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## **Well wishes to all at Miami Valley NCRS by** **Patrick Ofenlock**

My wife and I moved from Chicago, Illinois to Dayton, Ohio in 2002. With us we brought our furnishings, three dogs, three cars including our corvette. Other than attending the Bloomington gold and a few cruise ins I did not belong to a corvette club in Illinois or was very active with my corvette hobby. After we arrived in Dayton at a car show in Kettering, I met some of the friendliest people who were recruiting members for their newly formed NCRS club. I joined Miami Valley Chapter of the NCRS shortly there after.

I thoroughly enjoyed the entire Miami Valley group. Every member is willing to help anyone out at a moments notice. There are a few people that I did get to know a little better than others. I did not think I would ever get to know all the minute details about corvettes, but Mike Ammer reassured me that he would help. Mike also encouraged me to become a judge. I was thrilled at

that possibility. I attended a few meeting, a few judging classes, and now more names started becoming familiar. Larry Linder and Nick Kammer always took the time to say hello and welcome the members. Terry Buchanan always with a warm greeting, a witty saying and a smile. The ever elo-



quent Terry Brim helped and coached me to write a few articles for the newsletters. Which I thoroughly enjoyed writing. Al Katona the gentleman, always cordial, helpful and pleasant soul that he is became someone I also sought out to meet.

There are many others that always made me laugh, Greg Gorniak, Jerry Michaels, Ed Kayler, and Tom Sliemers. Tom Van Leeuwen, and Carl

Schroeder also were people I wished I got to know better.

I enjoyed the Carillon park chapter meets, the cruise ins, the tours, judges training and of course the ever informative monthly meetings.

But all of that would not be

anything without all the wonderful people in the club. I also developed a new respect for older corvettes and the corvette history. As well as the people who truly love these cars.

You are now probably wondering what happened to your fellow member. I was promoted to the position of division president and have the task of starting up a new office.

Again our furnishings, three dogs, three cars one of which is our beloved corvette now reside in the evergreen state in a sea side city called Gig Harbor. We are about an hour south of Seattle and just west of Tacoma across the narrows bridge.

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corvette the other day. In years past I might not have appreciated the car as much as I do now. However I missed the fact that I could not ask someone in the club about that car and its significance. Thanks to

all of you for your friendship and fond memories that I have.

If I can be of any help to anyone, or if anyone is in the area please feel to stop in and say hello. I am known to have a few adult

beverages or lattes on hand.

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Best of luck to you in your new position, we will all miss your warm smiles! When you get back our way be sure and look us up, maybe you could start a sister chapter for us in Washington.....:)