

# THE Corvette Waves

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Charles Walsh

## Greetings PCC'ers

*This is my Monthly Message to you as your Vice President and we will discuss several pressing issues.*

### This is a very important message - Please Read!

As I write this, I am listening to Firefighting Helicopters pass over my home after drawing water from Oso Reservoir which is near me. They are trying to suppress and contain the Airport Fire which is threatening many homes in our area. I hope and pray that no one will have fire damage to their home or property.

**First and most important**, our Club dues have been unchanged for many years - probably since our incorporation as a Club! As with everything we have to deal with today such as groceries or fuel prices, costs are going up.

We need to transition our Club Website and email exchange to new and more efficient platforms. This is something we can't avoid as both the Website and emails are the most accurate and effective ways for us to communicate. We have had some issues with the website which we will correct and as most of you know, our email communications have been somewhat unreliable of late. Also, we recently lost our Club's mail address as the vendor who was hosting our mail box went out of business. All of this means our current budget needs to be expanded.

Accordingly, I am proposing that our dues be increased by \$35.00 per year. This will be an increase of less than \$3.00 per month. It will give us significant breathing room to accomplish all of the things that we have to pay for to enable our Club to function well.

I understand and appreciate that many of us - myself included! - are retired and

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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on fixed incomes. I truly hope that this dues increase will not be a burden for any-one of us. The Membership needs approve any dues changes such as I proposed so please plan on attending October's meeting to enable a vote.

Along with discussions about Dues, we are moving into that time of year for each member to renew their membership. Dues collections are always difficult and my hope is that this year we can complete our dues collections in a timely manner. Our membership with NCCC relies on timely dues payment.

**Okay, enough serious stuff** - Thank you for reading the above.

Several Club members participated in this year's Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY for the 30th Anniversary visit to the National Corvette Museum - where the lives of our beloved Corvettes began. All had a safe and uneventful trip.

Our Club's annual trip to Cambria is on tap for 03-06Oct. This is always a wonderful series of events and this year promises to be no different.

We have a myriad of events in our future so if your interest lies in competitive driving, showing off your ride, or just sharing fun and food with like-minded Corvette people, There's something for everyone.

### Our Club's upcoming events include:

- 14Sep** - Neil Diamond at Campus Jax hosted by Gary Uchino
- 17Sep** - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich
- 19Sep** - Mission San Juan Capistrano Historical Tour hosted by Donna Friess
- 28Sep** - Cruisin' for a Cure hosted by Kandra Longo
- 28Sep** - Elton John at Campus Jax hosted by Gary Uchino
- 02Oct** - Next Club Meeting at Campus Jax

**\*\*\*03-06Oct - PCC Cambria Trip hosted by Nancy and Ray Marshall\*\*\***

17Oct - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich

26Oct - Laguna Woods Parade Hosted by David Yeats

***Well, that's it for now. The Red Rocket is calling my name... 'Till next time - Stay Safe and Stay Fast!***



# BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

## Issue 4

**Greetings PCC'ers!** In this episode I will address some very important issues concerning Safety when working on your Corvette.

First off, the Corvette has several gas-piston lift support struts for those panels that need to remain in the opened position while you do whatever needs to be done. The Red Rocket is a convertible so it has gas struts for the trunk, the panel that hides the top when stowed and of course, the hood. My 'Vette is twenty five years old and I've already had to replace the trunk gas struts. The other struts will need replacement eventually.

Since I try to perform as much maintenance as I can myself, I need the hood to remain open for as long as I am working in the engine bay. In some instances, that could be for several hours (I'm a little slow...).

I am concerned that the gas struts supporting the opened hood will decide to fail at the least opportune moment. This potential injury moment is easily avoided with a simple \$10.00 device that I learned about while watching Lyle of C&S Corvettes on his YouTube channel. On a recent episode, Lyle touted the benefits of a Lift Support Clamp to prevent the hood from inadvertently closing.



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# BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

Easily attached to one of the hood gas struts, it will prevent any potential of the hood closing on my head! The Clamp comes with a soft brass tip to the screw to avoid any damage to the strut and a locking nut to add another layer of security.

I enthusiastically recommend this product! Available on Amazon. I also recommend the C&S Corvettes YouTube classes. They almost always have valuable information to share.



In a previous issue of The Backyard Mechanic, I mentioned that I employ Quick Jack hydraulic lifts to get The Red Rocket up in the air so that I can work underneath it. Quick Jacks have a slick locking mechanism to prevent an untimely collapse but as with all things hydraulic, I don't trust it.

To insure that I will remain safe while under my car working, I utilize Jack Stands at each corner of the lift to provide that extra level of security.

As you can see from their obvious age and patina, I have owned these jack stands for many years and always use them when I'm working on any car. When I had to replace my exhaust system recently, it was comforting to know that no matter how hard I tugged or moved under the car, the Jack Stands guaranteed that the hydraulic lift would remain secure.



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# BACKYARD MECHANIC

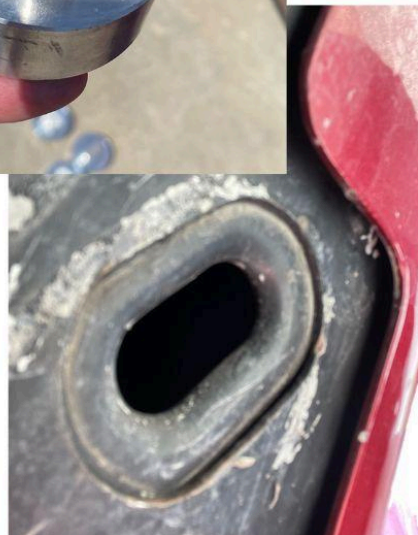
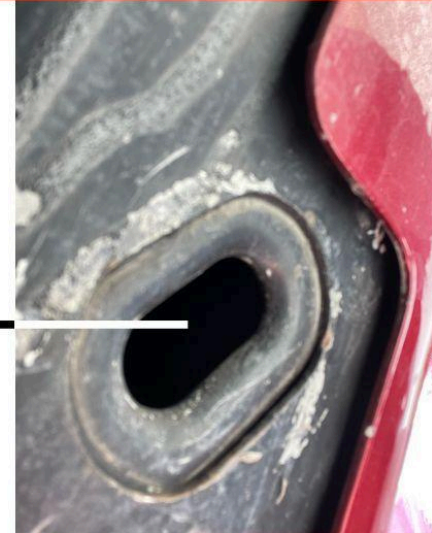
By Charles Walsh

One of the unique attributes of the Corvette - at least the C5 and C6 versions - is that the lifting points on the frame sill require special attachments that go into the holes at these lifting points to prevent damaging the underside of the car.

When I purchased the car, the previous owner had been using hockey pucks to provide a suitable surface for lifting the car.

I found this to be an unacceptable method and wanted something a little more secure. So I purchased aluminum "pucks" that actually have a tab that goes into the hole.

These worked really well and I kept them in my trunk in case I had to rely on a garage away from home to do any repairs. I'd have a set of lift pucks in case they didn't. I was very proud of this solution until I got distracted one time when lowering the car and failed to take them off! Thankfully I didn't lose any when I drove away! So a new solution was in order - something that I could install and leave in place.



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# BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

Enter ZL1 Addons, Inc. ([www.ZL1Addons.com](http://www.ZL1Addons.com)). They make a quality lift puck that secures to the lifting hole so that I never have to worry about forgetting to remove them after the work is done.



Installation was simple and efficient. They even provide a hex key to tighten the hex-head screws! I doubled down on ensuring that they remain in place by utilizing some Blue Loctite.



The nicest attribute of these ZL1 Addons is their beautiful red color! The Red Rocket has to stay color coordinated after all...



Well, that's it for this episode of The Backyard Mechanic. I hope you learned something and in any event, please always practice SAFETY when working on your own 'Vette.

***Till next time - Stay Safe and Stay Fast!***



# PCC Cars and Coffee at the San Clemente Outlets

By Bob Savanich



*Event Date: September 7, 2024*



Another incredible turnout for PCC Cars and Coffee at the Outlets in San Clemente. As usual we met up at Carl's Jr. on Del Obispo and the I-5 in San Juan Capistrano. This time we added a little something. After all of us gathered I introduced the manager of Carl's Jr., Eddie Fiero, to thank him and his staff for hosting PCC all these years. Mark Smith and I presented Eddie with two (2) PCC caps and made him an honorary PCC member for the day. Everyone gave him a standing ovation. Well deserved for this man. *event that starts at Carls's Jr. in San Juan, and as a courtesy to Eddie and his team, please call me so I can alert them in advance.*

As usual, Corvettes filled Eddie's parking lot and members purchased lots of breakfast items and yummy Carl's Jr. chocolate chip cookies. Good going PCC'rs. After a brief drivers meeting, we caravanned down to the Avenida Vista Hermosa off ramp to the San Clemente Outlets. Cameron Rees and Haley Villegas (hope the spelling is correct) joined us for their first PCC Cars and Coffee and we hope they had a good time with the club. I'm sure they were impressed with the sheer number of shiny Vettes assembled at the Outlets. Thirty six (36) by my count. Thanks again for showing up.

Apologies for not being able to spend a lot of time with each of you. I try to

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# PCC Cars and Coffee at the San Clemente Outlets

By Bob Savanich

make things run smoothly so I'm quite busy trying to orchestrate everything. I was flying solo since my better half, Sandy, had an important call with our travel agent arranging some last minute trips. We're trying to make up for lost time related to some health issues and of course the Covid years.

**The next PCC Cars and Coffee at the Outlets will be the first Saturday in December (Dec. 7th).** This is PCC's annual Toys for Marines drive. So start saving your pennies so we can bring lots and lots of toys for Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton and those injured service men and women in the hospital on Pendleton.



## Save the Wave and Semper Fidelis,

Bob Savanich  
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# ANNUAL DUES

*From the desk of Carl Jablonski*

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- Log in to your bank's website
- Look for "Send money via Zelle"
- For the first payment you will need to set up PCC as a recipient
- To set up, select "add recipient" or "send money" (each bank is different)
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- Enter the amount of dues owed
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Any questions on the process contact:

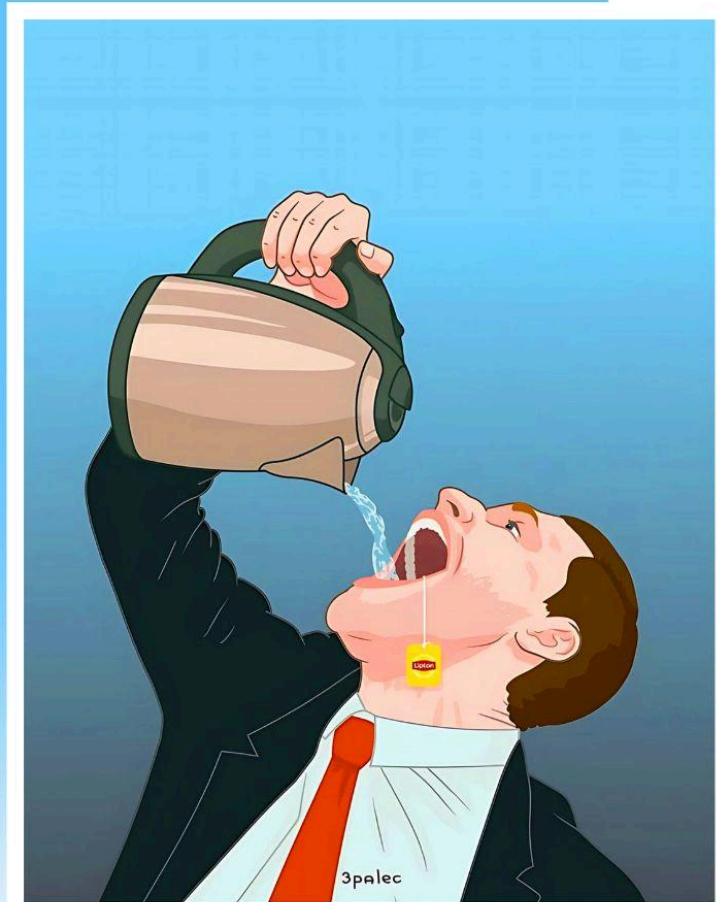
Carl Jablonski (PCC Treasurer) at 909 802 4654/[carljablonski@me.com](mailto:carljablonski@me.com)

- Fees for New Members

The Treasurer shall receive membership dues and fees from new and prospective members, normally through the Sergeant at Arms. The amount owed is \$105.00 ( includes \$35.00 increase ) for a single member and an additional \$10 for a spouse or significant other. This fee is constant from October of this year through March of next year. After March there is some prorating discounts based on the month of the new membership start date.

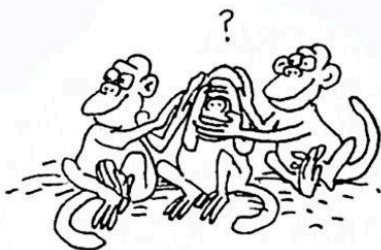
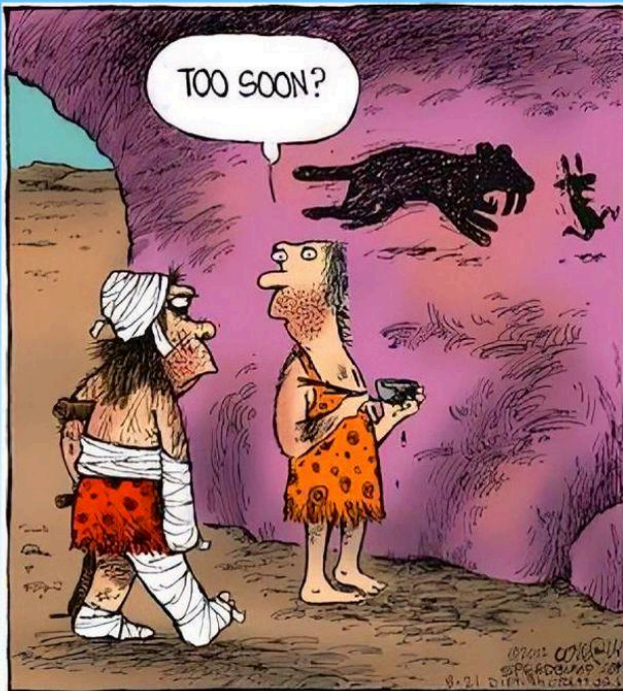
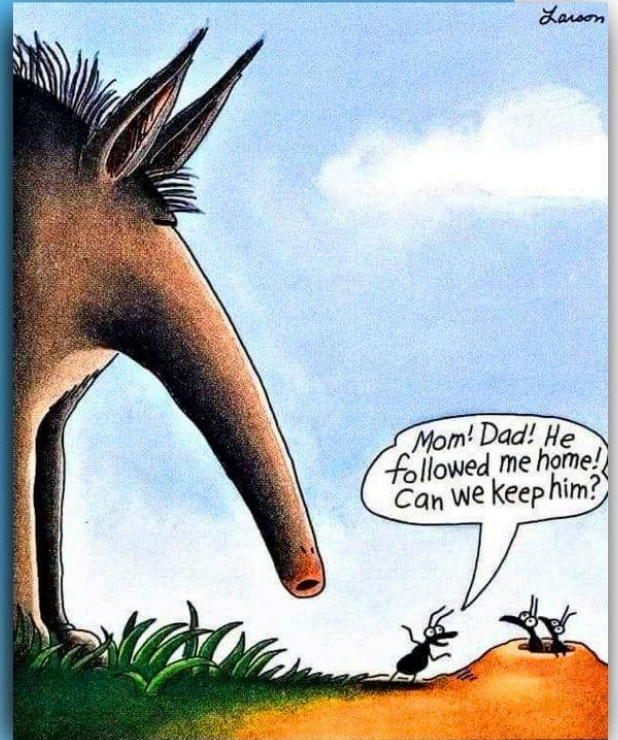
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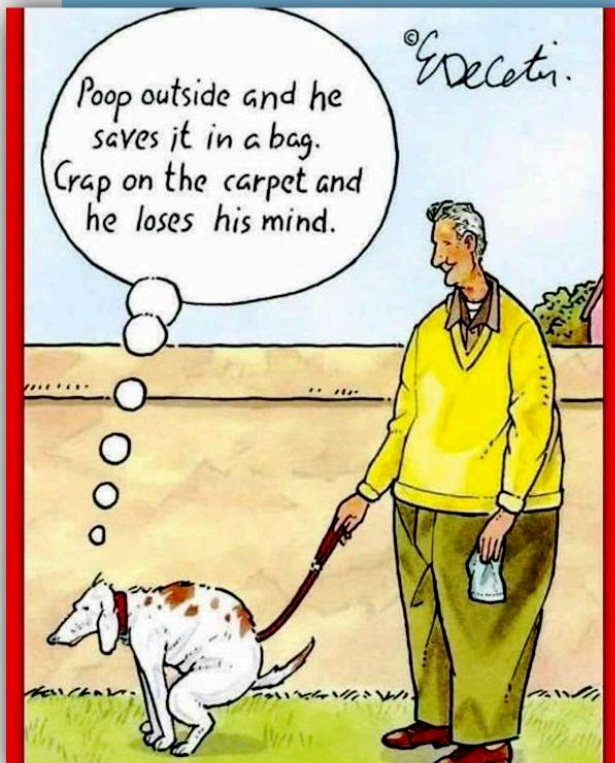
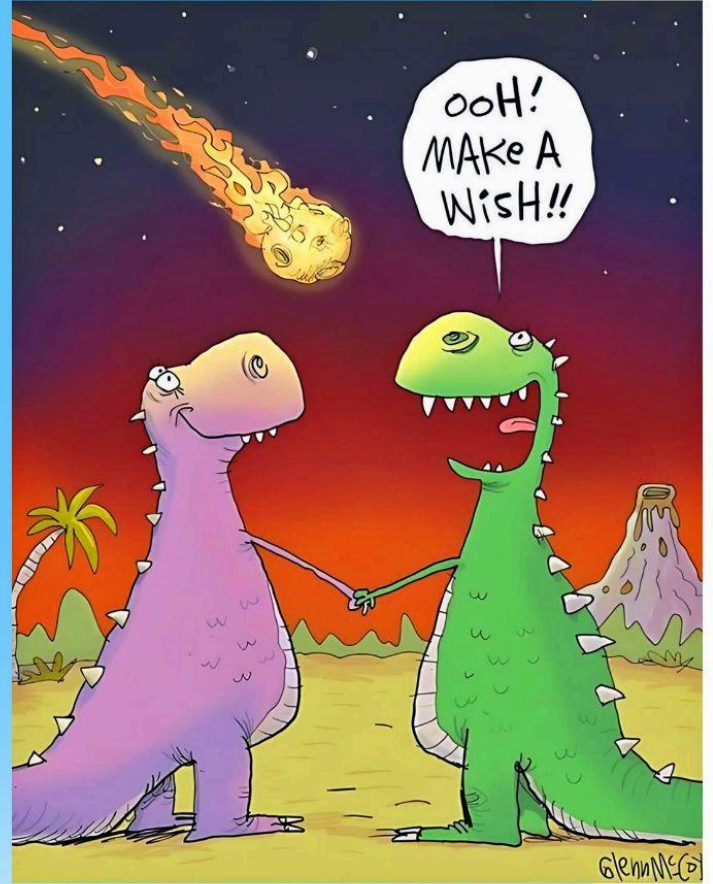
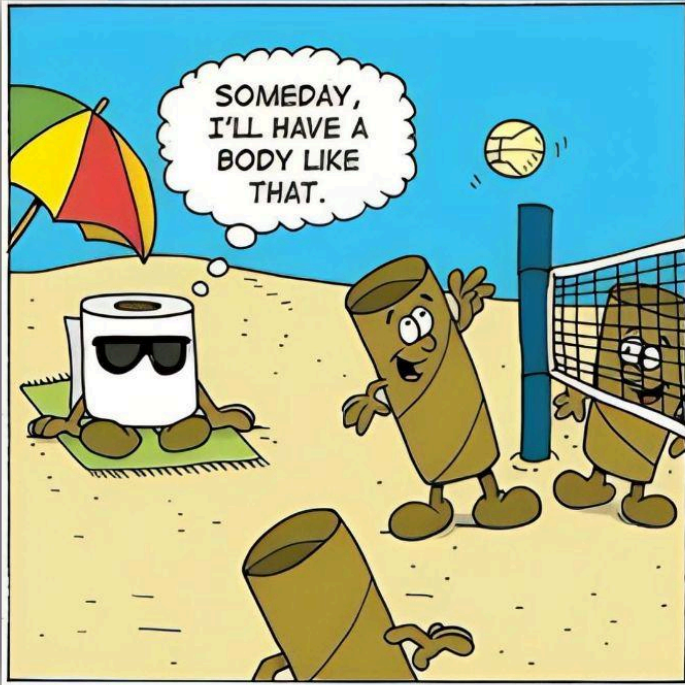
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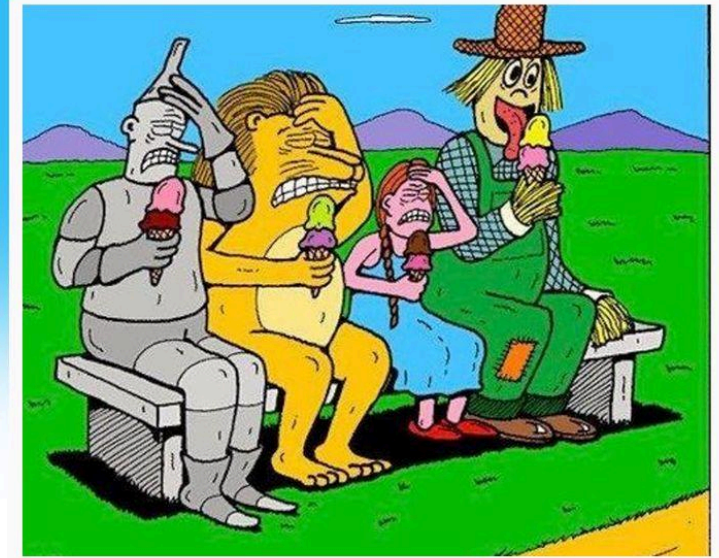
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**I was going to cook alligator for dinner but realized I only had a croc pot.**

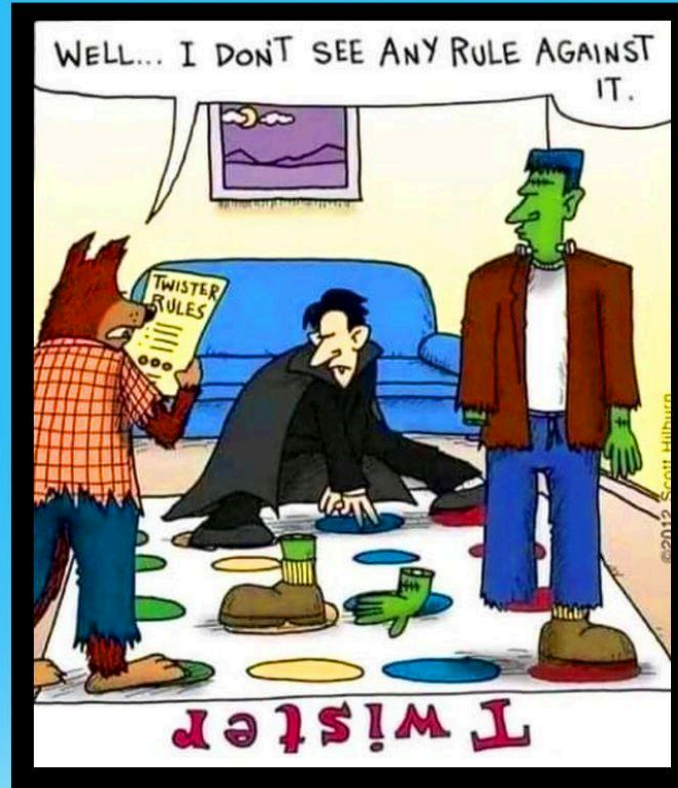
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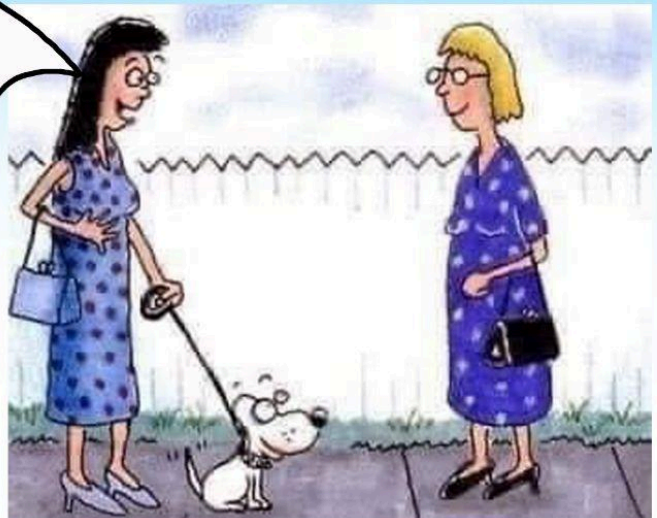


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I got this puppy for my husband.  
I think it was a fair trade.





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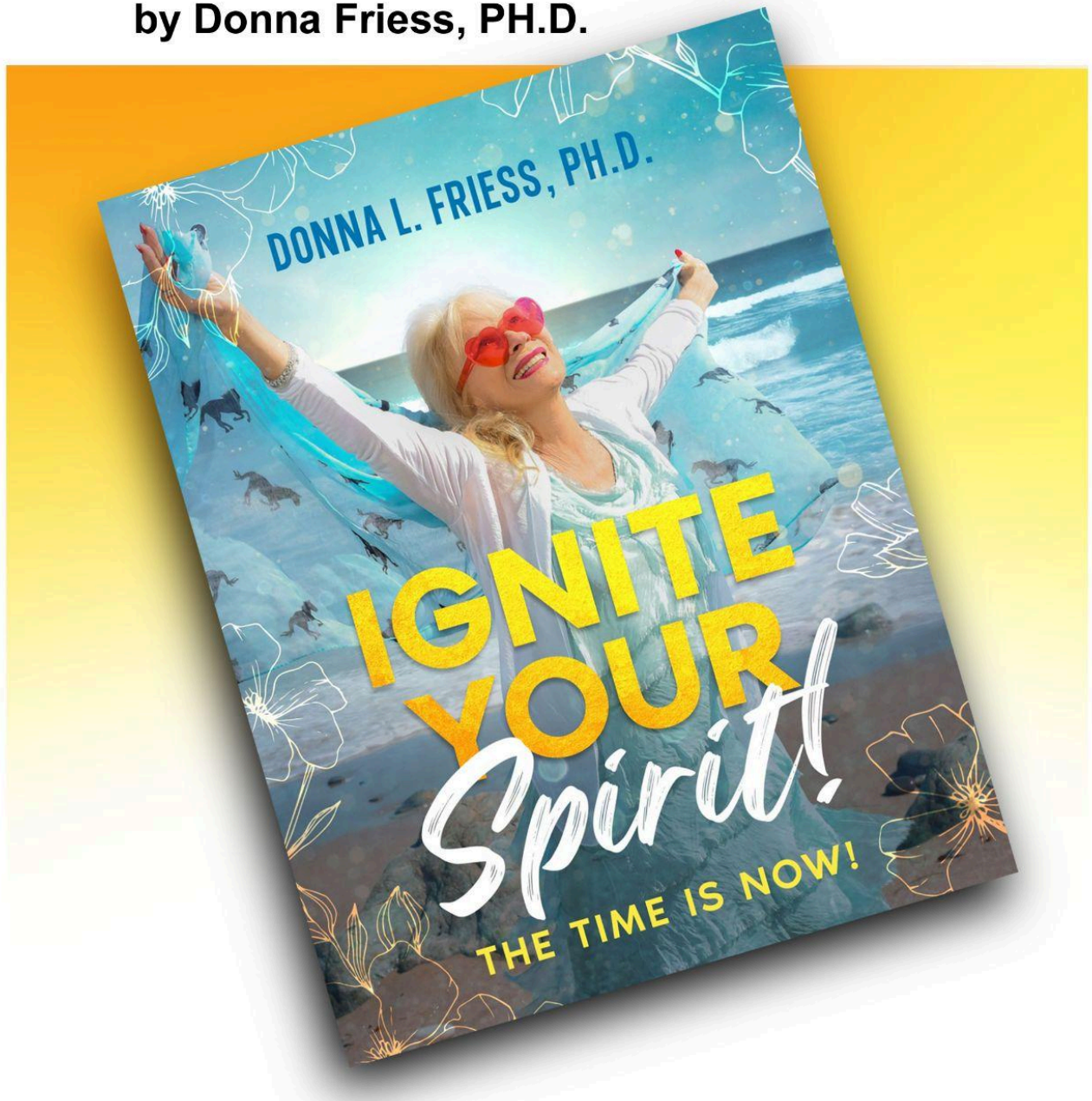
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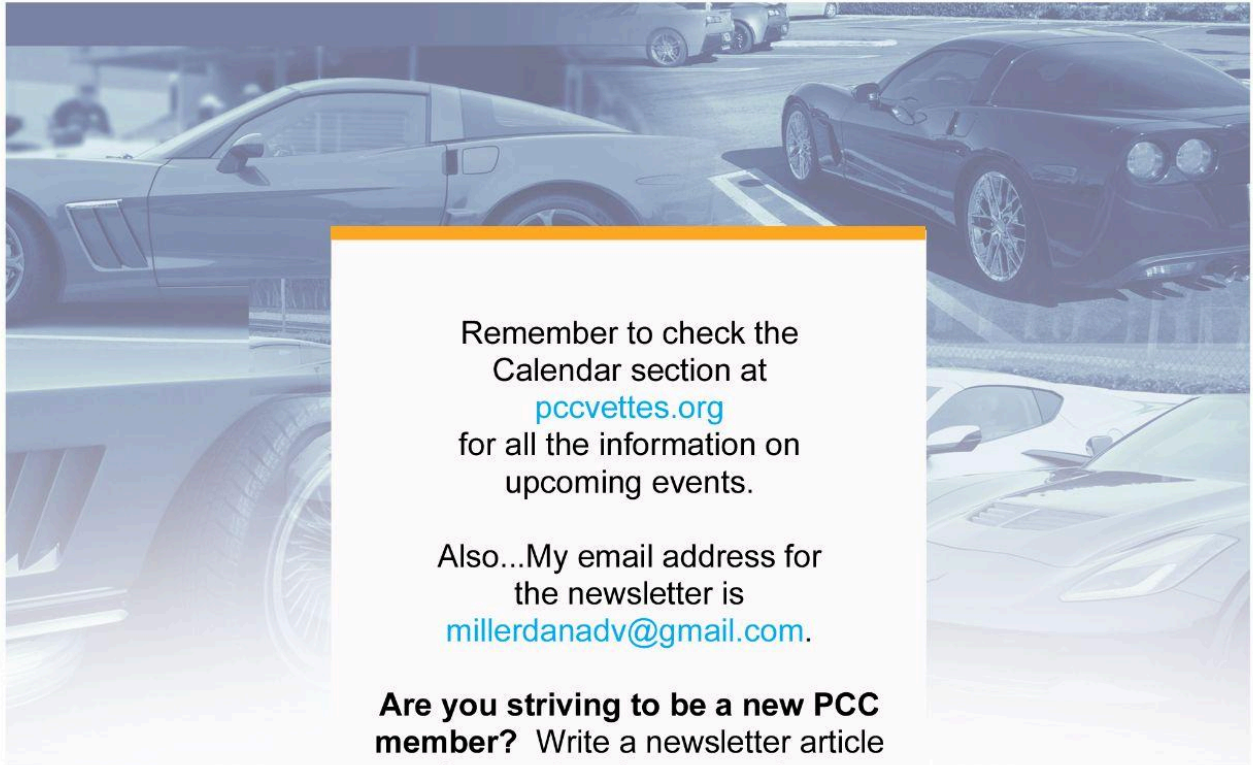
by **Donna Friess, PH.D.**



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