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Pontiac-Oakland Club International

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Meetings held at

**Bakers of Milford**

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## Kenny G's Message

President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas last week and are looking forward to a new year coming up? It's hard to believe that 2024 flew by so fast, but the club had some great accomplishments as described by Ray in his column.



Remember the upcoming club holiday party on January 11 at 4:30 pm at Bakers of Milford. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our great members and having a good time.

On these cold winter nights, I'm thinking of the upcoming 2025 car show season, especially our club's show which is slated for September 13. I'm thinking of ways to get more sponsors, whether through my efforts, or through other members. Donations have been down lately, so we need to broaden our scope and get creative if we still want to support our charities. Calling all officers!

We are having a **Holiday club dinner at Bakers on Jan. 11, 2025.** The Motor City POCI officers and board members cordially invite you and a guest to our annual Christmas Dinner Party!

**When:** Saturday, January 11, 2025

**Where:** Bakers of Milford

**Time:** 4:30pm

**Food:** Order off Bakers regular menu

**Cost:** \$30 per couple, \$15 per single. **Cash bar.**

**Will be giving away a few prizes.**

If you plan to attend the dinner, please

**RSVP by January 4th** and remit payment to:

**Motor City POCI, 1595 Vanstone Drive, Commerce Twp., MI 48382**

Hope to see you all there!

Regards,

Officers and Board Members

## Ramblings of an Irishman

Editor: Brian Dougherty



If you've been watching your emails, you've received email warnings from Doug Cook and I that there are people out there trying to scam us out of money. Recently, I've been getting some directed to me as the Motor City POCI Editor or as Director, telling me that someone is doing their research, making the email seem more legit. I've even gotten some snail mail identifying me as the Motor City POCI editor asking for money for a middle east religious cause. Beware!

I've noticed some clues that should alert you to something not right, although they seem to get more creative every day. Maybe this is where AI is coming into play? The first is all club money items are handled only by our treasurer, Ray Golota, so if the email looks suspicious or is asking for money, it is probably a scam. In all cases double check by calling the supposed sender if you have his number or texting them for verification. In all the fake emails I've received, you can tell the sender is not who he says he is by clicking on the sender's name and looking deeper into the details. Either it will show it came from someone else, or something is not spelled correctly, like the email will show "name@email.com" instead of the correct "name@gmail.com".

As mentioned previously, there has already been one meeting for the 2026 national POCI convention. That meeting kind of scared me on how much stuff there is to do. But the thing to remember is: if we split the jobs up with a hundred or more volunteers, then the jobs become more manageable. There will be meetings scheduled every couple months for the next 1 1/2 years, so keep an eye out for invites and try to make as many as possible with the goal to volunteer in the areas of interest or where you can help. I believe most of these meetings will also be by zoom, so you can do it in the comfort of your home.

The next meeting should be in the next month or so? Most of them will be scheduled and ran by Tim Dye directly or by whatever team leader you're assigned to.



PTM was anxious to do a "pre-opening party" in May to recognize our donor and volunteer family - but we were too busy just opening! It has been an eventful 7 months and on Friday January 17th we will POP the cork with fun, and the same intent for celebration . . . as well as a bit of preview of our future activity!.

*Join us for a Post-Opening*  
**PARTY-PALOOZA & FUNDRAISER** to CELEBRATE our PEOPLE & PROGRESS  
 AND TO BENEFIT...a NEW YEAR of PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION  
 of the  
*Pontiac Transportation Museum*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 📍 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
 250 W. PIKE STREET, PONTIAC, MI 48341

Complimentary Toast	6:00 - 7:30:....Reception & Light Fare Entertainment
50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction	7:30 - 8:00: ... Toast & Acknowledgements
Compelling Surprises!	8:00 - 9:00: ... Auction & Raffle Winners
Festive Attire Encouraged	8:00-10:00:.. Entertainment
Valet Parking Available	

Tickets: \$50 per person (or Inaugural Membership Purchase)  
 R.S.V.P. requested by / before January 6, 2025 via:  
[CLICK HERE to R.S.V.P. online via: LOCAL HOP](#)

If you are unable to attend, but would like to support the museum, click [HERE](#) and Thank You!

See the details above. We'd like your RSVP and ticketing through the Local Hop website link: <https://events.getlocalhop.com/pontiac-transportation-museum-pop/event/3AxmNbdca5/>  
 This will offer a bit more detail on membership as well. Local Hop is easy to navigate, but call the Museum if you need help.

To the left shows an upcoming party at the PTM for all our friends and volunteers, which includes Motor City club members. There is a link to purchase the tickets for just this party, which will be well attended and quite the soiree', or you can help the museum out even more by buying a yearly membership which gives you all kinds of extras as well as being able to bring your family there any days they are open..

Below is a message from the museum acknowledging all the help as well as asking for more help n 2025.

**The second consideration: please do what you can to support PTM! Thanks to the many of you that already have!**

**We are overjoyed to hear the many positive comments on the value of what we have put together. It needs further nurturing, with all types of volunteer help, as well as donor help. Talk about visiting us with your neighbors, friends and family - we need those "word of mouth" referrals! Think about us in your own year-end giving and year 2025 activity.**

**And most importantly, best wishes for a great holiday season!**

*The Pontiac Transportation Museum Committee*



## Treasurer's notes:

**Ray Golota**

Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and all is well.

The New Year is almost here and the **2025 membership fees** are due **Jan. 1st**, and are **\$25**.

If you plan to attend the Christmas dinner party, please RSVP by **January 4th** and remit payment to my address below.



**Our website, [www.motorcitypoci.com](http://www.motorcitypoci.com)**

### **This past years major accomplishments:**

- Donated a total of \$15,450 to various charities, check it out at:

[www.motorcitypoci.com/our-donations/](http://www.motorcitypoci.com/our-donations/)

Besides our 10th Annual Summer Roundup, the club held 6 other outings. check them out at: [www.motorcitypoci.com/2024-events/](http://www.motorcitypoci.com/2024-events/)

- Also check out the videos of our Summer Roundup under 2024 events.
- Part of the \$15,450 we donated, \$2,700 went to the Pontiac Transportation Museum (PTM) in Pontiac. \$700 of that was in the form of Engraved Payers that 7 club members purchased.

visit: [www.pontiactransportationmuseum.org/](http://www.pontiactransportationmuseum.org/)

Send membership dues to:

Motor City POCI

1595 Vanstone Dr.

Commerce Twp., MI 48382



**Club Upcoming Events:** (Refer to Ray G's more comprehensive email list)

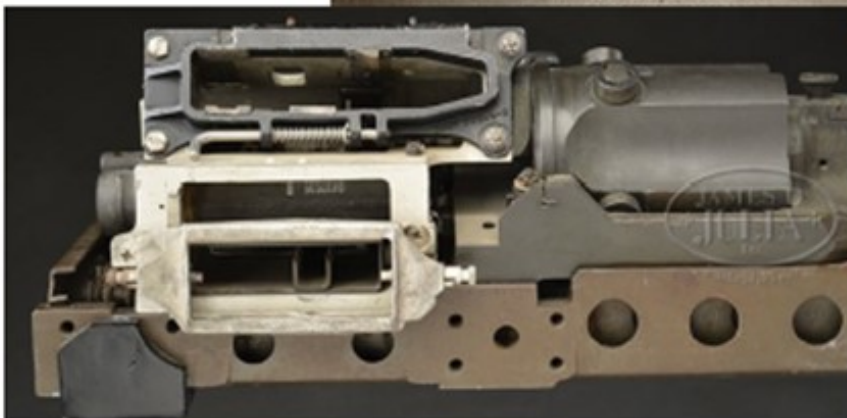
**Club History:** **Article from Jan-Feb 2015 Spokes**

Editor John Berzsenyi

## Pontiac Built More Than Great Cars



SN 2072. 20 MM. 54" bbl. Manufactured by Pontiac Motor Corporation (GM Corp), marked on top of receiver, "GUN AUTOMATIC 20 MM, M-39/MANUFACTURED BY/PONTIAC MOTOR DIV G.M.C./PONTIAC, MICHIGAN". This highly effective weapon was first produced in 1951 but the Genesis of the revolving cannon and the design dates back to a WWII German aircraft cannon. The M-39 uses a 5-chamber cylinder like a revolver to feed rounds from a flexible feed chute through action. An example of the feed chute is included in this lot showing the flexibility and engineering required for this gun to operate. Pontiac produced more than 35,000 of these model cannons from 1951-1975 and it was something that was the hallmark weapon of the "jet era". An example of the top of the line destructive fire power used in aviation for nearly 25 years. It was not until the modern air to air missiles that this weapon was displaced.



## Interesting Stuff:

Does the truck below remind you of most days? It does most of mine.  
I never know if I'm coming or going!



## Jay Leno Checks Out The 1977 Pontiac Firebird From 'The Rockford Files': Video

By Jonathan Lopez  
December 23, 2024 10:15 pm



When it comes to classic hero cars, the [Pontiac](#) Firebird from *The Rockford Files* is certainly among the most recognizable. Running between 1974 and 1980, *The Rockford Files* followed private investigator Jim Rockford, played by James Garner, as he fought crime and chased the bad guys, often executing perfect J-turns in the process. Now, Jay Leno is taking a turn behind the wheel. This particular car is a genuine piece of television history, and was meticulously restored to look like it rolled right out of the late '70s. The owner, Pat McEntee, found it listed on eBay, and despite the poor condition, he quickly realized its significance as one of the original cars from the show. What followed was 15-year process, during which McEntee painstakingly restored the Pontiac Firebird while preserving its original features.

The restoration included the unique “Rockford Gold” paint, a GM factory color originally from a 1962 [Cadillac](#) that was custom-applied to the Pontiac Firebird for the show. The project also included replacing worn suspension components and fixing rusted panels. Interestingly, the vehicle required a few modifications for its role on-screen. For example, the production team added support equipment for microphones and cameras to assist in the shoot, as well as air shocks to support the added weight. The show cars were delivered as Formula Firebirds, but were stripped of certain elements, like the rear spoiler and “Formula” decals.

The episodes also delve into James Garner’s legacy as an actor and car enthusiast.

Garner was a skilled driver who often performed his own stunts, including the now-famous “Rockford,” a reverse 180 spin also known as a J-turn. Of course, the Pontiac Firebird was integral to these stunts, and its durable yet stylish design made it perfect for the show’s action-packed





# Tech Story:

# Pontiac Hood Ornaments

Story by: Wikimedia

The following story I've found to be useful since working at the museum. I know I have favored Pontiac Hood Ornaments over others and I knew there were several iterations over the years, but I get asked about them a lot at the PTM and have never felt confident in my knowledge, so here is a pictorial showing them.

## Category: Pontiac hood ornaments



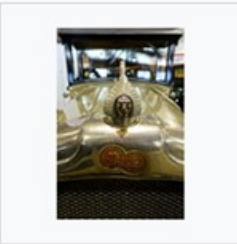
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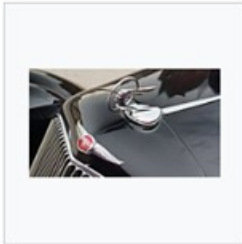
"PONTIAC CHIEF OF THE SIXES" Native American art and "PRODUCT OF GENERAL MOTORS" hood medallions detail, from- 1926 Pontiac Two Door Coach - Automobile Driving Museum - El Segundo,



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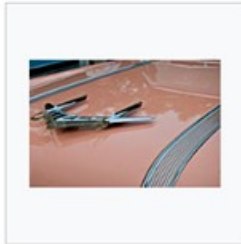
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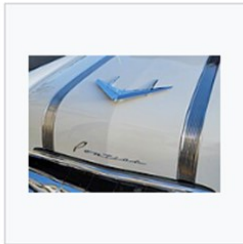
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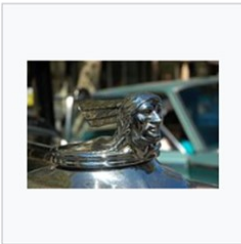
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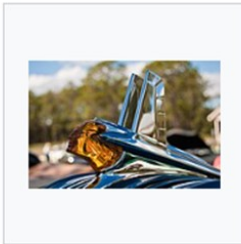
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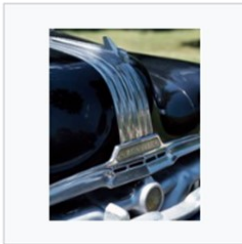
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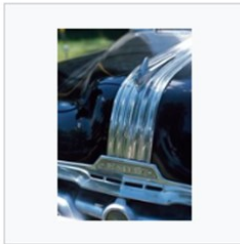
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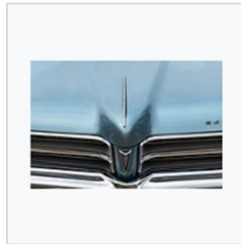
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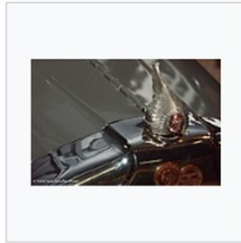
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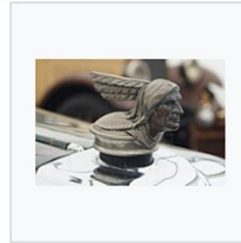
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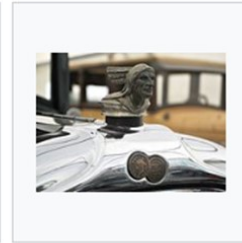
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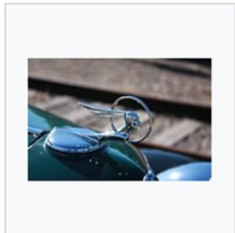
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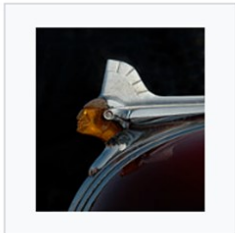
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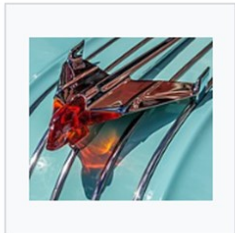
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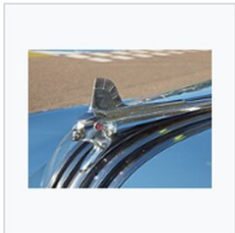
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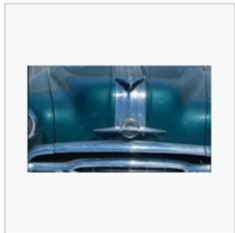
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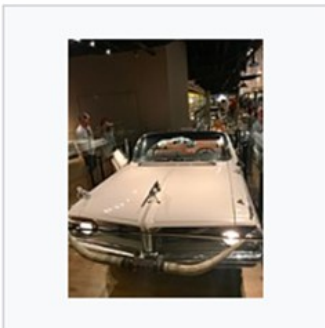
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Webb Pierce's "Silver Dollar" Convertible - 1962 Pontiac Bonneville customized by Nudie Cohn - front view, with the ornament horns on bumper and a handgun as hood ornament (2018-08-21 13.16.36 by eKat).jpg  
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As I've learned by working at the PTM, 1935 was the first year the hood ornament was used strictly as an ornament, and not a radiator cap and ornament combined.

All incorporate some likeness of Chief Pontiac who was well respected, but feared.

Most are made of metal with chrome plating but some are made of acrylics which was able to be lit at night for an even bolder statement.

The design in the 1930's was a native American head complete with a feathered headdress which later morphed into a memorable configuration of jet airplanes with chief Pontiac at the helm. It's interesting to note the designs usually signified the decade they were built in and what was important at the time. Everything from the planes of both wars to the country's industrial might.

**Funnies:** This edition of the funnies brought to you by the internet!



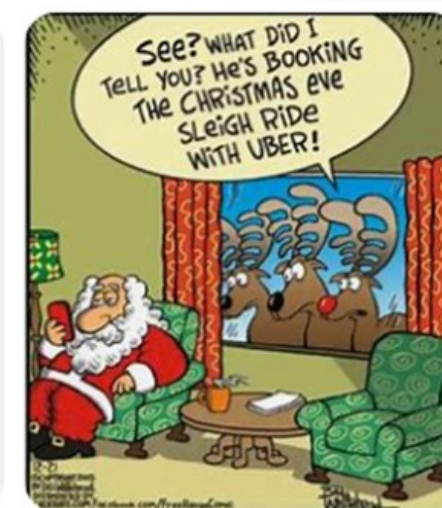
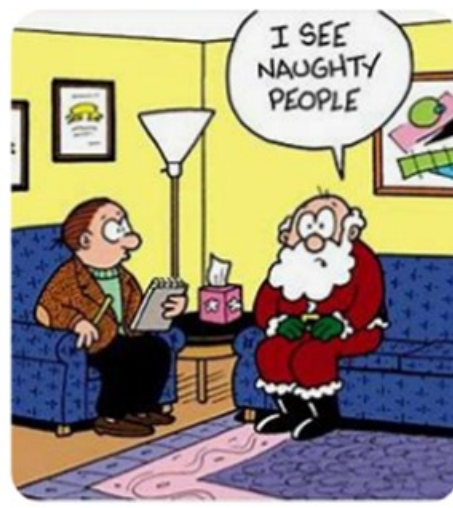
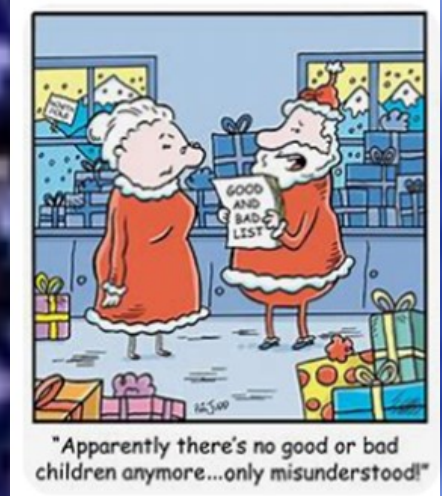
I DON'T CALL THEM NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I PREFER THE TERM: CASUAL PROMISES TO MYSELF THAT I AM UNDER NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO FULFILL





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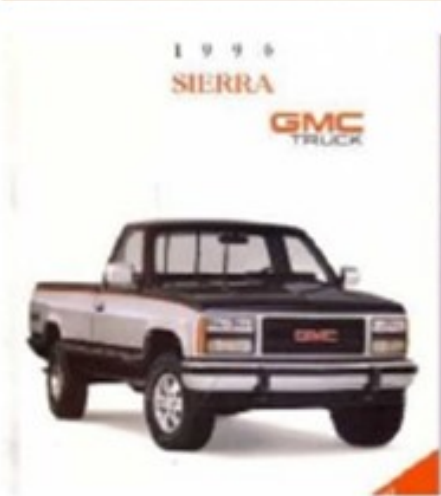
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# Class of 1990



These great cars are now considered classics and some are featured at the PTM!





## **Classifieds:**

### **Wanted:**

Wheels stamped HB are original, so looking for HB steel wheels.

I'm told that wheels stamped HF will also work. Perhaps others will too.

Also need 14" x 6" steel wheels stamped G for 1967 GTO drum brake cars.

Tom Sidlik

586-665-4214

tws4@comcast.net

### **For Sale:**

1968 Ram Air II Heads/Exhaust Manifolds, \$4500

1968 WS Block, \$450

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1967 HO/RA Exhaust Manifolds, \$400

62 Casting Rebuilt Heads, \$600

1965-79 Performer Intake, \$200

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Kevin Yash 248 470 4040



# MOTOR CITY POCI

Pontiac Oakland Club International - Chapter 91

Dedicated to the Preservation,  
Restoration, and Enjoyment of  
Oakland, Pontiac & GMC Vehicles



Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year (starting in 2024 it will be \$25.00). Dues are to be paid the first day of each January. Please pay membership by one of the following methods:

- cash or check at one of the monthly meetings
- by check made out to **Motor City POCI** and sent to the address below.

**MOTOR CITY POCI**  
1595 Vanstone Dr.  
Commerce Twp, MI 48382  
E-mail: raygolota@gmail.com

**\*\*\*\*\*Please read back page\*\*\*\*\***

- \*We encourage all members to join the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI). Applications are available on line at [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)
- \*Active Member (United States) - An Active Member (United States) is afforded all the rights and privileges of full membership and receives Smoke Signals magazine via mail for a period of one year is \$45.00.



[POCI'S 2025 Convention:](#)

**Online registration for the event is now available. Sign in to the website and use the "2025 Convention Registration" link on your dashboard page.**

Please note: the convention registration fee is non-refundable. The registration fee includes member, spouse and children. Sign in as a member to access the link for the host hotel reservations.

[Play Louisville, KY video](#)

# POCI Membership RENEWAL Form

Your subscription to *Smoke Signals* magazine and membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International may be due. If the renewal date on your mailing label (which is to the right of your membership number) is between **Feb. 1, 2020 and Mar. 31, 2020**, please complete this form and return it immediately with payment (photocopies are acceptable). We don't want you to miss a single issue of *Smoke Signals* or any other important information about POCI.

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## Join POCI Now! NEW MEMBERSHIP Form

Pontiac  Oakland  GMC

YEAR	STYLE NAME / NUMBER	Number of CYLINDERS

Annual Membership

- \$25.00..... Worldwide E-Membership
- \$45.00 ..... U.S. (Includes 2 Associates)
- \$74.00... Canada (Includes 2 Associates)
- \$74.00... Foreign (Includes 2 Associates)

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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