



On August 30, 2019 the inaugural meeting of the Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood took place at the National Corvette Museum's 25th Anniversary Celebration. This group of women, committed to maximizing their philanthropic giving, heard about four funding opportunities at the National Corvette Museum. After brief descriptions about each, lively conversation, and a secret ballot vote, the full membership awarded \$27, 620 to install a new "Damsels of Design" exhibit highlighting the important works of these trailblazing women who were involved in the design process of early Corvettes.

While the mission of the organization is still a work in progress, this focus of this group can be described as follows:

To empower and encourage women in their philanthropic engagement, to further the mission of the National Corvette Museum, to be vital members of the Corvette community, to promote women in STEM disciplines, and to foster relationships with like-minded women.

With an emphasis on celebrating women's roles in the automotive industry (past, present, and future) and a passion for promoting educational initiatives at the National Corvette Museum and the community, this group of women is determined to make a difference through philanthropy and action. The way we see it is this: one woman can make a difference, but a group of women can have an impact.

Who we are:

Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood is a group of women with a shared passion for Corvette, who enjoy celebrating the Corvette experience, uniting with other Corvette enthusiasts, promoting the traditions of America's Sports Car, and collaborating to advance the mission of the National Corvette Museum. Members pool their financial gifts and allocate the funds to a project or program at the Museum to maximize the impact of their philanthropy. Each member of the group has a unique opportunity to be connected to other women who are enthusiastic about all things Corvette, and to learn about the Museum's priorities and initiatives in a group setting specifically geared toward women. Members have an equal voice on how the pooled funds are utilized annually. A member may be as involved as she wishes, from serving as an ambassador to simply making a financial gift.

About Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood:

Elfi Wolfe Duntov is considered the Godmother and First Lady of Corvette! She would often accompany Zora to car shows and special events, and everyone who met her was immediately impressed with her grace, enthusiasm, and knowledge of America's Sports Car. She attended the grand opening of the National Corvette Museum and plays a pivotal role in the story of the Corvette. It is an honor to attach her name to this new society; to continue her legacy of philanthropy among like-minded women in the Corvette family.

In 1965, Corvette introduced a new and exciting color...Silver Pearl. It was sleek, elegant, and powerful...much like the women who love Corvette!

Pearls symbolize wisdom acquired through experience, as well as generosity, integrity, and loyalty. While pearls make the perfect complement to flashier gemstones, they also possess an elegance that can shine alone!

Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood is a women-driven organization that will allow like-minded women to share their love of America's Sports Car while furthering the mission of the National Corvette Museum. Much like a pearl, each member of this society shines on her own, but together they complement each other beautifully and make an impactful statement.

Who can join?

Any enthusiast, owner, member, or friend who wishes to connect to other female Corvette lovers and advance Museum priorities through philanthropic engagement and a collective voice may become a member.

How does it work?

Each member commits to a gift of \$1,000 per year (paid by August 1, annually). All donations are deposited into a restricted fund. The full membership of the group will meet at the NCM Anniversary Celebration each year and will vote on distribution of the funds. Each member has one vote.

How are funds awarded?

The full membership of Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood votes on distribution of the funds. The amount of money available for distribution is dependent upon the number of members and can vary each year.