



Changing Gears

Newsletter of the Davis Bike Club

December 2013 Edition

President's Message

by Barbara Anderson



Winter greetings to you all. The DBC has had another successful year, filled with rides and events and friendship. Those of us on the board of directors have worked to ensure this trend continues—monitoring the budget, overseeing and organizing our events and tours, and generally keeping the organizational wheels turning and avoiding the potholes in the road. It's a testament to their dedication to the club that nearly every director is once again running for election to the board. It's a congenial and hard-working group, and I hope you'll support their candidacy by voting to elect the slate for the coming year. (See the slate of candidates elsewhere in this newsletter.)

This is my opportunity to thank each of you for your participation in—and support of—all of the many DBC activities that occur each year. It's been said so many times that you may not really hear it any more, so please pay special attention now:

You, our club members, are the lifeblood of this organization. None of the events the club offers—daily rides, tours, brevets, the 4th of July Criterium, the Davis Double Century, the Foxy's Fall Century, monthly membership meetings, the holiday party, the opportunity to ride and socialize with many types and ages of riders—none of these things would happen without your enthusiastic involvement and commitment to your club. On behalf of your board of directors, thank you. You're the best.

It's been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your club president this past year. My special thanks to each of the board members for your good nature, your willingness to work together, and your commitment to your bike club. And my thanks to you, the members, for bringing your energy and your good spirits to the club. We all benefit.

Wishing you all a most happy holiday season and a healthy, happy, and ride-filled new year.

Barbara Anderson

It's the annual Davis Bike Club Holiday Party!

And it's free if you register on-line before December 8th 11:55 P.M.

Get your (free) eTickets (one per group) for the Holiday Banquet, taking place at the Davis Senior Center on **Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 6:30-9:30pm**. Only one ticket per group required. Follow this link to book your free ticket and list your guest names.

CLICK ME --> <http://2013dbcbanquet.eventbrite.com/> **<-- CLICK ME**

We will be announcing the Board of Directors slate for 2014. Join us for some fun!

Place: Davis Senior Center

Time: 6:30-9:30pm

Buffet: Dos Coyotes

Soft drinks provided by DBC, BYO beer or wine

Music: *No Bones About It* Jazz Ensemble

We will be accepting cash and coat donations for STEAC

December Holiday Meeting Election of 2014 DBC Board of Directors.

As required in the Davis Bike Club Bylaws, President Barbara Anderson appointed a nominating committee consisting of Deb Ford, Barry Bolden, and Dan Barcellos to search out and nominate DBC board members for the calendar year 2014. The official list of nominees, as shown in the table below, was duly presented by the committee to the 2013 DBC board and were accepted at the November board meeting.

Also as required by the DBC Bylaws, an election of board members will be conducted by the nominating committee at the general membership's December 10th Holiday Party meeting. Although each position has an official nominee, others may consider having a friend place their name in nomination when nominations are opened during the election process. If there are nominations from the floor, each nominee for a contested position will be given a few minutes to campaign for votes. DBC members present at the meeting will be eligible to vote in the election.

Official 2014 Nominations for DBC Board of Directors

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Board Position</u>
Nancy Knofler	President
Kathy Stewart	Vice President
Marnelle Gleason	Treasurer
Jack Berger	Secretary
John Steggall	Race Team Director
Stu Bresnick	Philanthropy Director
Dave Joshel	Tour & Ride Director
John Hess	Membership Director
Robin Neuman and Scott Alumbaugh	Co-Directors-at-Large, Double Century
Michael Borgg	Director-at-Large, Foxy's Fall Century
Dan Shadoan	Director-at-Large, Ultra Cycling Events
Adam Bridge (nominations available)	Newsletter Editor

Editor's Note

by Adam Bridge

I'd like to apologize to the Club for the dearth of publications this autumn. I miscalculated the amount of stress a major home remodel, a transcontinental road trip, and most especially the joy of our first grandchild could inflict. This shortened edition of *Changing Gears* will be followed next week by a longer one covering much of the news which earlier editions in October and November should have contained.

This will also be my last issue of *Changing Gears*. A need for focus tells me to put away everything but the most important. Consider it a lesson learned from a hectic six months.

This means that I will not be standing for the position of Newsletter Editor. Nominations for that august position will be open on the floor during the Holiday Party. If you'd like to give editing a try now's your time!

Personally I believe the time for a newsletter has passed. Between our fine web site and our mailing lists the tools for effective communication are in hand: we have only to learn to use them more effectively. I would recommend that the position of Newsletter Editor be abolished to be replaced by a Director of Communications, a board member with portfolio to cover our electronic communications. That's a good challenge for the 2014 Board of Directors.

It's been my pleasure to serve the club as editor. I look forward to volunteering on other club projects and certainly look forward to seeing many of you out there on the road for cycling remains a passion and a continuous joy.

Adam Bridge

Editor, Changing Gears