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### January 2019

# **DVJC Election Results**

## Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Officers and Directors 2019 - 2020



The officers and directors of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club for 2019—2020 were elected at the December 2018 business meeting held at the Spring House Tavern on December 16, 2018. Please see President Bill Beible's column, *Your Monthly Bill*, on page 5 for more information. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated volunteers.

Membership renewal deadline is approaching. Please see page 6 for more information.



NOTICE—It's time to start thinking about renewing your DVJC membership for 2019. Renewals can now be completed on line at the club's Web site. Renewals can also be completed by mail. The annual membership continues to be \$65.00. We have reduced our club's expenses by limiting the number of mailed copies. If you absolutely must have a mailed copy the annual membership is \$75.00 and can only be completed by mail. Please see page 6 for more information.

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## **Upcoming DVJC Events**

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February 17, 2019 March 17, 2019 10:00 A.M. Please RSVP DVJC Breakfast Social (see p. 15) Spring House Tavern, 1032 Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477

https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/monthly-breakfast-social-spring-house-tavern-3/ Or Paul Merluzzi pawlym@aol.com

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Philadelphia Auto Show Pennsylvania Convention Center 1101 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 Contact: www.phillyautoshow.com



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#### Ready or Not, Here Comes 2019!

Our final event of 2018, the December Breakfast Social at the Spring House Tavern, included the biannual election of officers and a vote on two revisions to our bylaws. Twenty-eight ballots were cast resulting in approval of the proposed bylaw revisions and election of new officers and directors.

Four DVJC members with combined service of forty-one years on the Executive Committee are passing their batons to successors. Not only have they fulfilled their elected responsibilities but every one of them has selflessly stepped up to volunteer in many other ways.

**Clara Saxton** – has served as the club secretary for longer than she has been a member! She's done this job faithfully for twenty -three years, initially filling a vacancy due to illness. Clara was "drafted" by Kurt Rappold while working at East Coast Jaguar and became a member of DVJC a few years later.

**Rich Rosen** – joined DVJC in 2004 and was originally appointed as a director in 2010, serving a total of eight years. During this time, he has organized the spring drives and has taken over running the annual slalom competition.

**Paul Merluzzi** – a member since 2001, served two years as VP prior to his two terms as president from 2015 through 2018. While vice president, Paul co-chaired the successful Philadelphia AGM. As president, he has clearly succeeded making our club "more social." We will benefit from Paul's continuing input as Past President. Alex Giacobetti – originally joined The Philadelphia Jaguar Club about the time of the name change to Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (1966). Alex's tenure as vice president spanned four years during which he also chaired the governance committee. I speak for our entire club and express a hearty "THANK YOU" to the four people leaving office for their dedication and a JOB WELL DONE!

Two long-time members have already served our club for a combined sixteen years and were re-elected to additional twoyear terms.

**Ann Perry** – joined DVJC when she purchased her XJS in 1997 and had it serviced at East Coast Jaguar. Kurt Rappold encouraged Ann to join our club. After volunteering in several roles, she began as Director of Membership in 2008, eleven years thus far.

**Mike Wolf** – has been a member of DVJC since 1986. To date, he has been a director for seven years following his original appointment to fill a vacant seat.

Three active members have been newly elected including:

**Paul Trout** – a member since 2013, author of "Speaking of Things Jaguar" and emcee and organizer of the Holiday Party was elected as vice president.

**Jim Sjoreen** – who will continue as Concours chairman has been elected treasurer. Jim has been a member since 2001.

**Tom Shaner** – initially came to fame by bailing out the AV professionals at the 2015 Philadelphia AGM.

## Your Monthly Bill January 2019 (continued)

**Bill Beible** - With my wife, Nancy, as the catalyst, I became a member of DVJC in 2014. Shortly thereafter, I was elected and served four years as treasurer. I am pleased to succeed Paul as your club president – a tough act to follow.

Your DVJC is an active, growing club due, in no small part, to the suggestions, support and participation of our members. I encourage even more of you to become involved in the new year to keep the momentum going.

The holidays are behind us – but the partying's not over – yet! Make your reservations for the **Annual Holiday Party** 

at the William Penn Inn on Sunday January 20 at 11:30 AM. Reservations and payment can be made online on our website: <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com/</u> <u>events/dvjc-holiday-party-and-awards-</u> <u>luncheon-2/</u> or by mail to Paul Trout (see information on page 7—8). Reservations close January 14 – NO DAY OF PARTY ADMISSIONS AT THE DOOR.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy 2019 filled with an abundance of Jaguar kinds of days!

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## **DVJC** Membership Renewal

Our DVJC website (<u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com</u>) offers an easy way to renew your club membership for 2019 online using PayPal. All current members can renew online. However, the process differs slightly for people already registered on the website and those who have not yet registered for website access.

- If you are <u>already registered</u> on the website (have a screenname and password), go directly to the Login Page (https://delvaljaguarclub.com/rm\_login/).

Login then follow the instructions on that page.

- If you are a club member who has <u>not yet registered</u> for the website, use the Become a Member Page (https://delvaljaguarclub.com/membership-registration/) to register for the site and pay your 2019 dues.

Follow the instructions on that page.

Of course, 2019 dues can also be paid by mailing a check <u>payable to DVJC</u> to Ann Perry, PO Box 163, Mendenhall, PA 19357.

You are encouraged to renew online. Doing so substantially reduces the administrative time and effort required to process renewals.

On line renewals are \$65. If you MUST have a mailed copy of *The Purr* the renewal is \$75 and it must be completed by mail.





Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

Please join us for our annual holiday party and awards celebration.

## Sunday, January 20, 2019 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

William Penn Inn 1017 DeKalb Pike Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address) corner of Rt. 202 and Sumneytown Pike

11:30 a.m. Cocktail Hour – Cash Bar with Snacks

### A Free Drink ticket will be provided to members whose 2019 DVJC Dues are paid in full

12:30 p.m. Buffet Brunch

<u>Buffet Brunch includes:</u> Hot and Cold Selections including: Scrambled Eggs Belgian Waffles Parmesan Crusted Sole Filet Mignon Tips Smoked Salmon Salads Delicious Deserts and much more. There will also be Silent Auction of Jaguar Automobilia and Gift Baskets of Various Themes.

If you wish to contribute to the Silent Auction please contact:

Jaguar Automobilia:

Jim Sjoreen at jsoreen3860@ Comcast.com

Noe LaFramboise at jagnoe@att.net

Gift Baskets:

Irena Merluzzi at Ibmerluzzi@aol.com

### \$37.50 per person

Please register for this event **Prior to January 14, 2019** on the DVJC web site at <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-holiday-party-and-awards-luncheon-2/</u>

Alternately, please send a note indicating the number of people attending with a check payable to Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

#### by **January 14, 2019** to:

Paul Trout 210 Warwick Furnace Rd Elverson, PA 19520 610-286-5701 or pgtgt@aol.com



## **Speaking of Things Jaguar - January 2019**

#### **By Paul Trout**

#### 2018, a Jaguar Kind of Year!

Looking through the rear view mirror, 2018 was truly a Jaguar Kind of Year. Jaguar celebrated seventy years of the XK120 and fifty years of the XJ. For the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club the year started off, as this year will, with the annual DVJC Holiday Party. An unseasonably warm day last January displayed a good number of Jaguars on the lot of the William Penn Inn. Inside a good time was had by over seventy five members who enjoyed good food, drink and the company of fellow Jaguar enthusiasts. We all applauded Mike Tate, aka "The Roving Reporter" as recipient of the 2017 DVJC President's Award.



The drawings for the gift baskets and the silent auction put some money in the coffers as well. So dig up some Jaguar related items for the silent auction or give Irena Merluzzi a call (her number and email can be found in the Holiday Party flyer elsewhere in the Purr) to donate a gift basket. Also please SIGN UP FOR THE DVJC HOLIDAY PARTY! It is so easy now with on-line registration at the DVJC website. I cannot stress this enough, you must be registered by January 14, 2019 to attend. Ok, after that quick glance through the windscreen, back to the rearview mirror. The monthly DVJC Breakfast Socials in February and March were surprisingly well attended, providing opportunities for some of the club's Jaguars to stretch their legs, and for their owners to talk about Jaguar stuff. There is a bit of a new twist at the breakfast socials; an unofficially designated "Ladies Table". So ladies, if you have avoided the DVJC Breakfast Socials because you don't particularly enjoy car talk (I don't get it, but I understand it's a thing), you are quite welcome to join the "Ladies Table" and talk

about whatever ladies talk about.

Some of us were lucky enough to escape the winter doldrums and enjoy some motorsports activity in Florida. At the end of January I headed to Daytona, Florida to take in the Rolex 24 Sports Car Race. Not quite Le Mans, but twice as long as Sebring, the Rolex 24 is the premier international endurance road race in North America. Jaguar won there in 1988 and 1990, and I'm still waiting for them to return. I'll be heading back again at the end of this month. If you would like a feel for what it is like to attend the Rolex 24, see my column in the February 2018 Purr. The past two years of DVJC Purr newsletters are available to members on our website. Another great way to escape to the warmth of Florida is to attend the Amelia Island Concours. I've been there several times, but didn't make last year. It is THE premier concours on the east coast. Dave Hutchinson, Bob DeLucia and several other DVJC members were there and Bob wrote a great report in the April 2018 DVJC Purr that not only captured the essence of the event but also the extent of the Jaguar presence there.

As we were all eagerly anticipating the approach of spring and the "Jaguar Kind of Days" that would follow, shock and sadness set in with news of the passing of our dear friend Kurt Rappold. Kurt meant so much to the club and to those of us who were privileged to spend time with him. So many club activities the rest of the year just seemed to have something missing. Actually it was someone missing; Kurt. He was so much a part of everything in the club. The April DVJC Purr has some very touching remembrances of Kurt. Kurt Rappold, a Jaguar Kind of Guy......



On April Fool's Day the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club stepped into cyber space with the launch of our website, Delvaljaguarclub.com. The DVJC website team led by Bill Bieble worked long and hard to complete this project on time and on budget. If you haven't visited our website yet, I'm not sure why. It is truly something the entire club can be proud of. If you want some perspective on that, visit some other Jaguar clubs websites. Ours is like a Jaguar in a field of Buicks and Kias. You can renew your membership, register for DVJC events, see what events are coming up on the calendar, view photos from DVJC events, read the current and past issues of the Purr and so much more. You can even sign up for the DVJC Holiday Party as requested earlier.



May brought the rain and I don't think it has left yet. Despite the wet weather quite a few DVJC events carried on. The Northeast Rally Club "Rally Around the Canal" saw three DVJC teams participate and finish well with Brian and Pauline Craig piloting and navigating the red XK8 to a First in Class. Brian, hopeless romantic that he is, provided a great report on the rally experience in the May edition of the DVJC Purr. Read it and you'll understand the romantic part.



That same weekend a number of DVJC members attended Ragtops and Roadsters annual Spring Open House. This is a great event not only for the impressive cars inside the shop that are on display, but for the great collection of sports and classic cars that are driven to the event and parked on  $4^{\text{th}}$  Street.

We're not quite sure what Rich Rosen did to anger the rain gods or how long they are going to hold their grudge, but he stood his ground and the Annual Yardley – Easton DVJC/DVT Scenic Drive sloshed on with a surprisingly larger than usual turnout. Later in the month several members, including Sue and myself, had breakfast at La Locanda's and watched Daniel Ricciardo pilot his Red Bull Formula One car to victory at the Grand Prix of Monaco. The parking lot was a bit like an exotic and classic car show. The star was Paul Merluzzi's stunning XK150 FHC.



The first weekend in June was, of course, the DVJC signature event, the annual JCNA Concours. This year the event moved to a new "old" venue; Hope Lodge. Just to add to the anxiety of the logistics of a new venue for the organizers, the seemingly endless rain threatened deluges. A last minute call by Jim Sjoreen to stick with the original Saturday date turned out to be the right one. I think he let the rain gods know that he had nothing to do with whatever Rich Rosen had done to anger them. The sun shined brightly and held the rain off until the trophies had been handed out and cars started leaving. DVJC's return to Hope Lodge was a great success.



In July, aside from the monthly breakfast social, we had two other DVJC events on successive weekends. The Slalom this year had a touch of sadness associated with it. Kurt was always such a big part of the slalom and so loved participating in it; North American JCNA Class Champion in 2017 no less. Without question his presence was missed. Apparently, once again, the rain gods weren't quite finished with Rich Rosen. And yet again he stood up to them and the Slalom went on as scheduled. The forecasted rain held off until the last car had run the course and we all went to lunch in the pouring rain.



The following weekend was the Jaguar Gathering of Friends and Paul Merluzzi Conception Party at the Casa Merluzzi. Seeing all of the Jaguars parked along the shade tree lined street was just the starter for a full course "Jaguar Kind of Day". Jaguar Gatherings of Friends are such enjoyable club social events and this one was no exception.



Wet weather again factored into the August Rally / Dinner / Concert. The rain only slightly dampened the rally around scenic Chester County, but it caused the Concert Under the Stars at Longwood Gardens to be moved indoors to the Unionville High School auditorium (actually the acoustics are better there). We all had a great meal at the Stone Barn and the Kennett Symphony never sounded better. You just can't beat the combination of a driving event, a great meal and music from a world class symphony orchestra.



As autumn approached I greatly anticipated what would be the highlight event of the year for me. With Jaguar as the featured Marque for the Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix Festival, Paul Merluzzi organized what turned out to be an amazing four day "Jaguar Kind of Weekend". Over forty DVJC members showed their cars, drove in scenic rallies, tasted great Finger Lakes wines, had dinners together, took laps on the Watkins Glen International race track and the original Watkins Glen road course, watched vintage racing and generally had a great time celebrating Jaguar together. DVJC was the best represented club of all that participated. It just doesn't get any better. From the drive up on perhaps the hottest day of the year in our air conditioned XKR thinking of those in their E-Types, to Mike Wolf's night drive with his sunglasses on, to the thrill of driving the XKR with nearly a hundred Jaguars on the track at the same time, there were so many memorable moments.









DVJC was well represented again at the Northeast Rally Club Pumpkin Run Rally in October with three entrants. Brian and Pauline Craig finished second in class to an XJR team from the Capital Region of New York. Later in the month DVJC was also well represented at the Classics at Brantwyn. This unique Sunday brunch event benefits the Kennett Symphony and draws a field of great classic cars from every era. The Grand Parade included six member's cars and we had two full DVJC tables for the brunch.



This event is a great opportunity to enjoy classic cars and cool music at a magnificent venue and if you drive your Jaguar you can park it in the "cool car" parking area as the backdrop to the grand parade.



With the holidays approaching the final DVJC Jaguar Gathering of Friends was hosted by the Nahodils at Greystone, their beautiful home in Stroudsburg. On the third Sunday of December DVJC held its final event of 2018; the monthly breakfast social. It was the best attended breakfast social of the year requiring an overflow table in another room. The ladies graciously designated the overflow table the "Ladies Table". We were honored to have Mike Tate, aka "The Roving Reporter", attend as he had in January. After breakfast the annual DVJC business meeting was conducted, which included the election of officers.







So, by my count, in 2018, DVJC had twelve Breakfast Socials, two Rallies, two Jaguar Gathering of Friends, a Concours, a Slalom, a Scenic Drive, a Rally, Dinner, Concert event, two tours of restoration shops, the Classics at Brantwyn, and an amazing four day celebration of Jaguar at Watkins Glen. Truly a Jaguar Kind of Year! I believe I can honestly speak for the entire membership when I say THANK YOU to the outgoing officers and directors, Paul Merluzzi, Alex Giacobetti, Bill Beible, Clara Saxton, and Rich Rosen, for their service to the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. Without their leadership many of the great events and accomplishments we have all enjoyed just wouldn't have happened. It is now up to the new slate of officers and directors to continue the momentum that is driving the club forward. I know they are up to the task, but to move a club like this forward it takes more than just good leadership. It also requires volunteers and it takes participation. These events don't just happen. Volunteers working behind the scene make them happen. So, please consider offering some time if you have it. As important, if not more important, participate. Participation is what keeps a club alive and makes it attractive to new members. The more members that participate in events, the better and more fun they are. If you didn't attend an event in 2018, try to change that in 2019. You won't regret it. Let's make 2019 another Jaguar Kind of Year!

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Please contact Rod Pieretti, 302-540-6000, email: <u>rpieretti@verizon.net</u>.



### **Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Breakfast Socials**

February 17, 2019 March 23, 2019

10:00 a.m.

#### Spring House Tavern 1032 Bethlehem Pike Spring House, PA 19477 Phone 215-646-1788

www.springhousetavern.com

#### PLEASE RSVP TO <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/monthly-breakfast-social-spring-house-tavern-3/</u> Or to PAUL MERLUZZI (<u>pawlym@aol.com</u>) SO THAT WE CAN GIVE A HEAD-COUNT TO THE RESTAURANT.

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