

DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

November 2020 - February 2021



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In Loving Memory Tony Silva, Founder



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Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

Location: Discovery Bay Yacht Club

Board Meeting: 5:30 PM

General Meeting: After 6 PM Dinner

All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!

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**Next Meeting:
To Be Determined**

President- Ed O'Brien

Hi DBCC members,
Happy New Year! Glad '20 is done and welcome '21! Hopefully the COVID vaccines will arrive near us ASAP and be made available to those who wish to get vaccinated. We all will welcome our economy opening up so that we can get our event activities going again!



First, with great pain we grieve the passing of Tony Silva, founding member of our club. He and Betty have supported us for over 30 years of dedication. Tony and Betty moved to Discovery Bay in the late '70s from Castro Valley and Tony worked with the Hoffman Company that developed much of Discovery Bay. He and Betty have been very active with our club over the years and we've had the opportunity for lots of fun with both of them. We remember Tony as a great guy, full of fun and energy. He will be sorely missed by us all, and we pass along our sincere condolences to Betty and their family. I included a personal thank you note from Betty.

Second, I am happy to announce that Diana Cernera is recovering nicely from a serious car accident. We wish her continued success with rehab and improved mobility for her hand and arm.

Next, I'd like to thank Derek Abel and the staff of Abel Chevrolet for their continued sponsorship and support of our club. DBCC is unique in the level of support Abel Chevrolet provides, thanks to the awesome, continued work of Lowell Onstad who has fostered the close relationship with the Abel family for many years. Lowell was again essential in gaining Derek Abel's support for DBCC. Our reception by Derek was a warm one, and we should all be proud of the fine relationship Lowell has built over the years with the Abel family. I would like to encourage all members to return the favor by including Abel in your automobile needs, be it a purchase or service. I can attest that Derek and Anthony dealt with me in a reasonable and straight forward way in the recent purchase of my new truck.



Another big "thank you!" goes to Bill Casson, who generously donated a good portion of his Corvette toy collection to DBCC. These are collector toys, most still in their original packing. We are in the process of cataloguing the collection and will be working with Bill to determine the best approach for the disposition of the cars.

Events! The end of COVID state wide lock downs appear to be finally on the horizon with outside dining at least opening back up. Be sure to share your event ideas with Shari Peck! I'm hoping we can soon fill our calendar with fun activities. I'm ready to hit the road, and I'm sure you are also! And YES there will still be aMYSTERY RUN!!

Oh yes, speaking of events, we need to plan a party....our next inaugural run/dinner! When do we schedule? where do we go? Is there a theme? What's on the menu? We need a committee to plan this important event! We're looking for some volunteers to share ideas and assist in this process. Please get in touch with Shari ASAP so we can put together a real fun event.

Finally, lets plan ZOOM for our next meeting! Many of you already do these with friends and family. Brian Enbom has generously offered to help us with this effort. So stay tuned. Stay safe and watch for vaccine opportunities!

3 And.....fill 'er up while the premium lasts (at cheap prices)!!--ed

Tony Silva

From Lowell Onstad

What a person!

Loved by all and enjoyed by many!

I have known Tony for more than 50 years and I can remember all of the wonderful times that I have had with this man!

This was the man that told me to move to Discovery Bay because the wind never blew up here. What a bunch of bull that was!

Tony was an individual that made friends wherever he went! You could go to a remote area of California and walk into an establishment and somebody would say hi Tony how are you doing!

Tony and Betty owned a back hoe business and the property that you live on was probably graded by Tony Silva. Tony worked for Mr. Hoffman for more than 50 years!

One of Tony's greatest loves was Beefeaters Gin. He would stop at Ron Lemos's house which was on the way to his home. Him and his best friend would sit and visit until the bottle was empty. I still have a bottle of Beefeater waiting for my friend to show up to finish!

One of Tony's favorite things was to irritate Betty and boy was he good at it. Betty would get so made but loved every moment of it!

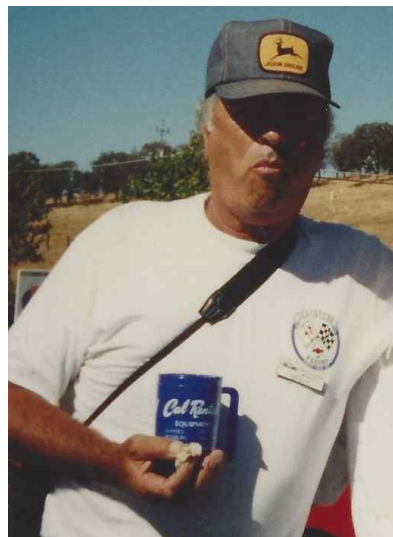
Tony loved to drive around Discovery Bay and visit with friends! He Loved Boating, Waterskiing, Reno trips, Prop Checkers (water ski club), Poker Runs, Camping and Corvetting.

In your lifetime you meet a lot of friends and sometimes they are memorable. Tony was one of these people. You show me a person who didn't love this man and I will show you a liar. Tony was one of the most special people that walked this earth.

Tony! You are going to be missed more than probably ever realized

Rest in peace our friend!

In Loving Memory of **Tony Silva**



At hotel in Murphys, Tony and Betty on right



Award's night, Tony right rear row, Betty Front row



Napa Valley run, Tony right center back row, Betty front row



Party in the Napa Valley, Tony and Betty in rear.



Luau Party, Tony center, Betty on right



Tony in center, Betty left leading a run.



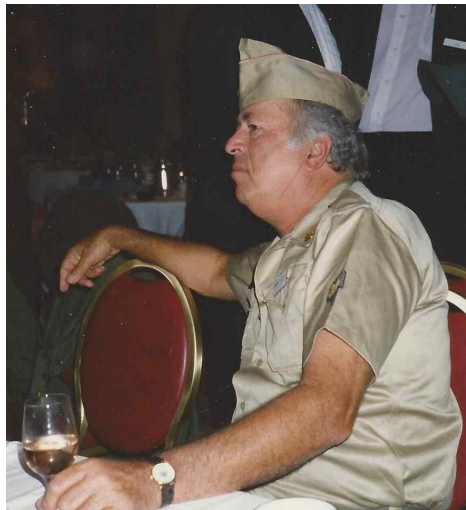
Tony on right.



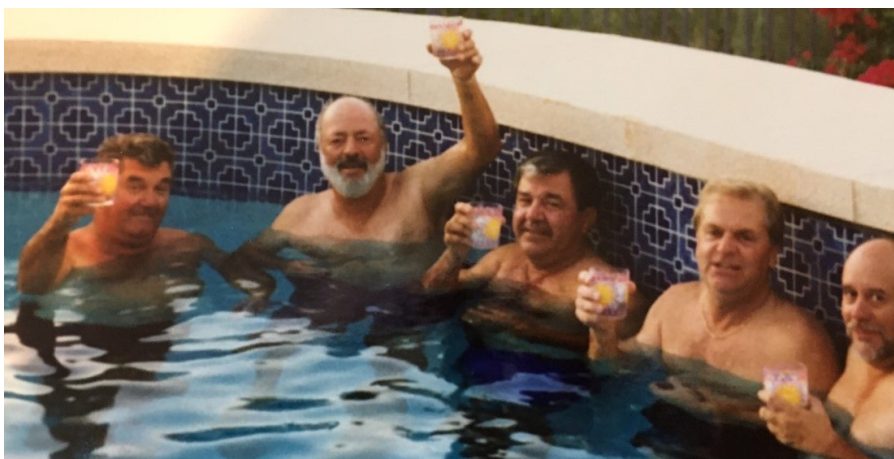
Tony on left.



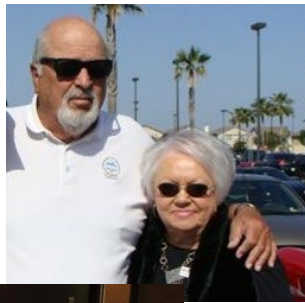
Tony dressed for a "MASH" party

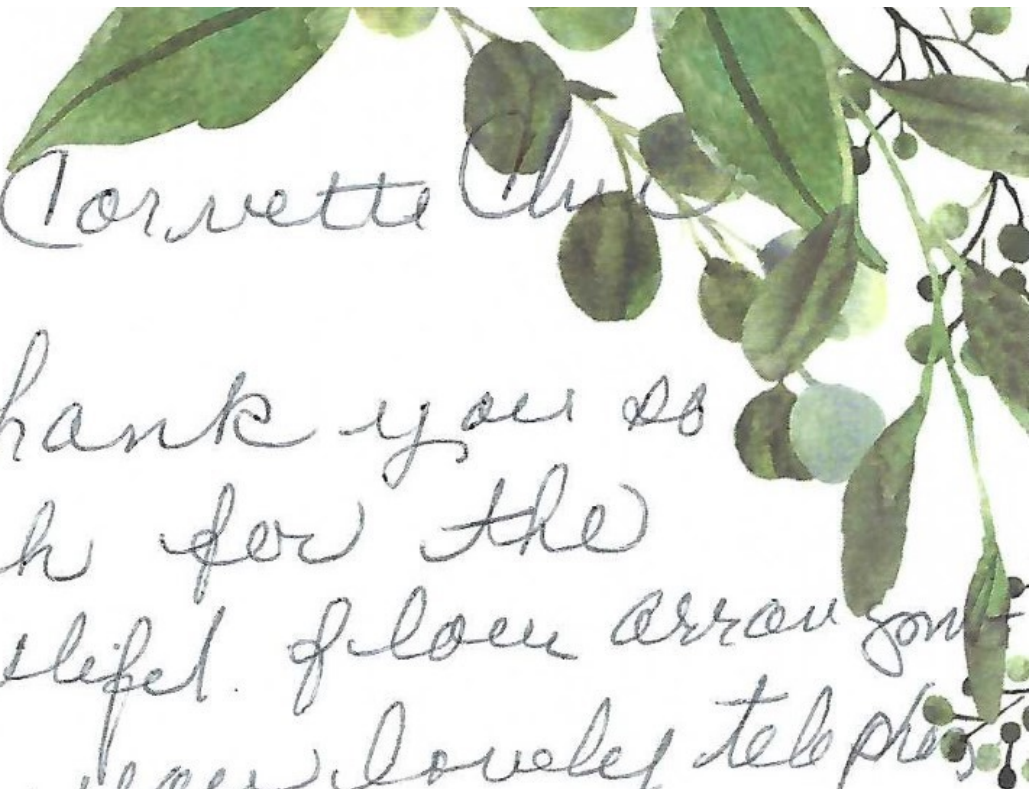


A great scrapbook picture from Bob and Sue Anderson.



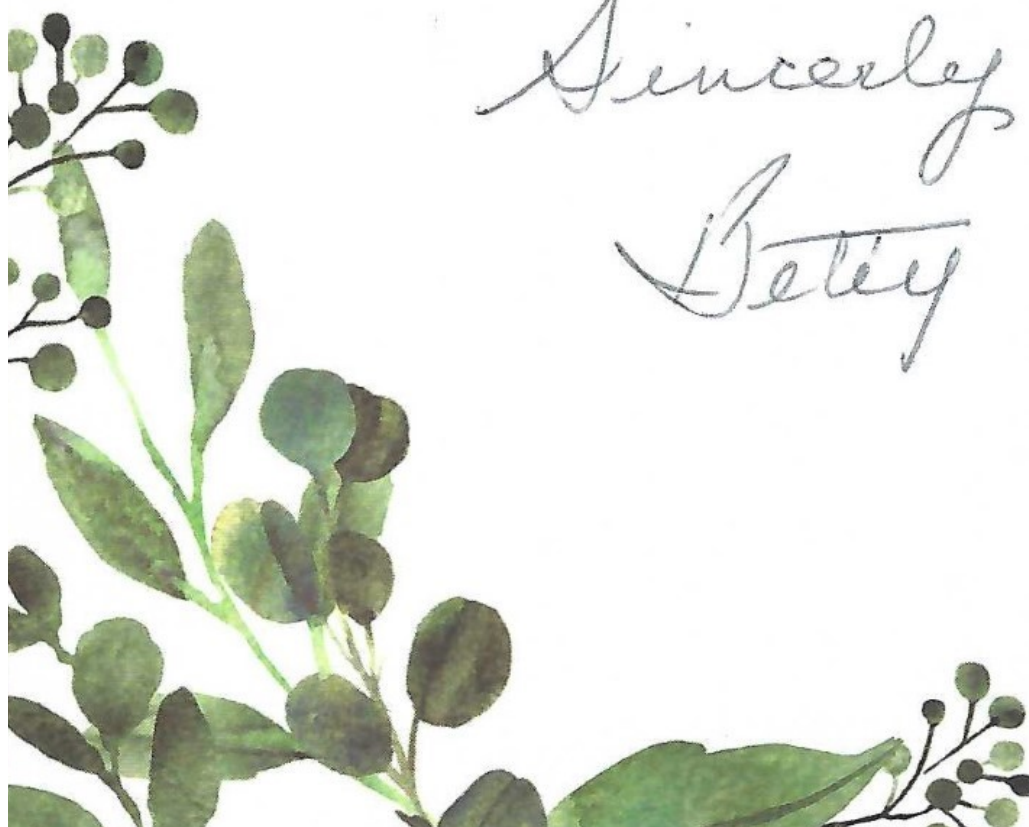






Dear Corvette Club

Thank you so
much for the
Beautiful flower arrangement
and your lovely telephone
calls,



Sincerely
Betty

December, 2020

Discovery Bay Corvette Club,

We would like to thank you for participating in the 2020 **Discovery Bay Toy Drive**. Your generosity helped to make Christmas a little bit brighter for many local children. Both the local agencies we contribute to were extremely grateful and quite impressed with the support from Discovery Bay.

Thanks again for supporting the 2020 Discovery Bay Toy Drive in this very difficult year and we hope you will join us again in 2021 for this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

STEVE & Sue

Steve & Sue Walde
Discovery Bay Toy Drive



A Message from Diana Cernera

Dear Corvette family/friends,

I am sure by now most of you have heard about my automobile accident that had occurred on October 28. After three weeks in a rehab center I was able to return home on November 19, then on Friday, I got wheeled outside to see so many of your beautiful faces! Thank you to all of you who showed up with signs and well wishes. It was so great to see so many of my dearest friends. Those of you who were not able to stop by, thank you for all the cards, calls, texts. It has been a somewhat slow recovery process as I tested positive with Covid, so that meant 10 days in isolation for me and Ralph. Everything, PT, OT, house hunting, all came to a standstill. Finally, I had my hand surgery, seven weeks after the accident! Bottom line, thank you all for the support, the cards and the text messages! I am looking forward to being able to get back into the Corvette....

Much love Diana



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Bill Casson Donated Approximately 500 Vettes!



NCM Ambassador - Dave Gatt

Corvette Racing is doing well and is still in first place!

The following article should be printed into the news letter because I feel that the members who own C7 Grand Sport or ZO6 should know. I checked with Abel Chevrolet and was told that it was just a matter of time before a crack occurs. When it does it will cause the tire to lose air and the tpms sensor will show a low tire. I highly recommend that you maintain run flat tires on these rims. Ask Caroline about this issue. It is also unsafe to track these wheels.

<https://carbuzz.com/news/more-angry-corvette-owners-sue-over-cracked-wheels>. (See next page).

Thanks,

Dave Gatt

NCM Ambassador

P.S. I purchased OEM C7 ZO6 wheels for my C6 ZO6 for the street because I liked the look. LOL

More Angry Corvette Owners Sue Over Cracked Wheels

This is the second class-action lawsuit.

General Motors is facing a second class-action suit over cracked wheels, only this time it's been filed by another group of owners in another state.

According to the Detroit Free Press, 18 owners of C7 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 and Corvette Grand Sport models are now part of a consolidated class-action lawsuit filed in a Michigan court against GM and is seeking millions of dollars in reimbursements. The alleged problem is the wheels on 2015-2019 Z06s and Grand Sports that are "prone to deforming and cracking, without impact damage" due to materials that were "cast, rather than forged ... of insufficient strength ... and insufficient quality, to withstand the torque and power input from the drivetrain."

In addition, the suit states the Corvettes are no longer safe to drive because the broken rims could puncture the tires. Having a blowout at any speed is very problematic. If this lawsuit sounds familiar to you then that's because last April, a similar class-action suit was filed in California on behalf of C7 owners. They claimed the exact same wheel problems and further stated Chevrolet had been denying their cracked wheel claims and refused to cover repair costs despite many of the vehicles still being covered under warranty. GM, however, responded to that lawsuit by stating the wheels are not defective. Instead, the cracks are caused by potholes.



So far, GM has refused to comment on this latest legal battle, only pointing out there have been zero safety recalls for the 2015-2019 Corvettes. GM is apparently still maintaining that any wheel damage is due to normal wear and tear. But there could be some hope for owners this second time around.

The Michigan lawsuit names a potentially powerful ally: Car and Driver magazine. The publication's review of a 2017 Corvette Grand Sport claimed it had to replace or repair six damaged wheels over a 40,000-mile test period. The total cost came to just over \$4,000. But how can this lawsuit potentially add up to tens of millions of dollars, assuming there's a judgment for the plaintiffs? Just do the math



A total of 17,988 Corvettes were sold in 2019, although just a quarter of them (4,500 units) were Z06s and Grand Sports. Figure roughly \$4k per vehicle to replace all four rims. This amounts to \$18 million in owner reimbursements - per model year. Despite claims from top GM officials, specifically chief Corvette engineer Tadge Juechter, that potholes are the real culprit, owners remain unconvinced. Many claim they only drove their Vettes in good weather on good road surfaces and still encountered bent and/or cracked rims.

15 "It just seemed unreasonable to me that this was occurring. I babied the car," one owner said. Will GM step and do the right thing? Owners certainly hope so.

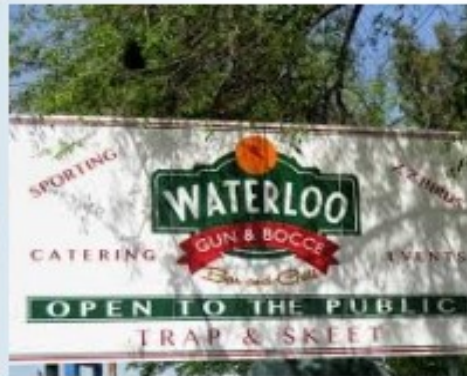
Buffet Lunch / Full Bar / Bocce Tournament



**Discovery Bay Corvette Club
"Waterloo Bocce Club - First Run of 2021!"**

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Meet at Chase Bank at 10:30am Depart at 10:45am



Cost for the Lunch and Bocce is only \$32 per person!

***Includes Buffet Lunch of Baked Chicken Pasta, Heritage Salad,
Focaccia Bread and Apple Crisp with whipped cream and coffee.***

Indoor Bocce Courts for 2 hours of play. We will have our own room and bartender.

Table size max 6 people -Social Distancing will be practiced.

Mail checks made out to DBCC to:

Shari Peck

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Questions? Call Shari Peck at 925-784-0120 or email shari.peck@att.net

Send a check to attend to Shari by Monday, February 15th



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Driving Impressions, 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8

I had the opportunity to drive my good friend Bill Roth's new C8, which he purchased from Abel Chevrolet. Bill lives in Pleasanton, but I suggested that he call Abel and he did. I'm also hoping to convince him to join our DBCC. After the many delays from GM, he finally received the car in late November.



My ability to take it for a test ride was hampered by Diana's accident, covid quarantine, and selling our house and moving, but my day finally came a couple of weekends ago.



Clearly the C8 is a supercar, and runs with Ferrari, Lamborghini, etc. I've driven many of those other cars, and upon getting behind the wheel, you have a sense of being someplace foreign, a little intimidating. My first impression getting behind the wheel of the C8 was one of

complete comfort. It was like I just got into my C6...I felt completely at home behind the wheel. The car clearly caters to the driver. You are wrapped in information with everything at your fingertips. The folks at GM really did it right.

There are many driving modes, but I drove the car in "track mode" which turns off all traction control, sets the exhaust note to a deeper tone and rev matches downshifts at all speeds, among other things. Driving this car is about as much fun as someone can have with their clothes on...awesome just doesn't say enough!

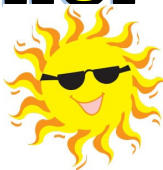
It has been a long time since my last moving violation, and I wanted to keep it that way, so I was not able to test the high-speed handling in and around Discovery Bay, but I did manage to test the acceleration. Turning left from DB Blvd. onto Highway 4, I went from zero to 125 before reaching the driveway to Seaton's marine. Even at that speed, you feel completely in control and stable in the car. The test of the Launch Control on Bixler road was equally impressive. You turn launch control on, set the brake, and then mash the throttle. You immediately get pinned in the seat and can now understand where those 0-60 times of under 4 seconds come from!

Everything about the car is fabulous. The look, feel, comfort, build quality, and of course, the performance. But, I believe that if you are going to have a "toy car", that it should be a stick shift. The design of the 8-speed transmission in the C8 and the paddle shift technology, along with the awesome sound of the rev matching might actually convert me. I think I'll have to bug my buddy Bill and test drive his car about 20 or 30 more times before I decide. Maybe on track next time...

Ralph

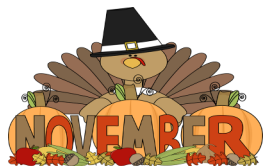
Sunshine - Connie Miller

I want everyone to know that Betty Silva is doing well and thanks the club for all the support it has done for her. The cards, calls, flowers and the wonderful gift of Door Dash are all so appreciated.



Diana Cernera is doing well, as much of her injuries have healed nicely. She continues to learn a lot about patience while attending Physical Therapy to get the use of her left hand back. She's looking forward to performing all the activities one uses both hands for. She is extremely grateful and thanks everyone for all the calls and cards. All of the well wishes she received gave her hope and made it easier to endure and heal.

Amy Pera has been dealing with some health issues, but stays positive and looks forward to once more gathering with friends and dancing the night away.



Bill Helfrick 11/3 Pam Dooley 11/11
Ed O'Brien 11/14 Carolyn Ayers 11/16
Amy Pera 11/25 Mize Sandy 11/29
Tony (AJ) Silva 11/29 ✝



Loretta Parker 12/8 Judy Young 12/9 Jack Pera 12/10
Jerry Hardt 12/30



Susan Lucas 1/3 Trudy de Leon 1/5 Ken Lucas 1/8
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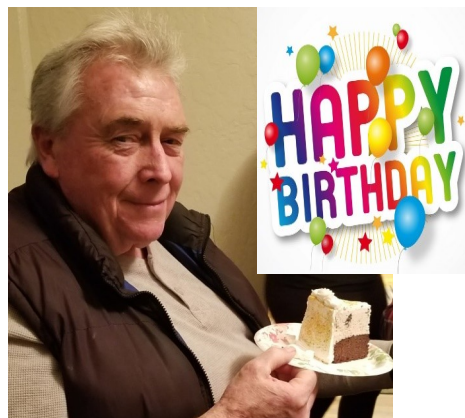


Debbie Gatt 3/6 Roy Brett 3/7 Betty Silva 3/10
Roger Hodel 3/15 Mary Hodel 3/16 Corey Warrington 3/24
Everett Watrous 3/30

Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!



The Zupans in
Sunny Southern
California!



Happy Birthday
Jerry Hardt!

Jerry Hardt and
granddaughter



Publications- Laura Hardt

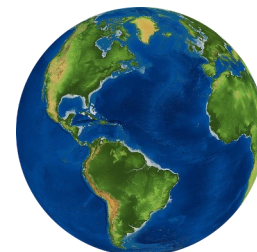
It was so sad to hear about Tony Silva's passing. My deepest sympathy to his family, especially Betty Silva. He was such a very sweet man and will be missed dearly. He may be gone but not forgotten. He will live forever in our hearts.



I'm sure everyone is probably tired of wearing masks and social distancing but we must be patient. Vaccines have now arrived but there is not enough for everyone to get vaccinated so let's do our part to keep everyone safe. Let us also remember to respect each other during this stressful period.

Wishing all of you health, love, and happiness!

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