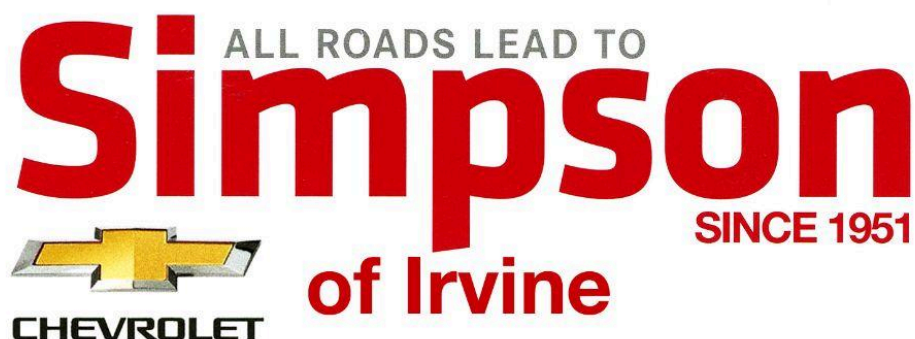
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