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Quick Hits from the Editor~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 4 - 7:00pm

The Point After

3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Lansing

Board Meeting

February 18 - 7:00pm

The Point After

Mystery Dinner

February 7 - 5:30pm

(Flyer inside)

Club Fundraiser:

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From the President . . .

Greetings, and happy February everyone! I know, we're in the middle of winter and our Corvettes are tucked neatly away just dreaming of that open road and of being washed and waxed again. Oh, maybe that's me just wishing for spring and warmer weather.

One thing I wanted to touch on, since it is the middle of winter; did you know that in national rule book there is a section pertaining to ice racing? All we need is a frozen lake or parking lot and to be willing to get those Vettes out and go racing. All you folks with the newer cars... sounds like fun, doesn't it? I don't know, maybe something different to do in the winter. Let me know if you're interested. I guess it was done years ago and they must have taken it seriously or there wouldn't be rules for it.

Anyway, on to other things. I hope everyone made it thru the colds and flu that have been going around lately. We have a few activities planned for February. There is our general membership meeting, of course, and then a Mystery Dinner on February 7th. See the flyer in the newsletter or contact Janet Johnston for more information on that. It's always a lot of fun to go to one of these dinners so I hope most of you can make it. For you new members, the mystery is not what you eat but where you eat. We meet at a designated location and follow the leader. And enjoy ourselves.

I want to tell you a little about the rallye and competition school we hope to put on in the spring. I know I mentioned it before, but I want encourage everyone to take part in it. We hope to run a rallye with stops along the way to see how everyone is doing and to keep everyone on the right track. We are also talking about a session on how to tech a car for different types of events. We will go through a drivers meeting and learn what questions to ask when you are in a competition event. This can be important if you want to be competitive in these events. We just want all of you to have good time when participating so you need to understand all the

rules and know how to play the game. You will have more fun when you do everything right.

As a car club we seem to be successful in providing activities that appeal to many different tastes and interests. I want to continue to do so. We need to hear from you if you have an idea that might appeal to us as a Corvette club. So, don't just sit back and let the Board run everything. We need all the help we can get to continue to make this a successful and growing club. As I said before, I want everyone who joins this club to see that we really enjoy this hobby and that can only be done with everyone's help. I just want all of you to have a good time with your Corvette.

One other thing that I didn't mention at the last meeting was NCCC's 45th annual convention. The convention will take place from June 5-11 in Las Vegas. Registration opens February 1.

If you have never been to a convention you should consider going sometime. An indoor car show and concourse are being planned as well as a rallye and a road tour. You can watch or participate in high and low speed autocross events as well as drag racing. If you aren't into competition there are other daytime events planned including golf and a Corvette Mall filled with Corvette goodies to buy. There are huge parties, with lots of door prizes, planned for almost every night too.

You don't have to take your Corvette if you don't want to, but it is more fun if you do. I think so anyway. There is a form in your Blue Bars magazine if you're interested in going this year, or you can sign up by visiting this web site: www.vette.org/LasVegas2004.htm.

I hope everyone has a good month, and we'll see you at the different events coming up.



CCCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2004

PRESIDENT: Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 7:05. Despite the extremely cold weather and snow, 43 members attended. Simon welcomed all new members and visitors. Recognition and appreciation was extended to outgoing board members; Jeff McQuade, Rich Bratschi, Colleen Bratschi, & Cindy Hanses. New board members were introduced; John Bechtel, Evelyn Aronson, Bob Maynard & Carol Armstrong. Simon gave a brief overview of the year to come. He also reminded members "this is a hobby, so enjoy your car and everybody's company. Have fun, this is a great group of people". John Shepler then introduced his guest, Kim Dysarz, Program Manager of Big Brother Big Sisters. They are looking for 'adult role models' so these children, ages 5-18 can have a better chance to succeed. They serve Ingham, Eaton & Shiawassee counties and have many different programs available. She would be available for more questions after the meeting.

SECRETARY: No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent

MEMBERSHIP: Evelyn reported the renewal total to date; 91 Adults, 28 youth. Reminder to all members, Gloria would like a picture of everyone's cars for the web site.

SOCIAL: The award banquet is scheduled for January 24TH AT Coyote Creek Grille. Janet would appreciate payment tonight for reservations. February 7th, will be an impromptu Mystery Dinner. More information will be available on the web site. As a surprise Janet gave each member with a January birthday a special treat and as Dave & Diana Kuempel will be celebrating their anniversary this month, they were presented with 'dinner for two' (a box of macaroni & cheese)....oh Janet.....

POINTS: Don advised points totals will be updated often and posted on the web site. There also is a complete explanation of the 'point program' on that same site. Reminder, you must remember to sign the 'sign up sheet', to receive points.

TREASURER: Bob reported checking and savings account balances, and that all bills had been paid to date.

EDITOR: Carol's deadline for the February newsletter is 01/23/04. Members can receive their newsletter via e-mail if they prefer, contact Carol.

COMPETITION: Corvette show and road rally scheduled for June 19th. Phil plans to schedule "Rally School; for members, sometime prior to that date. Low speed event tentatively scheduled for July 24th. Due to the price increase at Spartan Speedway, Phil is still considering the possibilities of an alternate site. Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show, scheduled for September 19th.

GOVERNOR: The first Governors meeting will be next month at LaSenorita.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Kuempel read a very emotional and appreciative letter he had received from the family we had adopted at Christmas. With the money donated Dave was able to purchase winter coats, boots & gloves for all family members, food items, toys for the kids, and much, much more. They were delivered December 19th.

MEMBER INPUT: Carrie Hutton commended Gloria for all her hard work on the new website.

50/50 Winner tonight, Phil Hanses.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 by Don Armstrong. seconded by Gloria Reiffer.

**CCCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2004**

President Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order, 7:10 @ The Pointe After.

SECRETARY: Discussion concerning publishing vote totals in election's resulted in a motion by Don Armstrong to read: We will not 'publish' total vote counts in future elections, however results would be available on a request basis from the Secretary. Motion 2nd by Carol Armstrong, passed by unanimously vote of board.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John & Simon will be meeting with Pres Kool in the next few weeks. John plans to place the club meeting time/place in the State Journal, Corvette Fever, and other free publications for continued membership growth. He will also be contacting our newsletter advertisers regarding payments.

POINTS: Don presented proposed changes to the current point program (see copy in the newsletter). Objective being to create a 'more level playing field' for all members. After a few minor changes were made, Don Armstrong made the motion to accept the new point program as is, effective retro active to January 1st, seconded by Don Johnston, unanimously passed by Board.

TREASURER: Bob reported current checking and savings balances. All pending bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Noted by Phil, when a member 'chairs' a social / club event, up to \$20.00 (receipts needed) is available for club reimbursement.

MEMBERSHIP: Absent (info reported by Gloria Reiffer); 91 current adult members, 28 FCOA. Board reviewed preliminary plan for a new member directory.

SOCIAL: Janet has received payments from 37 members for the Awards Banquet. She will be revising the club calendar, all club events (eligible for points) will be highlighted. Janet made a motion; Impromptu Mystery Dinner scheduled for February 7th, would qualify as a 'club event'. 2nd by Don Armstrong, unanimously passed by the Board.

EDITOR: February newsletter deadline, January 23rd. Carol is looking for new ideas from the membership and board to be included in the newsletter.

COMPETITION: Corvette show/rallye June 19th, Low speed events July 24th, Horsepower at the Zoo September 19th, Rally /Competition 'school' and 'Tech' Training sometime prior to 6/19. Currently looking for a 'chairman of the 6/19 car show, and a chairman for the 6/19 rally.

GOVERNOR: Nothing currently to report.

PRESIDENT: After discussion, the Board agreed to continue meeting the 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Pointe After, unless notified otherwise. Simon asked anything that needs to be added to the General or Board agenda to be E-Mailed to him. General consensus, this months meeting went very well. Gloria had compiled a disk / slide show of pictures and club activities throughout the year. Simon thought we could use them as a possible fundraiser. Gloria agreed to make them, so we will be able to begin selling them at the Awards Banquet for \$10.00 (\$8.00 will go to the club, \$2.00 to reimburse Gloria for her costs).

OLD BUSINESS: As the club was unable to return a recently ordered supply of misprinted T-Shirts, they will be available to purchase at the next general meeting for \$5.00 ea.

NEW BUSINESS: Due to the tremendous amount of work and involvement by the club 'Webmaster', a motion was presented by Don Armstrong: to appoint our Webmaster to a position on the Board, with full board privileges, 2nd by Phil Hanes, unanimously approved. **(Due to concerns about the Club By-Laws, this is under discussion)**

Motion to adjourn by Carol Armstrong, 2nd by Bob Maynard. Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

In November the club decided to adopt a family for Christmas. We adopted a family with a mother and 4 children, ages 9 to 2 1/2 years. Evelyn Aronson & Jeff McQuade along with Dave & Diana Kuempel volunteered to do the shopping. What an experience! Neither couple have small children or are grandparents so we had no idea of what any of the toys were that the children wanted. We learned a lot by quizzing the people at Toys R Us with the input of other customers.

Evelyn & Diana had a great time shopping for clothes for the little ones. Jeff & Dave had a good time looking at toys.

We bought for mom- a winter coat, 4 slice toaster, can opener, a gas card, and a gift certificate to Payless Shoes. For the children we bought- winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots or shoes. The 9 year old boy received Yu-gi-oh cards and a movie. The 8 year old girl received a Bratz doll and a Dr. Barbie. The 5 year old received a Bratz doll and reading books. The 2 year old received a Princess Barbie and a doll stroller-car seat combination.

The mother was called and asked if she would like some help with a Christmas meal. She said she would be most grateful. She said she would like a ham for the meat and the kids weren't picky about anything. For their meal they received a ham, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, dinner rolls and 2 pies.

The mother was given a bouquet of flowers and a card signed from the Capital City Corvette Club.

We made some great buys on the winter clothes with the help of Joe Platte. We received a discount on his employee card. It was a great feeling to help this very young mother and her 4 children.

It would be nice if our club could do it again next year. Thank you for the opportunity to help to make this a very special Christmas for this family.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Aronson, Jeff McQuade, Diana & Dave Kuempel

**BELOW IS A COPY OF THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE FAMILY.
IT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THE GIFTS AND FOOD WERE DELIVERED.**

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of my family to express our greatest gratitude to your organization. First, I would like to thank everyone individually for your thoughtfulness in adopting our family for the holidays.

Second, just a little information you might like to know about our family. Just a little over a year ago, I was involved in a domestic violence relationship, which eventually ended up on a bad note, and I sought help from Eaton Siren Shelter. The shelter housed myself and my four children for about three months, until I could get back on my feet again. They have truly blessed our family in many ways in which we have been very grateful. If it hadn't been for their help, security and support, we wouldn't be where we are at today. They are a wonderful asset to our community.

Third, if it wasn't for the shelter pairing our family with your organization, my children would not have a Christmas to enjoy. I'm sure you'll bring many smiles to their faces and tears to my eyes on Christmas morning, and so many memories to share in the future.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and we wish happy holidays to all in your organization.

Sincerely,

Bridie, Garrett, Anna, Kelsi, Madelyn
Bridie, Garrett, Annalissa, Kelsi, and Madelyn

Capital City Corvette Club 2004 Points Program

The points program was created several years ago to encourage participation in club and regionally sanctioned events. Club events could be anything from a Mystery Dinner to a car show, rallye or any event put on our calendar and hosted by a club member. We try to follow a 30-day guideline as far as notification to all club members. In other words, we like to have the event posted for 30 days to give everyone time to schedule. In some cases this is not possible and the Board will review these instances on a case-by-case basis and make a determination. Regionally sanctioned events are generally defined as an event hosted by another NCCC club and having a Michigan Region sanction number. Car shows, competition events and rallyes are examples of events that would fall into this category. At the end of the year the points are totaled and the top ten point holders are given recognition awards at our annual banquet.

There should be a sign-in sheet at every club event. The chairperson or host is responsible for providing the sign-in sheet and for forwarding it to the Points Director at the conclusion of the event. If a club member participates in a regionally sanctioned event, you must notify the Points Director personally via email or other written notification. All sanctioned events accumulate NCCC competition points so the Points Director can then verify your participation and award the points.

The following list is the guideline used to award our participation points.

- One point for attending a CCCC General Membership Meeting or Social Event.
- One additional point for arriving at the Meeting or Social Event with a Corvette.
- One point for each CCCC or Regionally sanctioned/sponsored competition event attended as an entrant. A competition event is defined as having a Michigan Region sanction number. A maximum of 1 point per day will be awarded.
- One point for attending the annual CCCC Awards Banquet.
- One point for attending the annual NCCC Michigan Region Banquet.
- One point for entering your Corvette in any car show designated as a club event.
- One point for entering your Corvette in any parade designated as a club event.
- Two points for each CCCC elected office held or for serving as the Web Master of the club website.
- One point for writing an article used in the CCCC newsletter. The article must be at least ½ page in length. Articles are published at the discretion of the CCCC Editor. Articles or reports required by an elected officer are not eligible. Maximum of 1 point per year.
- One point for working at each CCCC sponsored or sanctioned competition, charity or fund-raising event. A maximum of 1 point per day will be awarded.
- One point for each full day in attendance at the annual NCCC Convention. 5 points per year maximum.
- Two points for chairing or co-chairing a CCCC social, charity or fund-raising event. A maximum of 2 points per competition season will be awarded plus the worker or attendance point for the chaired event.
- Two points for chairing or co-chairing a CCCC sponsored race, rallye, concours, or car show event. 2 points per competition season will be allowed plus the worker or attendance point for the chaired event. Chair or co-chair must be instrumental in organizing and running the event. "Signature Only" chairpersons will not be awarded points.

Capital City Corvette Club

2003 Participation Points Standings

Through January 24th

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Nevill Agass	0	Phil Hanses	4	Gloria Reiffer	4
Sharon Agass	0	Joy Hardman	0	Simon Reiffer	4
Carol Armstrong	4	Danielle Hessell	1	Robert Ribar	0
Don Armstrong	4	Dennis Hessell	1	Steve Sage	0
Ed Armstrong	0	Craig Hitchcock	0	Kurt Schwamberger	0
Evelyn Aronson	3	Sharon Hitchcock	0	Sharon Schwamberger	0
Laurie Backus	2	Steve Hitchcock	0	Janyce Shepler	0
Kurt Bancroft	0	Brad Hutton	2	John Shepler	1
Don Baron	0	Carrie Hutton	2	Lyn Shoal	0
Marie Barrett	1	Greg Jenca	1	James Simmons	0
John Bechtel	3	Theresa Jenca	0	Vicki Simmons	0
Sandy Bechtel	1	Don Johnston	4	Bill Smejkal	0
Colleen Bratschi	2	Janet Johnston	4	Linda Smith	1
Rich Bratschi	2	Ryan Johnston	0	Rick Smith	1
Connie Britz	1	Greg Kapp	1	Loretta Spinrad	0
Mike Britz	1	David Kuempel	2	Steve Spinrad	0
Gary Brothers	0	Diana Kuempel	2	Brenda Strobel	0
Mary Kay Brothers	0	Mandy Lawless	0	Gordon Terwilliger	1
David Brown	1	Margaret Lewis	1	Margaret Terwilliger	1
Diana Brown	0	Mark Lewis	2	Gayle Thompson	0
Pam Candy	0	Tom Lindsay	0	Pam Thompson	1
Dave Cripe	1	Dawn Love	2	Gary Wyma	0
Ken David	0	Reed Macarty	0	Kathy Wyma	0
Kim David	0	Bob Maynard	4		
Charlie DeYoung	0	Shalimar Maynard	4		
Patti DeYoung	0	Lisa McDonald	1		
Donna Dickert	1	Steve McDonald	2		
Karl Dickert	1	Jeff McQuade	1		
Trini Dixon	0	Jeffrey Mitzel	2		
Art Doty	1	Steve Pavlik	0		
Nancy Doty	1	Joe Platte	0		
Terry Feichtenbiner	1	Pam Platte	1		
Randy Gisse	1	Carol Putmon	2		
Cindy Hanses	1	Randy Putmon	2		

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Tentative Calendar of Events
2004

February

4 * CCCC Membership Meeting
7 * Mystery Dinner
18 * CCCC Board Meeting
 24 Michigan Region Meeting
 28 NCCC Governors Meeting

March

3 * CCCC Membership Meeting
17 * CCCC Board Meeting
27 ~ Michigan Region Banquet

April

7 * CCCC Membership Meeting
21 * CCCC Board Meeting
 25 CCSWM Driving School

May

4 Michigan Region Meeting
5 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 8 NCCC Governors Meeting
 15 FCC Car Show
 16 CCBC Car Show - Charlton Park
19 * CCCC Board Meeting
 22 MAG Speed events
 23 CCSWM Speed events
 29 MAG Speed events
 30 MAG Speed events
 31 MAG Speed events
31 ~ Marshall Memorial Day Parade

June

2 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 5-11 NCCC Convention, Las Vegas, NV
16 * CCCC Board Meeting
19 * CCCC Car Show at Pres Kool
 20 HVCC & CCM Speed events
 25 Drive Your Corvette To Work Day
 25-27 Bloomington Gold
 27 KCC Speed events

July

7 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 13 Michigan Region Meeting
14 * CCCC Board Meeting
 17 FCC Speed events
 18 FCC Speed events
24 * CCCC Speed events
 25 SCC Speed events
 31 JCC Car Show

August

1 JCC Car Show
 1 HVCC Speed events
4 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 8 JCC Speed events
 14 ACC Car Show
 14 RCWM Speed events
 15 RCWM Car Show
18 * CCCC Board Meeting
27-29 ~ Corvette Crossroads

September

1 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 4 MAG Speed events
 5 MAG Speed events
 6 MAG Speed events
 7 Michigan Region Meeting
 11 NCCC Governors Meeting
15 * CCCC Board Meeting
 19 KCC Speed events
19 * Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show
 26 SCC Rallyes

October

3 RCWM Rallyes
6 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 9 FCC Rallye
 10 KCC Rallye
 16 GLCC Rallyes
20 * CCCC Board Meeting
 24 CCM Rallyes

November

3 * CCCC Membership Meeting
 9 Michigan Region Meeting
 13 NCCC Governors Meeting
17 * CCCC Board Meeting

December

1 * CCCC Holiday Dinner/Meeting

*** CCCC Events**
~ Club Events



Social Events

Well we are off to another fun year.

Our Annual Awards Banquet had a wonderful turn out. There where 35 in attendance! Even though I had a couple days of wondering where we where going to have the banquet when Mountain Jacks announced they where closing. All in all everything turned out nice.

February 7th we are having our first Mystery Dinner of the year. We are staying local so we dont have to worry about bad weather. Look for the flyer in this newsletter that will tell the meeting point and information on that event. Helps to still meet and have fun activities in the off months to keep connected.

In March we are planning a joint activity with the Jackson Club. Again Bowling at the Mason Lanes March 21st. We will be eating afterwards at Darbs. Look to the flyer for the information on the great day of bowling. If you don't care to bowl, you can still come out and be in the cheering section.

Gloria Reiffer is planning on the club again this year to help out with the WKAR Action. She will give us the details of that as soon as she has them all.

Also coming up this Spring will be a Get-A-Away Weekend. Mike & Connie Britz are putting the plans together for that wonderful time away. As soon as we get the date I will let everyone know as to plan for that time off.

Now remember, if you have someplace you like to go or do let us know and we can put it on the calander. I'm looking for a volunteer to organize a Mystery Dinner in the summer.

Every one be good to your Valentine!

Janet Johnston
Social Director



Mystery Dinner

Date: February 7th

*Caravan From: Saginaw Meijer's Back Parking Lot
4:45 Gathering Time*

*R.S.V.P. To Janet Johnston
by February 1st*

This will be just a time to get together in a relaxed atmosphere. We will be staying local since it's winter time.

Mystery Dinner is: We all meet at a location and follow the leader to a unknown resturant that is a surprise to all.

Meet Randy and Carol Putmon

Randy and Carol met on a blind date through Randy's mother. They have now been married for 20 years (Randy will tell you 140 dog years). They have four children, Matt (29), Randy Jr. (27), Melissa (26), and Paul (24); four grandchildren, and one more on the way! Additionally, they have three boxers, one cat, two birds, and one fish.

Randy drives truck for M&M Restaurant Supply out of St. Johns. Carol is a produce buyer assistant for Meijer.

In addition to having fun with their Corvette, Randy enjoys woodworking, working on their rentals, and collecting rent money. They own nine rentals in Lansing and Holt and own Putmon Management LLC. They also belong to the Landlords of Mid-Michigan.

When asked about their Corvette, they said they were looking for a new boat, but saw the Corvette and had to have it. They have had it for about 6 years.

Randy and Carol heard about CCCC from Greg Kapp. They have been in the club since 2002. They say it's the "best club we have been in" and they "like the people".

Randy says, "Real happy I ran into Greg Kapp and CCCC!"



Capital City/Jackson Corvette Club Bowling

March 21st 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Mason Bowling Center
801 N Cedar St
Mason MI

Cost is \$2.00 per game (This includes shoe price also)

Dinner at Darb's afterwards - If I could get a head count on who is going to bowl and who is eating, would be very helpful.

E-mail me at djohnnton@voyager.net your RSVP, or call
517-647-2403

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Janet Johnston

February 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAM THOMPSON	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY KAY BROTHERS	4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOY HARDMAN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	5	6	7 MYSTERY DINNER
8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARY BROTHERS	9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVE SAGE	11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVID BROWN	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 BOARD MEETING	19	20	21
22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROL ARMSTRONG	23	24 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DIANA BROWN	25	26	27	28
29	<u>This month's Trivia Question:</u> <i>What model year Corvette was the last to feature "Teeth" in the front grill?</i> Answer in next month's newsletter.					

Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to help children reach their fullest potential by placing them in positive relationships with adult volunteer mentors. The most traditional way BBBS accomplishes this is through our Community Based, Core Program which is a one to one match with a child and volunteer. The volunteer sees the child three to four times per month and makes



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an initial commitment of one year. The "Big" and "Little" choose the activities they participate in. Other ways of becoming

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involved include our Club Connect Activities which occur once a month and serve the children who are not yet matched with a Big Brother or Big sister. Also, volunteers may choose to be a Big For A Day and take a child who is not yet matched and share in an activity with them.

BBBS matches the "Big" and "Little" based mainly upon personality and interest (while we will take other preferences into consideration as well, i.e. – location). If the interest lies in vehicles, working on them and appreciating them through various activities and events, the volunteer may involve the child in these activities with them. BBBS focus is on the friendship built with the child, and the benefits they receive by having a positive role model in their life. BBBS would strive to find children who would be interested in participating in similar activities, as well as exploring new opportunities with the volunteer.

Core Program: One-to-one match between a youth and a positive role model ("Big") for a minimum of one year; contacts are made 3-4 times per month.

Group Mentor Program: Area youth ages 12-15 meet once a month and participate in group activities with adult volunteers from the community, various organizations, clubs, and programs. Emphasis is on offering opportunity for teens to meet and interact with peers and adults in positive activities throughout the community. Positive adult role modeling and appreciation of diversity are major goals and strong points of this program.

Bigs for a Day: Volunteers participate in individual or groups activities with children who are not yet matched.

Learning Center: In partnership with the Lansing Police Department, Bingham Elementary, Christ Lutheran Church, this program places specific attention on Bingham Elementary school children at the Center two days per week for homework assistance, group learning and educational computer games. Volunteers consist of high school students and adult volunteers.

Golf Mentoring: (Summer only) At-risk youth ages 5-10 meet weekly for 8 weeks with adult volunteers to learn more about the wonderful world of golf. Golf skills, rules, and etiquette are taught and practiced each week. Social skills and working with others are also strongly emphasized.

Lunch Buddies: This program allows youth to visit with positive adult mentors during their lunch hour. Volunteers from nearby businesses and organizations meet with the child to sit, eat, talk, and give guidance. These matches get together for 45 minutes once week.

High School Mentoring Program: The High School Mentoring Program matches high school students with elementary students to develop caring, supportive relationships. Though the aim of the program is to support the child socially and emotionally, emphasis is also to encourage a positive academic experience. The mentor meets with the child at least twice a month -- once individually as a match and once in a group activity with all the matches in the program. BBBS organizes and funds the group activity. The mentor works with the child on school work and also spends time with the child in recreation and other activities. The High School Mentoring Program is not an open program, in that we do not accept high school students from a variety of high schools on an individual basis. We choose the high school and the elementary that will participate. This is based on the need in the elementary and the availability of mentors in a particular high school.

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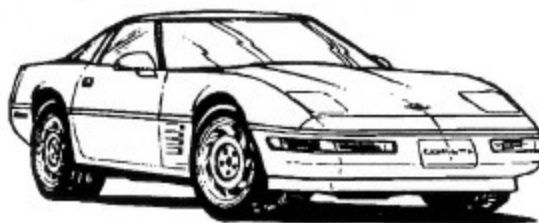
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