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Frank Olsheski Award - A CMCS Tradition

by Jay Cockrum (CMCS Member Since June 1970)

Why does The Corvette Marque Club of Seattle have a Frank Olsheski Award? Why is it presented at the annual Christmas party? Who was Frank Olsheski? Many CMCS members have contributed much of their time, abilities and knowledge to make CMCS what it is today.

One who stood out was Frank Olsheski. He probably held every club office, board, and committee position more than once. He organized, led and participated in events. His home was the official mailing address for CMCS. Frank promoted the club to Corvette owners wherever he went. He was a CMCS cheerleader.

Frank was raised in Seattle and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at UW. He lived in Bothell and rode his bicycle to work as an industrial arts teacher at Interlake High School. Mr. O, as he was known at school, was devoted to his career in education and was honored as the state's top industrial arts teacher.

Frank was Santa at the CMCS Christmas parties. Members would earn, by their actions throughout the year, "gifts" that would be presented in the proper fashion from Santa's Bag. These were hand made. Frank was proud of his Polish heritage and the bag contents reflected it. Because she complained about the membership meeting dinners always starting late, Jan Cockrum remembers getting a small lunch box with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. These stories go on and on.

Frank Olsheski was 41 when he passed away in 1984 from complications of cancer. CMCS members Neil and Noreen Millen donated a perpetual annual award to keep the memory of Frank's enthusiasm alive. Since he was Santa at Christmas, CMCS presents The Frank Olsheski Award at our annual Christmas party to a CMCS member who has gone above the call of duty for CMCS.

A great tradition, indeed!

Year Recipient

1984 Valerie Johansen

1985 Jan Cockrum

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1987 Mike Shelly
1988 John Paul Nelson III
1989 John Thomas
1990 Kayla Main
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1992 John Bell
1993 Sandra Green
1994 Cloyd Jackson
1995 Gary Main
1996 Ben Benninghoff
1997 Oran Petersen
1998 Gary Main
1999 Barbara Jackson
2000 Gary & Kayla Main
2001 Cassie Black
2002 Jane Shimanek
2003 Lorrie Montgomery
2004 Dennis & Lorrie Montgomery
2005 Kevin Jewell
2006 Marty Cameron
2007 Marty Cameron
2008 Michael & Jane Armstrong
2009 Marty Cameron
2010 Lorrie Montgomery
2011 Stan & Billi Trask
2012 Jim McDonnell
2013 Billi Trask
2014 Oran Petersen
2015 Bill & Marty Cameron
2016 Tim & Mona Cox
2017 Steve Yabroff
2018 Candy Turi
2019 Kevin & Judy Jewell
2020 Alton Loe
2021 Kevin Wilson
2022 Shaun Hayes