

Hello LER members, I hope everyone is staying warm, I'm sure we all can't wait until spring. With Lake Erie almost completely frozen, maybe we won't get any more lake effect snow from that lake. The Installation Banquet was amazing, from all of the themed decorations on the tables to the back drop for member photos. Many members complimented on the Christine Maria Room, how fitting to the theme that was, as there were and are many ships, yachts and vessels that were named "Christina Maria". Big thanks to Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz, year after year they have been putting in countless hours to make it a wonderful banquet. How about those gifts that Valerie Wilson gave out to each board member and chairman, a 3'4"x 2'4" size fabric photo of each member's classic car, she really out did herself. Congratulations to the 25- and 50-year member winners, also to all the activity winners. Activities for 2026 are planned, it's great to say that the next open monthly event is February 2027. If you have an idea for an event, please contact either Karen Schwartz or Peggy Ptak, also, any board member can assist. Moving into 2026, I would like to thank Valerie Wilson for the past two years as President, she remains on the board as Vice President. We have filled the one vacant board member position, I'm sure many of you already know that Peggy Ptak joined the board for 2026 and has taken over the Activities Co-Chairman position, while still handling the duties of Activities Awards Chairman. Thanks to Peggy Ptak for joining the board. The board decided to create an assistant treasurer position in John Haid's absence. Barb Noonan has accepted the position, once John Haid is back, he will resume his treasury duties. Thanks to Barb Noonan for stepping up and assisting.

John Haid is home recovering and doing better every day, we wish him well and for a speedy recovery, we all want him back in his treasurer position. At the next three indoor club events we will be passing around the signup sheets to volunteer to help out with the June 2026 car show, please consider signing up, we need all the help we can get. Upcoming National events February 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> is the AACA Annual Convention/National Awards in Chantilly, VA, then the 2026 AACA Special Nationals March 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> in Puerto Rico. Here is your change to get out of the cold!

Thanks for being a member!

Stay warm!

Chuck Weimer, LER President