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## **President's Message: Reflections on Our Car Show**

The 2013 CNCC Car Show was a huge success. We had an exciting turnout of 95 cars, with 76 or 78 of them being judged and some 20 others in spectator/guest parking. The show went smoothly, and I heard many very nice compliments. One person even wrote in to Corvette Forum saying how nice the event was and commented that his kids enjoyed the day; he plans to return next year.

### **Reactions**

Our changes for the 2013 Car Show included professional judging, which turned out to be a big plus for us. People I talked to thought it was a good idea, and many simply said they didn't like participant voting.

Next year I want to highlight the fact that the show will be professionally judged to encourage even more people to attend. From the participants' perspective, it's always nice to enter a car show and win an award; it makes the event fun.

This year we had a \$500 cash raffle instead of raffling off a TV. I don't think it was that big of a draw, but it probably helped get people to the show. My whole take on the raffle was, "How many more TVs do people need? These days everyone needs some cash, so let's have a raffle for a cash prize." In general, a lot of people come to the show because we have decent raffle prizes; they certainly aren't chintzy.

Along with changes to the show, this year more people entered who were not club members. Last year's show had an equal number of members and nonmembers, so this change is a big plus. It tells me the word about what we are doing is getting out to the Corvette community to



**Happy Days! Gary congratulates Wayne Dzien, who won First Place for Special Interest Vettes, then won Best Of Show.**

the extent that more people want to participate in CNCC's car show.

### **Behind the Scenes**

Outsiders simply don't realize the months of preparation that go into the show. It's not unusual for me to start calling prospective sponsors early in February. In fact, that is how we got the \$3,000 gift certificate for a two-day driving class from the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. The school quickly fills up its quota of certificate donations, so having them as part of our show for the second year in a row was especially nice. It was an early phone call that secured the certificate.

For me, getting hold of sponsors and

asking people to donate prizes is the hardest part of the job. There is always a lot of follow up with extra e-mails, phone calls, more phone calls, and additional e-mails when people don't respond. Sometimes it means calling people three and four times, and if you've never done it, you don't realize how much time it takes; it's a huge commitment. Once we have show sponsors, then everything starts falling into place.

Vendors at the show sold their products and let me know they were pleased to join us; just one said the music from Carousel Sound was too loud (they were too close to a speaker). And of course, many, many CNCC members stepped up to give us a hand by volunteering hours of time and their personal skills and expertise to create such a successful show.

My thanks to everyone who shared their talents to make the 8th Annual CNCC Car Show happen — it wouldn't have happened without our members pulling together.

After helping with five of these shows, it always amazes me that after months of preparation and hard work, in six short hours it all comes to an end. We mop up, drive Stasek's cars back to their positions in the parking lot, and feel the welcome relaxation of a cold beer.

For me, the fall months ahead mean taking in a few extra cruise nights and enjoying my personal favorite trip to Effingham for a weekend at the Mid American Funfest. It's my last hurrah before I put the car away for the winter, saying that long "good night" to it.

— Gary Paetsch

# *Karen and John Makris — One CQQL Couple*

*By Judy Nelson*



**Left, having fun at CNCC's 2013 Car Show. Right, "John and I went to all the proms together," Karen remembers.**

"I have to say, John and I are very much opposites," says Karen Makris about her husband, "and that includes our interest in cars; cars are really John's thing," she adds. Karen grew up in a household where her dad kept cars forever, and when there was a problem with one, he'd fixed it himself, never going to a mechanic. "I'll be honest when I say I'm happy with a car, any car. I don't care what it looks like or what color it is, as long as it runs. That's all I've ever cared about."

### **John's Passion**

By contrast, John's taste in cars extends from contemporary Corvettes to antique classics, including the '57 Chevy and a black VW Beetle the couple owns. As a teenager he was given his grandmother's pristine '57 Chevy, but his father wouldn't let him change anything on the car. "I said if I couldn't fix it up, I'd buy something else, so I went out and found a 1964 Dodge Hemi. After a num-

ber of years, I got into trouble racing it; then after a bad accident with the car, I had to get rid of it, but that started my interest in racing.

"I've been very fortunate in that most of my cars have been luxury cars," he says. "My dad liked big cars — big Buicks, big Pontiacs, especially Bonneville's. I got his used cars all the time, but I couldn't complain because they were very nice used cars. Then, in business, as the Vice President I would have a choice of Lincolns and Cadillacs that were only three years old.

Johns says that other than a Corvette, the best car he's had was a Lexus LS460. "It was a Luxury car with all the extras; and it's ride was like the ride of cars in the old days, like when a Lincoln went over the railroad tracks and all you'd hear was a rumble. That's what the Lexus does.

"My Jaguar is a unique car, but speed-wise, it's still a European rough ride, so it's a little different. The Jaguar is a 2010. I've had it for three years; after six

months of a lot of little problems, things have settled down and it's been a nice car so far."

### **Motorcycles First**

The Makris's life with Corvettes began nearly 10 years ago after a motorcycle class they took went south. It's a story that Karen tells best. "John and I decided we needed something fun and adventurous in our marriage, so we took a four-day motorcycle class at Harper College. Only two people failed the final test: John and I. So as we left Harper, weeping over the failed tests, we innocently came down Dundee Road and drove by Bill Stasek Chevrolet with all those Corvettes out in the lot. John said, 'Oh, those are so sharp,' and I responded, 'Well, why don't you go in and look at them?' He said, 'I've always wanted a Corvette,' so I continued to push him, telling him, 'John, go in and look at them.'

"He was absolutely hooked on all the beautiful Corvettes out there; he told the

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salesman, who was very good, very patient, 'I'm going to go home and think about it.' I grabbed John and said, 'If you go home to think about it, you'll never come back and buy one. You've been a good husband, a good father, and a good *Popouli*, which is *grandpa* in Greek; you've worked hard all your life, and you deserve it.' And that's how he ended up with the 2004 Corvette. We bought it that very day. He had smiles from ear to ear as we left Stasek."

Still smiling today, John adds, "It was probably one of the best things we ever did. The 2004 has been a joy to have all these years, and we have about 60,000 miles on it."

Of course, most CNCC members recognize the Makris's cool blue 2004 Corvette convertible, ready to race, by its catchy license plate, CQQL BLU. But who came up with the clever Qs? "We saw it somewhere else, pertaining to another license," remembers John. "I thought the two Qs looked neat, so I went to the vanity plate website and found out that the made-up word CQQL was available. The Qs were fine, but most words with Os or zeros were already in use. I've used the same idea on several cars; for example, the '57 Chevy is 57 CQQL, and the Beetle is BAT BUG because the first *Batman* movie came out the year we bought the VW (and the VW is black on black).

### SWT 60

In April the Makris's added a Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition to their

collection of cars. The exterior is Arctic White and John explains that "it's a limited edition for this year with that size engine in a convertible. GM stopped manufacturing them at the end of February, so we thought it would be better to buy a second Vette now rather than wait for the C7s to come out. Ours has Silver Blue racing stripes.

"I first saw it when we went down to the National Corvette Museum with the club and thought it's size, the motor, and what it offered made it a great car; I also thought it may be the last of that generation of car that has a 505HP motor in a Convertible so that helped me decide to buy it. The way they make the clutches using hydraulics, the car is easy to shift; so it's back to having some fun driving again. Instead of using Qs in the license plate, we decided on SWT 60 — Sweet 60 — in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Corvette.

### Getting To Know You

Similar to several other CNCC couples, John and Karen met in grammar school — Portage Park Grammar School on the northwest side of Chicago. "We went through eight years of grammar school together, and then John went to Lane Tech and I went to Luther North," says Karen. "And John and I went to all the proms together."

"We lived about three blocks from each other; we were always close together," adds John. "We married when we were 20 years old. Karen was a hair dresser in Northbrook, and I decided to work for my uncle at the time. Although I was primed through high school to go into printing, my uncle's business was in manufacturing small parts. Looking back now, it was the best thing I ever did. He made me learn the hard way: start from the bottom and work my way up in the business.

"For many years I ran machines and anything else he wanted me to do on the third shift; that gave us the ability to raise our children. Karen was pregnant at the age of 23 when we started our family. We have two daughters, Torrie and Jennifer, and a son, John, Jr., in addition to nine grandchildren who range in age from 20 years to

the youngest who was born on August 23, so T-ball and soccer will always be on the family's calendar."

### Honest Assessment

Karen says she likes being a member of CNCC because of the many planned trips. "The outings and the breakfasts

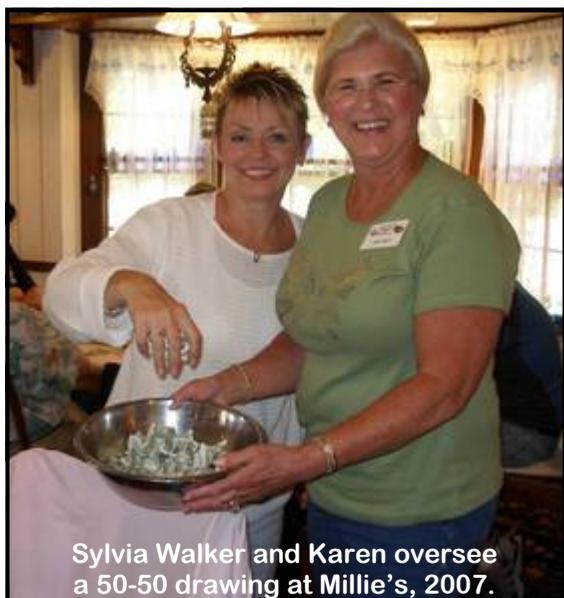


Always smiling, John pulls up to enter the 2013 Car Show.

keep the spirit of the club going. There is always a lot of energy and a lot of input from the members. A lot of times someone comes up with a good idea and you think, 'Wow.' The spirit of friendship is always important in the club, where everyone realizes there are situations in everyone's lives that need understanding. Sometimes not everyone agrees, but you have to cool the waters and make sure you listen to everyone."

John remembers that "about three years ago, Jerry Naegele, a friend and member of CNCC, convinced us to take part in the Black Hills Corvette Classic to Mt. Rushmore. It was a great trip, and we met a lot of nice people; it instilled in me the value of a club with all the members owning Corvettes who have similar thinking about cars.

"In the beginning the club was a gear-head group of men. That was one of the problems we had; we spent too much time talking about Corvettes and the women weren't involved at all. When George Sianis took over, it slowly but surely became more of a husband-and-wife organization, and that's important to me. It's a good change, and I'm happy to say it has worked out for the best." ●



Sylvia Walker and Karen oversee a 50-50 drawing at Millie's, 2007.

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## Of The 2013 Car Show

**Best of Show**, Wayne Dzien, Crystal Lake, 1998 Pace Car

**Best Engine, Stock**, Larry Auer, Palatine, 2007 Z06

**Best Engine, Modified**, Paul Plotnick, Wilmette, 1978 Vette

**Class A: Stock, '53-'62 (1 registered)**

1st — Frank Ness, Glenview, '58 Vette

**Class B: Modified, '53-'62 (none registered)**

**Class C: Stock, '63-'67 (6 registered)**

1st — Carl Coccetti, Inverness, '65 Vette  
2nd — Glenn Blum, Arlington Heights, '67 Convertible  
3rd — Dean Tarkowski, Palatine, '66 Coupe

**Class D: Modified, '63-'67 (1 registered)**

1st — Andy Kinsel, Hoffman Estates, '65 Vette

**Class E: Stock, '68-'82 (4 registered)**

1st — William Riviera, Chicago, '70 Vette  
2nd — Clive Fishman, Vernon Hills, '72 Coupe  
3rd — John Jakubco, Lake Bluff, '80 Vette

**Class F: Modified, '68-'82 (6 registered)**

1st — Paul Plotnick, Wilmette, '78 Vette  
2nd — Jim Sisty, Palatine, '69 Coupe  
3rd — Steve Luoma, Northbrook, '69 C3

**Class G: Stock, '84-'96 (10 registered)**

1st — Larry Lashin, Palatine, '95 Convertible  
2nd — Rich Harden, Northlake, '94 Vette  
3rd — Robert Gallagher, Palatine, '94 Vette

**Class H: Modified, '84-'96 (1 registered)**

1st — Tom Arvidson, Palatine, '89 Convertible

**Class I: Stock, '97-'04 (20 registered)**

1st — John Strewe, Park Ridge, '03 Convertible  
2nd — Jack Schippman, Mt. Prospect, '04 Convertible  
3rd — Bob Belmonte, Buffalo Grove, '02 Convertible

**Class J: Modified, '97-'04 (3 registered)**

1st — Adam Drag, Randlake, '03 Vette  
2nd — Stan Himma, Libertyville, 2000 Vette  
3rd — Larry Nelson, Chicago, '98 Coupe

**Class K: Stock, '05-Present (10 registered)**

1st — Mike Walker, Arlington Heights, '06 Convertible  
2nd — Joe Nagy, Chicago, '08 Convertible  
3rd — Kevin Pettis, Crystal Lake, '06 Vette

**Class L: Modified, '05-Present (2 registered)**

1st — Tony Bustos, Fox River Grove, '08 Z06  
2nd — Blackdog Speed Shop, Lincolnshire, '06 Z06

**Class M: Grand Sport (7 Registered)**

1st — Hank Koeck, Lindenhurst, '12 GrandSport  
2nd — Jim Benton, Waukegan, '12 GrandSport  
3rd — Eric De La Vega, Niles, '12 Vette

**Class N: Special Interest Vettes (6 registered)**

1st — Wayne Dzien, Crystal Lake, '98 Pace Car  
2nd — Craig Grovic, Summit, '08 Z06  
3rd — Doug Phillips, Buffalo Grove, '12 Callaway

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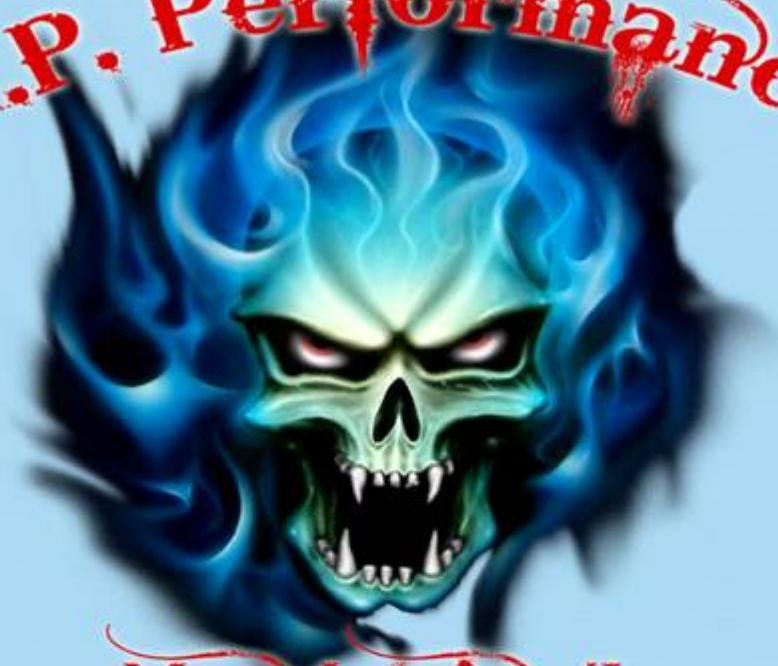
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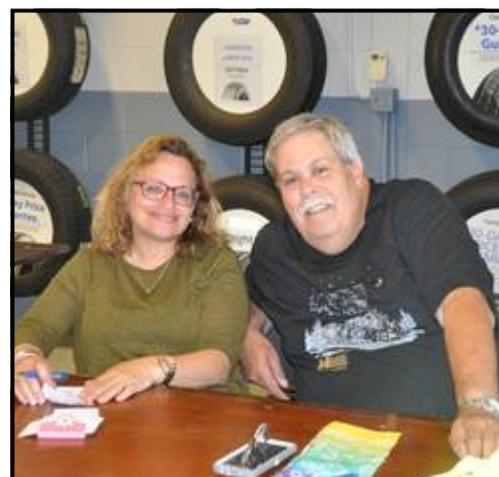
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# Ten Tips for Defensive Driving

Courtesy of Al Schnider

Many people think the term *defensive driving* refers to slow, hesitant drivers who stay in the right lane and signal a block before turning. In reality, defensive drivers are pro-active rather than reactive. They have taken classes in defensive driving and know how to recognize and take care of problems on the road *before* they happen, thus avoiding accidents.

While the best way to learn defensive driving skills is through a specialized class, the following tips will help improve defensive-driving skills.

**1. Minimize Distractions.** Music, cell phones, passengers, and munching on a burger easily distract drivers. Studies by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other groups show that distractions are the number one cause of car accidents and fatalities. Of all drivers, teenagers are the most easily distracted and most accident prone.

**2. High Eyes Driving.** Race drivers use a technique called "high eyes," meaning they focus on the horizon in the distance, not on the car in front of them. Drivers who fixate on the car in front of them tend to go into autopilot mode, braking when the car in front brakes or accelerating when it accelerates. The problem is that if the front-car driver doesn't pay attention to the road and panics when a traffic jam or emergency occurs, the second car is probably going to hit his rear bumper.

Drivers who keep their eyes high see the entire traffic pattern ahead, in the distance. They have ample time to react to a sudden emergency, whether it is performing a quick lane change or braking slowly so the guy behind has a warning.

**3. Minimize Lane Changes.** It's rare to be rear ended if the driver keeps his car in one lane and travels at the speed limit. It is common, however, for accidents to happen while a car changes lanes. The driver may suddenly cut off a car, swipe a vehicle in the driver's blind spot, or two

cars may merge into the same lane. By choosing a lane and remaining in it for the majority of a trip, smart drivers remove many of the situations that cause accidents.

**4. Spot Fast Lane Changers.** Always look out for drivers who change lanes. These people often dangerously dart in and out of traffic, cutting off and swerving around other vehicles in the process.

Regularly monitor your car's rear and side view mirrors, looking out for drivers who approach rapidly from behind or the



lane next to you. These are uneducated drivers who may cut in front of or around you at the last second, narrowly missing your car. The best way to deal with these people is to maintain your speed or even slow down if you feel they are going to cut in front of you. Don't become a vigilante and speed up, trying to box them into the adjacent lane; avoid being near an erratic driver tailing you on the freeway. Simply let these cars pass and be happy they are away from you.

**5. Spot Blind Lane Changers.** Absent-minded drivers who forget to check their blind spot before changing lanes cause accidents. These people are actually *harder* to spot than reckless drivers because it's more difficult to predict when they are about to change lanes.

The best way to avoid these drivers is *not to drive in their blind spot* to begin with. If you are in another driver's blind spot, either accelerate so your car is parallel to the other vehicle where the driver

can see you or slow down and tail the vehicle so you are no longer next to it. Tailing the vehicle is preferable, depending on your car's position; accelerate if you are already close to the front hood of the other car.

It's hard to follow these rules in heavy traffic because you are always going to be next to a car, but you can usually identify a driver who is about to change lanes if you see him look in his side-view mirror: the driver suddenly accelerates or decelerates; the car merges from an on-ramp; or the vehicle slowly drifts to one lane.

With practice, you can become good at figuring out when another car is about to change lanes and knowing how to avoid another driver's blind spot when it happens.

**6. Don't Make Eye Contact.** Studies show that many road rage incidents occur when drivers make eye contact with each other and an angry situation ensues. Road-rage drivers often want to instigate trouble rather than simply react to perceived slights against them. Making eye contact with these drivers plays into their twisted game, so avoid getting into a petty fight with someone driving a 2,000 pound vehicle, regardless of who is right or wrong.

The next time a tail-gating driver comes next to your car and paces you, just ignore him and don't give him the pleasure he's looking for. Drive on as usual, and he will eventually leave you alone.

**7. Look Both Ways at Intersections.** Intersections are inherently dangerous places and the scene of many T-bone accidents. After the traffic light turns green, most drivers cruise straight through an intersection without looking; that's usually when someone running a red light smashes into their side.

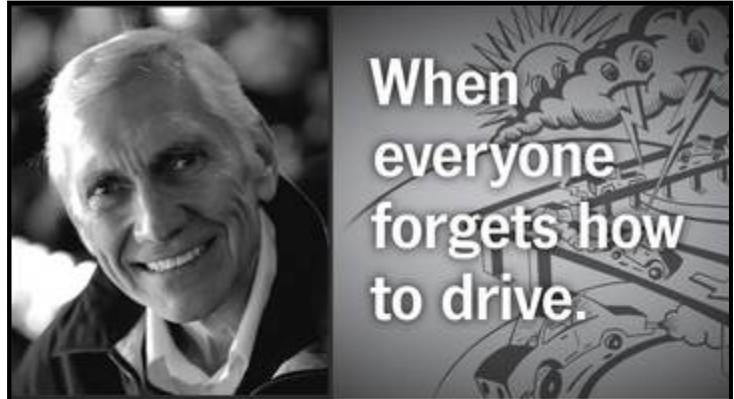
If you are the first car at an intersection, be extremely aware of the cross traffic when the light turns green. Look to the traffic to your left, then to the traffic on your right as you make your way through. Any police officer will tell you that the



The trip to The Black-hills and Mt. Rushmore was fantastic. We saw glorious sites and enjoyed CNCC camaraderie at its best. Of course, the meals were terrific as well. We appreciate your expertise, hours of planning, and your sincere friendship.

Kudos to you both, from your CNCC traveling companions and partners in adventure.

**Thank You,  
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number of drivers who run red lights is astounding; it's enough to make you think twice — and look twice — before going through an intersection.

**8. Know When and How to Swerve.**

Swerve the car in an emergency when there isn't enough time to avoid an accident (which is why rule #1 is so important). It is the hardest point to get across because swerving takes hours of experience behind the steering wheel to learn.

If, for example, a child suddenly runs into a busy street 20 feet in front of a car doing 35 mph, it's impossible for the driver to stop the car in such a short distance. His only option is to try and swerve the car as fast as he can to keep clear of the child. This same principle applies to sudden wrecks on the highway, fallen trees, deer, and other dangers that take a driver by surprise.

To properly swerve (also called a "lane toss"), you need to be certain of several things: A. The lane you're swerving into is empty. B. Your car can handle the maneuver. C. You can immediately correct the swerve so as to not end up on the side of the road.

Always be aware of your surroundings to know if the lane you may need to swerve into is empty, item A. You can only understand items B and C by taking your car to an empty parking lot and

practicing driving around cones for several hours. You can also take a defensive driving class.



**9. Avoid Bad Drivers.** Keep a healthy distance between your car and any bad drivers on the road. Problematic drivers include drunks, speeders, tail gaters, road ragers, lane changers, extremely slow drivers, and drivers who show any other erratic behavior. Most of the time, you can switch lanes and slow down so that a speeder or drunk passes, leaving you safely behind. You never want erratic drivers behind you because there is always the potential of getting rear ended.

If you see an erratic driver and need to pass, do it quickly and as safely as possible, trying to keep a lane between you and the other vehicle. If you can't keep a healthy distance in front of the car, stay a distance behind the other car and never drive directly next to it. You should also report erratic driving to your state highway patrol or area police department (you can call 911 directly); police are always on the lookout for erratic drivers if enough reports come in.

**10. Don't Follow Too Closely.** We've saved the best tip for last: Don't follow too closely behind the car in front of you; have at least two to three seconds of buffer room for your car to stop. Experts suggest four seconds of buffer space, but I think more time actually invites other drivers to cut into the space in front of you. Drivers who have an SUV, however, should make this at least a three-second rule because these vehicles take longer to stop due to their greater weight.

While this tip sounds like it applies to being a better driver, it actually includes defensive driving principles for emergencies. If the driver in the lane ahead makes a panick stop, you will have buffer room to brake and stop. This helps the driver behind you as well because it increases his time to react and stop. This is a big plus if he hasn't been paying attention, is slow to react, or drives a vehicle with long braking distance, such as an SUV.

I hope you gained valuable information from these tips. If you are interested in getting professional driving training, visit any one of the defensive driving courses throughout the Chicagoland area. ●

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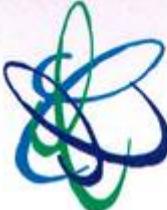
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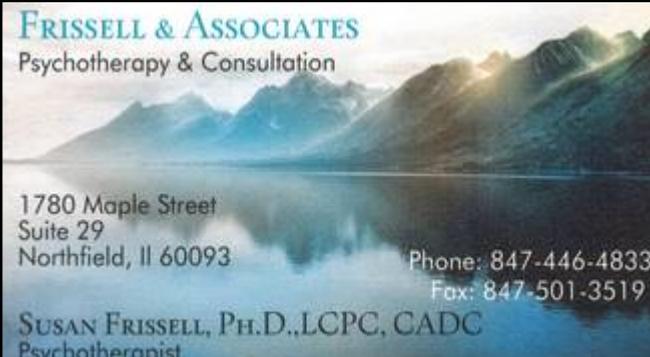
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