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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Sherry Arigo

What an exciting year 2006 was! I hope you enjoyed it as much as John and I did. When we look back at all of the wonderful things we did as a club, it makes us tired! But it's a good kind of tired! However, we're looking forward to 2007 and a lot more fun and excitement, especially our trip to Niagara Falls.

We ended our year with our annual Christmas/Awards Party. We started the evening with cocktails while Bud Brengle's fantastic slide show of the entire 2006 year ran. Following cocktails we had a delicious dinner. Then the fun began with awards, I could not believe how many people we had that accumulated over 100 points last year (29 people). That is a record for us. The top five winners for club points were, Sherry Arigo (aka Moi!) with 231 points, Dean Moore with 214 points, John Arigo with 209 points, Anita Snyder with 178 points and tied with 156 points were Joyce and Steve Angell. Each of the winners received a gift certificate to Chesapeake Outerwear to order a jacket or shirt of their choice with "Points Winner 2006" embroidered on it. Perfect attendance winners were Dean Moore, Anita Snyder, John Arigo and you guessed it, Moi! We each received a $25 gift certificate to the Bonefish Grill.

We still had more awards to give out. Woody and Janine Clagg won Rookies of the Year. They each received a plaque with their names on it. We congratulate them, as they only joined in May, so they really worked hard to win that award. It certainly has been a pleasure having them in our club, Congratulations to both of them.

For the past two years Dean Moore has taken on the responsibility of Activities' Chairman. I presented Dean with an award in appreciation of his service to the club. Thanks, Dean, for all of your hard work.

Andy Sniezek was given an award for Vice President for 2006, as he stepped down from his position, but graciously will continue to take care of ordering the nametags for new members. Thanks for your hard work last year as VP, Andy!

As you know,each year Rodger Weese and Rich Kubatko give out the "Kubuttko Award" to the person who has done something the most memorable in the year. The Award was so snug and cozy at my house, but it was time to give him up to someone else. (Yeah, that was heart breaking). So the winner was announced and our own innocent "Coyote Ugly Bar Dancer" won it. That's right, Anita Snyder was the proud winner of the 2006 Kubuttko Award. We're so proud of her. Nashville will never be the same!

Then I announced our first surprise of the night. As most of you know, our members Chuck and Vivian Claypool go dancing at least five nights a week. This year they were kind enough to do a dance for us. They gracefully glided across the dance floor together. This was such a treat watching them. Thanks Chuck and Vivian, it was delightful watching you both...watch out Arthur Murray!!

Our last surprise of the night was "Elvis". I thought I would burst keeping this a secret, but, by gosh, I did it.. He came onto the stage and the women's eyes lit up. He gave a great performance and Helenmarie Kubatko thought she had died and gone to heaven when he did a lap dance on her. Walt Campbell really enjoyed singing as Elvis put the microphone up to him. (Walt, please don't give up your day job!) Now Juliet Page was in total shock as Elvis danced on her table, but after about two hours, her red face went back to normal. (She's recuperating at home from "Elvis Fever"). After Joyce Angell saw Elvis again (twice in three weeks) she really thinks he is still alive. (Remember, it's Christmas time, please let her believe). Elvis made his rounds to many of the ladies, but it was all done in fun. What a wonderful performance he gave, even the guys liked it. (Now watch, next year at the Christmas party all of the guys will be wearing an Elvis jumpsuit so they get all of the attention). Now that's a sight I might NOT want to see!

Finally, we ended the night with our gift exchange game. As usual, as I read the story you all got mixed up, but then why not, we're old...THAT'S WHY WE CAN AFFORD CORVETTES!

Happy New Year and see you on January 9th for our first meeting of 2007. Remember, I have another suprise to announce so make sure you come to the meeting.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Vette,

Sherry