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Frank Olsheski Award - A CMCS Tradition

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!