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PRESIDENT'S

P A G E

Blair Baertsch, silver sage President *(outgoing)*



I don't know what it is about human nature, but if there is a line forming, everybody wants to be first in line. I offer "Black Friday" as an example. It's only been a month since this display of human behavior has taken place and I have always been shocked to see people line up in the cold wee hours of the morning. On the other hand, there have been a few holiday gatherings that I would have braved frigid Siberian temperatures to escape the house. I've also come to realize that I'm worse than any bargain hunter in line with a belly full of turkey because I'm the "Turkey" who stood in line for over a year for something I wasn't even sure what it was going to be, exactly.

Don't get me wrong, I'm glad I

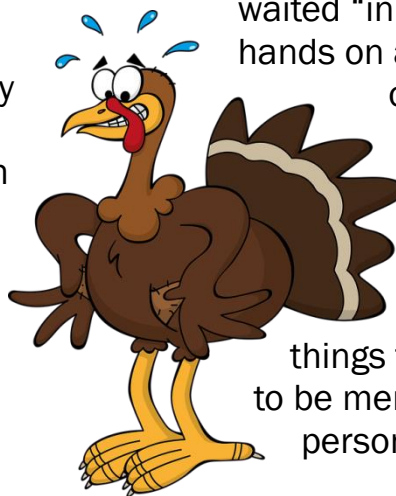
waited, but I think my car hates me. Talk about dysfunctional relationships! I love the car. However, for an inanimate object it has developed passive aggressive tendencies that rival any angry ex-spouse. Who else could watch you climb up and down a ladder as you hastily race the 15 second timer to complete programming garage codes only to changes its mind two days later and slowly erase them one at a time? Oh, and not all at once mind you, but over multiple days and even working

Intermittently just to add to your frustration. Ever been erased from a driver profile in your own car? I have. Plus, not to mention, the humiliation as you stand before the service manager and everything operates. Sound familiar?

I guess counseling and trips to the service center are in our future because I'm not willing to give up on something that has been so much fun to drive and I waited "in line" for so long to get my hands on a next generation car. The

only other option I can think of is to find somebody who performs automotive electrical exorcisms. Burning sage didn't work.

Fortunately, I do know many things that do work and they happen to be members of Silver Sage. I personally want to thank everybody



Guess Who?

who has been so generous with their time and energy all year long. From the New Member Dinner to the Holiday Party and everything in-between, it has been my privilege to work with such an assortment of fantastic people. 2020 will welcome three new members to the board who are ready to start the new year off running full speed. As I noted in the beginning, "It's not just the cars, it's the people."

AUTO-X

(Lindsey Robinson & Gary Roeder)

Couldn't get enough Autocross!

We had so much fun at the Spring Autocross we had to do it again. The Fall Autocross did not disappoint. We had a fantastic course designed by Gary Roeder with 29 drivers participating. It was fast and fun! The whole thing got started on Friday night when a crew of volunteers (Michael and Judy Feiler, Bob and Lucille Kunz, Lindsey and Ken Robinson, Dan Anderson and Paul Rowen) set up the course at Expo Idaho. A key to setting up the course is to have just one plan. Unfortunately, Lindsey brought 2 plans and mistakenly gave them both out. After Ken figured out something just wasn't going right, we realized what happened. After several laughs we got it set out quickly. It was nice to arrive Saturday morning and just have some fine tuning to do on the



course. On Saturday a crew of volunteers happily showed up to help get the rest of the event set up. Thanks to our members who brought donuts and coffee to get this day started right! We had four different assigned rows, A, B, C and D, for drivers to park in when they arrived. Everyone was assigned a volunteer station and their car

immediately was getting inspected by our fantastic safety team run by Michael Feiler. The organization of groups that



Ken Robinson designed made it so we could have maximum runs and everyone knew when they were needed to volunteer. The transitions went very smoothly and we all were able to have 6 runs. We had Sid Cannon as our announcer/commentator during the event. Several people commented how much fun it was to have Sid in that role. Loren Stumbaugh was instrumental in keeping the volunteers organized and for acquiring the prizes. The times were announced immediately after the cars finished thanks to Bob and Lucille Kunz manning the results board and John Sommerwerck working the new timing



system. The new timing system worked perfectly and we had no issues at all.

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Once everyone was there and the inspections were done, we had our safety meeting. Then Paul Rowen led a course walk. The course walk is a driver's first chance to see the course. It is important to note the corners and where the different elements are. After the course walk, we had group A get in their cars and start their engines! It is so exciting to hear the rumble of all the engines starting up for the race. Group C volunteers got to their stations and the morning began. After all the 4 groups had 3 runs each, we broke for lunch. Thank you to Bob and Vicki Pentecost for organizing and picking up our lunches from Zuppa's.

We had quite a variety of drivers. We had members, who love to autocross and have done it many times, then we had people who had tried it once and wanted more, and we had first timers. One of our first timers was only 16 years old! He really enjoyed the day of learning the course and improving his time with each run. He came with his Dad and gave us all a run for our money! Once again, we would like to thank our course instructors, Paul Rowen and Ed Milliken. They are so patient and brave to ride along with everyone who requests it. With the large variety of drivers with new and older cars of every Porsche type this event was very safe, with no damage (except to egos when a few went off course!) and no new tires needed afterwards!

Here are all best times. We hope that you can see how much fun autocross is, and sign up next time.

Best Time of All	Michael Kunz 43.16 seconds
Best 911 Air-Cooled	Allen Meyers 45.8 seconds
Best Boxster/Cayman	Paul Rowan 44.1 seconds
Best 4 Door	Alex Domingo 49.6 seconds
Best 968	Randy Bloom 49.6 seconds

Thank you to Schnitzel Garden, Big Daddy's BBQ, Lucky 13, Jalapeños and Big Mics for donating generous gift certificates we gave as prizes.

Thank you also to all the members who raced, organized, advised and helped with these events. Your contributions made the 2019 Autocross season successful.

Gary Roeder and Bob Kunz have agreed to take the lead for next year's autocross events. The Silver Sage members are already looking forward to the 2020 season.

Written by Gary Roeder

Silver Sage will continue to improve the Driver's Education events that make owning a Porsche all that more fun and rewarding. The key to fully enjoying your Porsche is to have confident control in all situations – these are the skills that

AUTO-X

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an autocross teaches. We will begin in March with a tech talk focused on the autocross. We especially hope for members who have never Autocrossed to attend. We'll discuss the basics of Autocrossing, what skills you learn and why this is safe for every Porsche. Next up will be our annual "Spuds Dinner and Auction" which will benefit Silver Sage's combined Drivers Education events for 2020 and beyond.



Our first autocross next year will be at Expo Idaho on Saturday April 18. This will be a split event. The morning will be a driver's skills session with instructors helping owners practice skills that apply to the afternoon autocross. There will be a slalom section, a 180-degree changing radius corner and a skid pad. You will be able to drive these practice sections with either an instructor, or with a guest in your open seats. We hope to accommodate a minimum of 60 drivers. After lunch, all full-day registered drivers (40 maximum) will get a minimum of 3 runs on the autocross

course. We plan for an expanded number of instructors available to help you fully enjoy the course and improve your skills handling your Porsche! We plan for a second full-day autocross event later in summer 2020 and are exploring other potential venues. All of this is to help more of our members become more confident in their driving of their high-performance sports cars (yes, this applies to our four-door members as well!) These skills are valuable whether you drive only on the street, in a parking lot autocross, or perhaps on the anticipated Gem State Raceway (planned opening in Emmett in spring 2021). Gary Roeder attended the groundbreaking for this major addition to our local sports car venues. The proposed layout is for a 1.6-mile track with 16 corners. Silver Sage hopes this long-anticipated project will meet its timelines, and we intend to participate

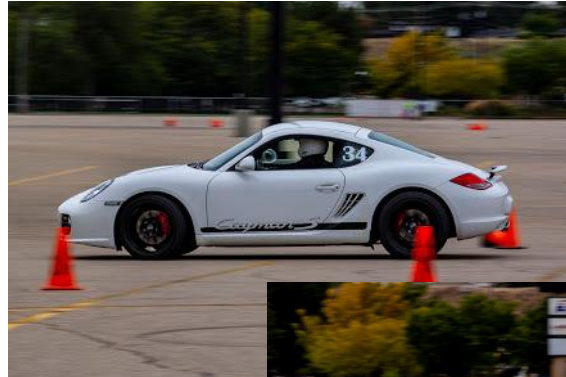


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with at least one club event in its inaugural year. Until then, we hope to support expansion with the number of Silver Sage members journeying to nearby tracks for events sponsored by other PCA regions, NASA and independent car clubs.

Many of us purchased our Porsches because we know it is the only performance sports car that can be driven to the autocross or track, and then driven to its full capabilities without incurring the enormous expense of owning an actual track car. It's fun, it's challenging and we all become better drivers for having participated in Driver's Education events. Join us!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Through OCTOBER 2019	PRIMARY	AFFILIATE	TOTALS
1. New members	11	1	12
2. Renewals	14	10	24
3. Non-renewals	17	0	-17
4. Transfers in	1	0	0
5. Transfers out	0	0	0
6. Cancellations	0	0	0
7. Added by Record Change	0	2	2
8. Net Change *	0	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERS **	340	193	533



TICK TALK

Michael Feiler – Editor
(Cody's Dad)



Well, this Tick issue is about the “news.” Not ala Walter Cronkite, but rather all the new things we have enjoyed in 2019 and will look forward to enjoying in 2020. First, a new slate of officers, a new generation of 911 (Blair, you lucky dog!), new threshold for our charity work, new milestone anniversary for Porsche of Boise, new editor of The Sage Tick (no applause necessary), new service project (Adopt-A-Highway), new Auto-X equipment, and many more “news” as we move forward into an entirely new decade. What a better fitting “new” to start off the year and decade than the “New Members” party. While the cars are great, as we always say...”it’s the people.”

Best we not forget to thank all our outgoing chapter officers and the

numerous volunteers that make our activities enjoyable and celebrate their achievements and contributions in 2019 (now applause).



Many of us will be putting our “Babies” to bed for a long winter nap, only to awaken in

a new decade and take part in all that the Silver Sage chapter of PCA has to offer. I encourage every member, and especially our newest members, to truly enjoy all that is available.

JUMP FOR JOY - YOUR NEW HOME

A photograph of a man and a woman jumping over a brown sofa in a living room. The man is on the left, wearing a red plaid shirt and brown pants, and the woman is on the right, wearing a red plaid shirt and blue jeans. They are both holding pillows. The room has a white door, a lamp, and some plants.

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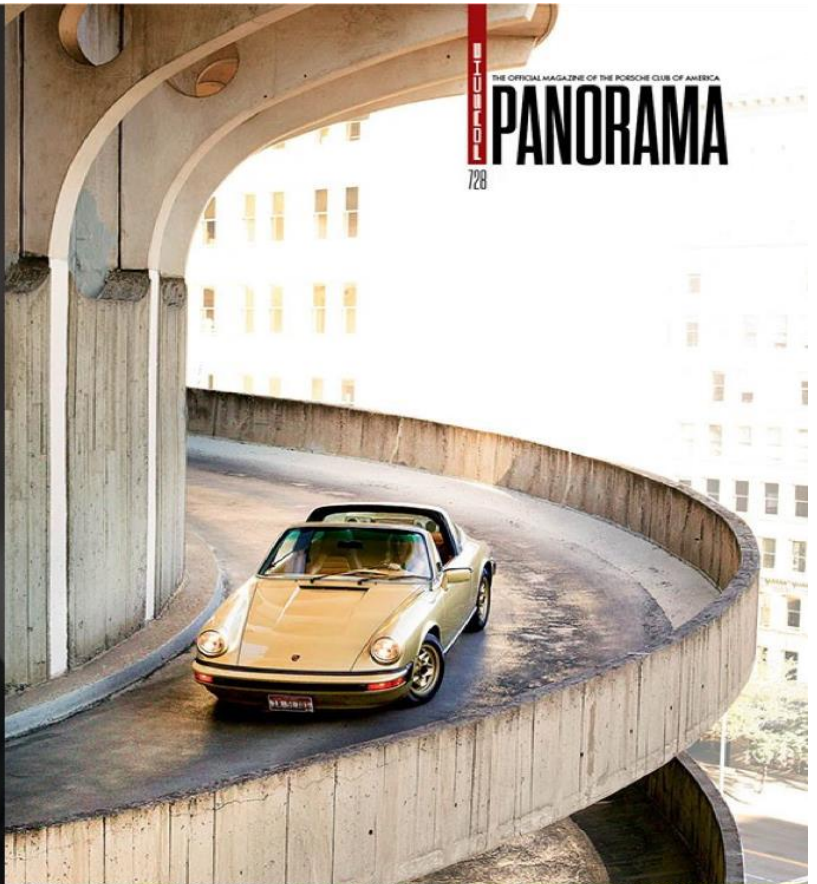




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DIVA DRIVE

(Linda Prusynski)

The 2019 version of the Diva Drive didn't really involve a 'drive' this year, but it turned out, weather-wise, that it was a good idea that we didn't drive our beauties.

Eleven ladies met at LIT candles, in Hyde Park (in Boise's north end), on Saturday morning, October 19th. We picked out our favorite scent(s), from over 80

fragrances, then our favorite containers, and made our own candles (I actually made four—



Christmas is coming!). Just as we were finishing up, a fall thunderstorm struck—thunder, lightning, heavy rain, and wind.

The electricity went out in Hyde Park, so we had to finish our production in semi-darkness.

We had lunch reservations across the street, at the 13th Street Pub & Grill. We heard the electricity was going to be off

for a few hours. One of us went across the street to the restaurant, and was told that they couldn't serve customers due to not having any electricity. So Plan B was hatched quickly—Molly Cuddeford recommended a restaurant down by BSU (on S. La Pointe Street), and off we all went to Madre. It was an excellent recommendation, and we all enjoyed our lunches and conversations. This was our 4th Diva Drive, and we hope to make them an annual event!



ADOPT – A - HIGHWAY

(Laura Outlaw)


It was another successful Adopt-A-Highway pickup for the Silver Sage Porsche Club. Our first clean-up occurred in April (Spring) and this September (Fall) we finished the season with beautiful weather. Special thanks to Walt and Mary “Bag Lady” Thode for coordinating the activity and gathering the official paperwork. (Mary earned her nickname by cruising the cleanup area handing out water and extra collection bags.) Gary Cuddeford for managing the highway signs and vests for the entire crew. It was thought we were going to have much lighter participation this Fall but we were joined by six dance team members (Charlize, Mary, Isabella, Holly, Claudia and Lauren) and their Instructor Kim Machado from Elevated Dance Company in Eagle. Their dance company name is “Fire” which stands for Friendship, Integrity, Respect and

Excellence and the girls range in age from 10-14, Andria Johnson (Charlize mother and Silver Sage member) saw Walt’s call for volunteers and the dancers used this activity as a team building opportunity. The dancers appeared to enjoy their car rides from the Eagle WinCo to Horseshoe Bend and based upon their laughter and for some, their wind-blown hair, I am sure they were impressed and will yearn to be future Porsche owners. The final count of members and dancers gave us twenty-five participants. No significant finds this Fall, mostly tires, cooler lids, cans, and plastic bags and as Greg Meyers posted on Facebook “Please don’t litter”. After our job was complete, a portion of the group met at the Corner Café for lunch and to celebrate our hard work. A big thank you to all that participated in the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up and look forward to seeing everyone again in the Spring.

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OKTOBERFAST WEEKEND - 2019 By Gary Cuddeford

First of all...I need to thank the individuals that help with coordination and success of the overall event... Liam Spencer (Co-Chair), Sid Cannon, Bob Pentecost. A huge thank you to Ernie Monroe for the Oktoberfast poster artwork and other media graphics. His talent and creativity are a huge benefit to our club.

Friday Night (Oktoberfast Kick-Off):

Kick-Off festivities begin on Friday night with a welcome dinner at Big Al's in Meridian. The food was excellent and the venue works well for the club.

Pat Clifford has been our chair for this dinner for the past three years and has been supported on the A/V side by Blair Baertsch. The two of them have made this event better every year and with the change to Friday night from Saturday night, it really works well as the "kick-off" for our Oktoberfast Weekend. Bob Pentecost also supplied signage and guest lists needed to organize registrants and control access. Bob has been instrumental to the success of this weekend for many years now and we really appreciate all

he has done.

This year, eighty (80) Silver Sagers and their guests attended. Melissa Shane coordinated the check-in of all our registered quests. Mingling, wine, beer, and buffet dinner is the milieu for people to get reacquainted, make new friends and visit with old ones. Gary Cuddeford introduces the event and highlights the weekend's activities and thanks all the many volunteers, Big Al's, the Village at Meridian and Porsche of Boise.

Andrew King talked about our charity "Wish Granters". They will be at the show on Sunday and talk about the charity and what it does in our community to help adults with terminal illnesses.

We also had a great turn out from the Porsche of Boise crew with the attendance of Eddie and Melissa Rediske, Jeff and Molly Woody, Shaun and Amy Ferguson and Greg Myers.

Again... this year we were blessed with the legend himself... George Follmer. George is an icon in the racing world and a lifetime PCA member. We are so lucky that he lives here and doesn't mind hanging out with fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Saturday (Now we get to drive):

Events start off at Lyle Pearson's Porsche of Boise with the assembly of cars for the Coffee and Porsche's tours. This year we had two groups of cars being led by Dave Keim and John Sommerwerck on scenic drives on area



highways and a group of 50 that also meet at P of B for the Saturday wine tour led by Bob and Vicki Pentecost. I personally know the wine tour was a



huge success and I heard that the scenic drives were great. Porsche of Boise came thru again with lots of coffee and donuts. Bob and Vicki added a personal touch with a very nice gift for the wine tour participants.

Sunday (Clean those Cars):

This was the 6th Oktoberfest at the Village and our biggest yet with 122 cars at the show. It was awesome this year with help from Porsche of Boise, the Village at Meridian, Simmons Fine Jewelry and a host of Silver Sage volunteers.

The car show starts early for a lot of volunteers arriving at the Village at Meridian at 9:30 AM and earlier. Signage, parking cones, tents and chairs all have specific locations. The Village has the tents, tables and chairs in roughly the right places but as usual there is some last-minute shifting and scrambling to get it perfect.

Car staging for registrants starts at 10:30 AM and is coordinated by Mike Pratt and his team of volunteers.



One of the really cool things this year was the display of the 911 Carrera RSR vintage Sunoco race car that was driven by George Follmer and Mark Donohue in the 70's. George reached out to some of his former contacts and with the help of PoB sponsorship got the 911 RSR delivered to Boise for the car show. This piece of automotive history was a great addition to Oktoberfest.

The show starts at noon... right on time... with some announcements and the unveiling of the new 992 by Porsche of Boise. P of B was huge in their support this year. They sponsored the 911 RSR, brought several new Porsche cars to the show, provided the



sound system and sold Porsche merchandise at their tent. Simmons fine Jewelry brought their mobile showroom and we used their stage for announcements and awards. They sponsored all the beautiful trophies this year.

The show's activities include participant judging of the cars, poker walk and Village Raffle. Proceeds from the Village Raffle as well as the profits from the weekend activities and tire raffle go to our charity... Wish Granters.

Winners are tabulated by Sid Cannon from participants voting ballots and announcements started at 3:30 PM by Gary on the Simmons stage.

This year the winners were:

[Wade Nelson](#), 1978 911 SC

[Mike Pratt](#), 2010 911 Carrera 2S

[Dallan & Brenda Shenk](#), 2020 992 C2S

[Adam Labarera](#), 2016 Cayman GT4

[Jim Houston](#), 1961 356 Super

[Jonas Dethman](#), 1968 912 Targa

[Bob Pentecost](#), 1997 993 Carrera 4S

[Andrew King](#), 2018 911 GT3 Touring

[John & Nancy Sommerwerck](#), 2019 911 GT3 RS

[Sid Cannon](#), 1956 356A Outlaw

George's Pick- [Yogi & Elaine Hagberg](#), 1971 911T

President's Pick- [Ron Martinez](#), 1989 911 Turbo

Best of Show- [Riki Lambert](#), 2008 911 GT3 RS

Special thanks to Bob Pentecost, Becky Grover and Nancy Sommerwerck and Lindsey Robinson for their work at the registration tent; Mike Pratt and a host of others that got our cars parked efficiently; Molly Cuddeford, Monika King and several key charity team members for their work at the Charity tent; and Melissa Shane and Robert Sturgeon for their work at the Membership tent. We also need to thank Sid Cannon for his work with George Follmer and Simmons Fine



Jewelry on the Tag Heuer watch as well as taking care of the beer mugs. Liam and Gary also had roles besides being the co-chairs for the event. Liam worked with Simmons Jewelry on the trophies, set up the Poker Walk and helped promote the event with the flyers and news releases. Gary worked with the Village, got the T-Shirts

ordered and assisted in organization on Friday night and Sunday. It is also worth noting that we had several members who helped wherever they could even though they were not officially assigned specific roles. Kudos to our members! It's not about the cars...it's about the people!!



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ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION DINNER 2019

(Nancy Sommerwerk)

The annual charity dinner auction occurred on October 26th, with over sixty members attending. We gathered once again at the Riverside Hotel in the new venue of the Aspen Room. Silver Sage selected Wish Granters, as the 2019 charity. Wish Granters is a small non-



profit organization founded in 2010 and has been fulfilling wishes of terminally ill adults (persons 18 years and older) in Ada and Canyon Counties. Since then, they have granted over 300 wishes which have made a lasting impact in the lives of those families and giving them and their families a memory they can cherish forever. Their mission and our charity goal matched perfectly, as each year we focus on making a sizable financial impact relative to the annual goals of the benefiting charity



Silver Sagers raised over \$22,000 for this charity, one of our largest fundraisers! This amount represented about 20% of their 2019 cash revenue. The average age of their recipients is 48 years old with the average cost of a wish at about \$1,750. The predominant wish is for travel expenses to visit friends, family, or a vacation destination. Other examples of wishes recently granted are: a day on the lake with family, a lift chair, drive a Porsche 911 GT3 RS at the Vega Speedway, a family to visit from CA, a vacation with his wife to Florida celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, daughter and son-in-law to visit from Indiana, a family vacation to Disneyland.

The Saturday night dinner auction began with libations, greetings and browsing the numerous silent auction items which were elegantly displayed by Molly Cuddeford & Monika King's charity



ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION DINNER 2019

(Nancy Sommerwerk)

committee. The wide range of wonderful articles were generously donated by Region members and local businesses and included: Porsche-branded clothing, artwork, cabin/Resort Getaway weekends, spa and personal care services, Porsche-themed items, gift certificates, baskets, car services & accessories, specialty dinners, and wines and wine tasting.

The Aspen Room was generously donated by the Riverside and was nicely set for our dinner event. Becky Grover and her team created beautiful centerpieces reflecting the colors and logo of Wish Granters. Everyone



enjoyed a great dinner as the silent auction was closing. There was the usual scramble by the members to



check on their bids! Back in their seats, the live auction was about to start. Always entertaining, Gary Cuddeford was once again the master of ceremonies. Keeping with the theme of



our charity, Wish Granters, Gary appeared, whoosh!!! as a Genie!!! Green face and all!!! Our members engaged in spirited bidding and enjoyed Gary's "performance!!

This year we had three raffles; the annual Big O Tire raffle worth \$1,000 this year, four \$100 gift certificates to the Village at Meridian, and the Tag Heuer watch from Simmon's Fine Jewelry with the custom-made Silver



ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION DINNER 2019

(Nancy Sommerwerk)

winner of the tire raffle was Andrew King and George Jolley won the watch!

Between Oktoberfest, the dinner auction, the raffles, and donations made later in December, the total for



Wish Granters was over \$22,000!! At our December monthly board meeting, we presented the check. They were very appreciative of our dedication to the community and to their organization this year. With the charity money, this organization will pay for a donor management software program and grant several more wishes for terminally ill adults and their loved ones across Idaho.

As always, we had overwhelming response of participation and generosity by the membership and community to make this year's charity event successful. Silver Sagers continue to be united in their enthusiasm for the charity our club selects every year. The successful history of Silver Sage annual charity events is impressive concerning

total of nearly \$190,000 for our community non-profits organizations.

The average total donation in 2017 through 2019 has been \$24,000 compared to \$15,000 annually for 2014 through 2016!

Special thanks go to Molly and Monika, chair and co-chair this year, as well as all the charity committee members! Their hard work, dedication and organization allows the Silver Sage charity to execute the event flawlessly and successfully, time and time again. We continue to show that it really is not just about the cars, it's the people and our generosity to our community.





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Greetings from the Silver Sage Region of the Porsche Club of America! The Silver Sage Region is proud to have been a part of the Porsche Club of America since 1966. Our membership includes Porsche enthusiasts from all over southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, with a concentration in the Boise area.

CALENDAR

January 2020

Jan. 7	Board Meeting
Jan. 11	New Member Dinner
Jan. 21	Porsche Cruise-In
Jan. 22	Spring Treffen Registration
Jan. 25	Tech Talk – Lupo Motors

February 2020

Feb. 4	Board Meeting
Feb. 18	Porsche Cruise-In
Feb. 22	Tech Talk – Porsche of Boise

March 2020

Mar. 3	Board Meeting
Mar. 14	Spring Fling
Mar. 17	Porsche Cruise-In
Mar. 21	Tech Talk – Porsche of Boise
Mar. 28	PDE Auction – Denton's Hanger
Mar. 31	Last Date – Charity Nomination



Note: Silver Sage Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM at Porsche of Boise.