

December 6, 2023



The Davis Bike Club celebrated the Holiday Season at The Cannery RanchHouse in Davis, CA on Saturday December 2, 2023.

Nearly 100 Club members, spouses and guests attended and were welcomed by the following volunteers:

**Pat and Bob Gonzales** dealt out name tags and raffle tickets as the guests arrived.

The Chief Hostess, **Marnelle Gleason**, was constantly at the ready welcoming guests and busily tending to drinks, food service and customer satisfaction.

Behind the scenes there is always **Dave Starkovich**, Quartermaster Supreme for all things needed and necessary, especially soft drinks by the carload.

The Club Energizer, **Maria Contreras-Tebbutt**, along with **Cindy Schneider** managed the last-minute caterer substitution flawlessly and the Los Coyotes burritos, chips, salsa and salad fare exceeded expectations.

Fortunately for all concerned, **Martha and Brian Gegan** have returned from The Cape just in time to help on the day of and Martha, of course, captured the crowd as spokesperson for the election.

Bike Club President, **Dave Joshel**, served as a genial Master of Ceremonies recognizing each of the 2023 Board Members for their service and particular contributions, with special thanks and recognition to the following:

**Rich Rifkin** for obtaining all of the necessary permits for Foxy's Fall Century;

**Bob Starkston** for the massive work done on cleaning up the Club Website.

**Russell Reagan** in assisting Bob with the Club Website and for a decade or more posting ride routes on the Website, not to mention the superb slide show that ran throughout the evening celebration.

Dave then yielded the floor to Martha Gegan for the Board election. Martha masterfully introduced the slate of electors for the DBC 2024 Board of Directors. It was an interesting process, as no eye contact was made throughout, as no one in the audience wanted to risk being appointed to one of the 'Open' positions. The slate of nominees was moved by voice vote for acceptance, seconded and approved unanimously, with neither abstentions nor negations.

Those elected are as follows:

President – Dave Joshel

Vice President – Michael St. Paul

Treasurer – Kurt Giles

Secretary – Russ Ewers

Race Team Director – Heidi Verbeeck and Ray Spore

Philanthropy Director– John Hess

Tour and Ride Director – Open

Membership Director – Aimer Bhat

Director-at-Large, Double Century – Stewart Thompson

Director-at-Large, Foxy's Fall Century – Open

Director-at-Large, Ultra Cycling Events – Deb Banks

Outreach Director – Maria Contreras Tebbutt

In summary, a good time was had by ALL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ewers

Secretary, Davis Bike Club Board of Directors

