

GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS and CORVETTES...

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On Sunday December 8, 2019 our Pittsburgh Tri State Chapter held its Holiday Banquet and 29th Annual Membership Meeting at the Manor Valley Golf Course Lower Banquet Room in Export, Pa. John DeGregory and Don Geary co-chaired the event. We had about 41 attendees including our neighbors/members from Ohio. This was the first time our Chapter held a Christmas Banquet at this venue. It was very nice and perfect for the amount of people we had registered. The food was good and the ice cream dessert bar was very well liked by everyone. What a pleasure to see our Corvette friends and family members enjoying themselves and having a good time, as is the case with many of our Chapter events. Before dinner John DeGregory thanked everyone for coming, and offered the blessing. After dinner Dave Kitch thanked our board members for their dedication to our Chapter, recapped the events from 2019 and went over our schedule of events for 2020. He also presented three of our members with the *NCRS Service Award*. This year's awards went to Judy Geary, John Kuhns and Jim Wainwright for all their hard work, support and dedication throughout the year. Treasurer, Norm Neffield briefly went over the 2019 Chapter finances as well.

One of our Chapter Charities is the Westmorland County "***Toys for Tots***" program and Dave Kitch is also our chairman for this. Dave took over as chairman from long- time chairman George Whipkey a few years ago. He asked each attendee to either bring a \$25.00 value toy or monetary donation in the same amount. Everyone listened, because we had a really nice selection of toys for our area's needy children.

Don and Judy Geary passed out the PTSC 2020 Membership Directory to every member during the meeting as well. A special thanks to both of them for all the hard work they put in to putting this directory together each year. Members not in attendance will get theirs in the mail, if they haven't already.

Something new this year! The board decided to give out door prizes to those in attendance. We gave out twenty \$25.00 gift cards from local restaurants/retailers, as well as embroidered PTSC apparel. Everyone or nearly everyone should have gone home with something. Another special thanks to Linda Neffield for going out and purchasing the gift cards.

It's always nice to get together at the end of the year at this event to see everyone and to enjoy the fellowship as well as talk Corvettes. It's safe to say that everyone who attended this year's Christmas Banquet had a great time. Hopefully, in the future we will have more members show up at all of our events. Remember it is your Chapter too! We have some great ones lined up for next year. See our Schedule of events in this newsletter, our website and in the back inside cover of our membership directory.

Finally, thank you to John DeGregory, and Don Geary for your hard work in organizing this event as well as others who helped to make it an enjoyable time for everyone...***MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!.....JP***