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## **Election Results Update**

### **By Ed Won, Past President Diablo PCA**

Hello Diablo Members,

I want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season! This will be my last email to you as the Diablo Region President. It's been a pleasure to serve as your Diablo Region President for the last 46 months and as Vice President for 2 months. I will be stepping down reaching my limit of two consecutive 2 year terms. Also, coming to the end of her 4 years is Ingrid French our Secretary. Thank you Ingrid for your service.

I learned a lot about our Diablo Members and the PCA organization. Coming up on my 6 years as a PCA member, this club has changed my life forever. I have made a lot of warm friendships learned a lot about our passion, our Porsches.

Looking back along our journey over the last four years, we have done a lot! We drove to many destinations, taken many classes, met many friends, drove on many track days and eaten many meals together. Our mission was a simple one, Fun! I hope you had lots of it! I have no doubts your new 2017 Diablo Board of Directors will continue the fun!

I want to thank you our members for coming out to the events making them a huge success and to all the tireless volunteers to help make the activities fun and safe.

I do regret to inform you all that 2016 ice President, Brian Adkins has decided to step down to focus on his recovery. All the best to you Brian, we'll see you soon and we all miss and love your energy.

Due to this change, the next election candidate with the most votes Mark Imbertson has accepted the vacant slot. Congratulations Mark!

Your 2017 Diablo Board of Directors will be:

Carlos Bocanegra - Diablo President

Bob Hilton - Diablo Vice President

Pam Richards - Diablo Secretary

Mark Imbertson - Diablo Treasurer

Adam Cipriano - Director at Large. Adam is also our Diablo DE Chair

Please join me in congratulating your new Board of Directors. I know these folks quite well and can tell you they will continue to make Diablo the best club. I can hardly wait! Both Pam and Mark joined Diablo roughly around the same time, about a bit over 1 year. I'm thrilled that they have decided to join the board and give a fresh perspective to the Board.

Goodbye for now, I will continue to be active in the club and join the other Past Presidents. See you soon at our events!

Ed Won  
Diablo Region  
Past President



## Chats With Carlos

This is an open letter to the membership from the incoming Diablo President. For those of you don't know me, Carlos Bocanegra, I'm a 10-year member of PCA and the Diablo Region and I have been elected by the incoming board to be President for 2017.

I am the current active Tour Chair. In the past, I have been a Drivers' Education chair as well as I have also volunteered for various events and tours. I do not have an activity that I would say is my favorite PCA activity. I have been an active Driver Education participant since 2007. I have tried autocross, tours, rallies, Parade and Escape (Treffen). I find that I pretty much, along with my wife, attend all types of events: Awards Banquet, Picnic and Wash N Shine (Car Show); so much, that my family has grown to a 2 car Porsche family ('09 C4S and my series of Boxsters with a 2014-S as the current model). I have gained some PCA recognition as I'm serving on the National Tour Committee that is almost complete with a set of Policy and Procedures for Touring. For one reason or another, I've been attending Board meetings over the past 6 years. I have also been initiated to the PCA way by long standing members Ted and Ingrid French.

I'm know to be outspoken, but don't let that deter you from reaching out to me – I value inclusion. Speaking of inclusion, this is an asset from our outgoing president Ed Won that I value very much.

A couple of trivia items about me: I am foreign born, a US citizen and I have lived my entire life in the USA. I lived as a pre-teen in the neighborhood that was used for the movie Dog Day Afternoon. I've been known to yell, "Attica, Attica..." I also worked for a renowned archaeologist in Central America for 2 years. The most fun was dirt bike riding through the streets of a Mayan City and I did find out that in high humidity wounds take longer to heal. I have lived the greater part of my life in California, the last 15 in the Bay Area and previously in Orange County and LA County. I currently work as a project manager for a large utility.

Diablo is inclusionary and not exclusionary with 859-plus primary members and 448-plus affiliate members and, I want to add, growing! Just a note, interaction between existing Diablo members and new members should be considered a two-way street. Once the initial conversations start, you will find existing members to be friendly, courteous and above all inclusionary. But what if your perception is different? A simple "Hello, I'm/we are new members..." or "Hello, I'm/we have been members for a long time but haven't participated much or at all..." goes a very long way to open doors. Wherever possible, members, the membership chair, Andre and the Board will stretch out a hand, but I've seen instances when people show up and isolate themselves. Honestly, for whatever activity you participate in, you are welcome and appreciated. I confess, gatherings are sometimes awkward in nature given the layout of a room or number of picnic tables, etc. – sit or join wherever you want. Over time, silos form but they aren't exclusionary. We have members, for example, who only do Driver Education days and others just do breakfast.

Even though we have 1,300-plus members, there is an association of 50 or more of what I call the 'usual suspects' that create all of the activities that are open to you. You might suspect here that I really like Casa Blanca the movie. That said, a new face isn't often recognized, so just say, "hello" and we can begin the conversation of a lifetime. I find it wonderful to meet new people or members that are just now coming out.

Porsche cars! I've become a mid-engine enthusiast over these past 10 years. Outside of Porsche race cars, the Boxster won me over when it first came out. I can't think of any other automobile that has such a rich history and that at the end of the day, proves to be utilitarian in every sense of the word that gratifies you with a huge smile as an owner. In 10 years, Diablo has changed where the older cars are regulated to short runs and mostly concours and the growth has come from members with newer cars. We have seen a strong growth with the newer cars particularly in Driver Education. Growth represents challenges. Our DE program, despite the multiple challenges, is a recipient of multiple kudos. But DE aka 'tracking' isn't the only offering that Diablo and PCA has for you. What do you want? A member asked, "Do you think we can plan a European Porsche experience?" Absolutely!

My goal, and the board's goal (Bob, Adam, Pam and Mark) along with the Diablo Chairs, is to ask you "What do you want more of; What do you want to help with; What can we do better to include you"? You and I, at the end of the day, are volunteers. Some members have joined to gain knowledge of car rebuilding and they have left (presumably still working on the rebuild) – well, mission accomplished.

Wouldn't it be incredible to have an event with 50% of the membership present? Get old school and socialize and bring the kids (adult children too). You say that you can't participate – send us an email about something, post about your Porsche on Diablo's Facebook page, or write an article of how you spend your time in your Porsche for publication in our newsletter.

By the way, your address designated you as Diablo PCA member, it however doesn't preclude you from participation with

any other region nationwide and Canada. If you want dual PCA region membership, it is available, but not necessary. If you are reading this article, Diablo is your home and I welcome you into it and I hope you stay in.

A note to our local network of Porsche Dealers, Porsche Repair shops, varied sponsors, advertisers, and 3<sup>rd</sup> party friends – Thank You for your continued support. It is valued highly and the incoming Diablo Board will continue to work with you in finding ways to help your businesses too. By the way, all contact with dealers need to go through the board, excluding your repairs and purchases, of course.

There is a lot of work ahead for 2017. I hope to meet all of you throughout the year. But my final thoughts are first for our member and friend Brian Adkins – get well, we love you and we miss you, but come back on your own healthy terms. We know how much Porsche, Diablo and PCA mean to you. Ed Won and Ingrid French – thank you so much! Bob Hilton and Adam Cipriano glad to have you back for one more year. Pam Richards and Mark Imbertson, I'm so glad to have you on the Board. For those that missed being on the board – we want you back and active – that means you Erik Silver.

Carlos Bocanegra

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**Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017**

**Time: 10:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Location: Boundary Oak Country Club**

**3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

**Cost: \$40 per person**

Come join us for the club's annual awards banquet and enjoy the company of other Porschephiles, hear what the club is doing in 2017 and salute your friends as they receive their awards.

## **Included:**

A display of club member Porsches

**10:00am**—Selected cars will begin parking in display area

A lottery will be used to select cars that will be on display.

Enter your auto information on Eventbrite when you make your reservation if you want to be entered into the vehicle display drawing.

**10:30-11:30am**—Club member arrivals

**11:30am-12:30pm**—Gourmet luncheon and No Host Bar

**12:30pm-2:00pm**—Guest speaker and award presentations

Guest Speaker: John Ficarra, Canepa's Marketing Director

## **Luncheon Menu:**

Baby field of greens salad with cranberries, Candied nuts, Blue Cheese with Sherry Vinaigrette  
Sourdough Roll & Butter

### **Entrees**

Grilled lemon pepper marinated Mahi Mahi

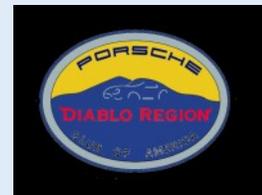
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Grilled orange and mint marinated Chicken

**OR**

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# REMEMBERING 2016

As we roll into 2017, it's an opportunity to look back at some of the fun events and tours offered by Diablo Region during 2016. We had several members who volunteered to organize and lead these fun activities. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend some of the activities, check out the pictures submitted by our Regional Photographers. Remember to watch for emails from Diablo Region ([enews@enews.pca.org](mailto:enews@enews.pca.org)) and to check the Diablo Region web page at [www.diablo-pca.org](http://www.diablo-pca.org) for announcements of upcoming events and sign up for fun.

## DETAILING CLINICS

There were several Detailing Clinics hosted by Porsche of Livermore last year. They were filled to capacity quickly and, as a result, there should be more in 2017. So try to attend one to learn how to care for your prized 4-wheeled beauty.



## SUPER BOWL

This was our first Super Bowl celebration at the Clarion Hotel in Concord. We had our own room, bar, tons of food and multiple screens to watch the game. It definitely was a time for old friends to catch up and to meet new members. There was plenty of cheering and even a harmonious "Happy Birthday" for Brian. Always a great day to spend with friends.



## DRIVERS' EDUCATION

There were three (3) DE driving days in 2016, two at Thunderhill and one at Laguna Seca. All events were safe, accident-free, fun-filled days with ear to ear smiles displayed all day long. We had great weather and reaffirmed Porsche owners rock!



## BOCCE BALL

If you like some friendly competition, fun and great Italian food, don't miss the annual Bocce Ball event. We usually have two or three courts with maximum players showing off their talents. Laughter is the highlight of the day and continues through dinner.



## ANNUAL CAR SHOW (AKA WASH N SHINE)

There is no better way to share our love for the wonderful cars we drive than to be able to display all models and years in one location. Every year, we line up our cars for the public to admire and get up close and personal to the cars they see in magazines or whizzing past them on the freeway. Of course, we have awards and fun categories to make them even more desirable. There are usually 75+ cars at this event and we finish with lunch at The Livery. Come join us this Memorial Day Weekend.



# Run for the Crab

Saturday, February 25, 2017



## "The Best All You Can Eat Fresh Local Dungeness Crab Feed"

Meet @ Marin Yacht Club @ 9:00 AM for a 9:30 AM departure, on Saturday, February 25. Coffee and Muffins will be available for purchase.

We will tour the backroads of Beautiful Marin returning by 11:15 to the Yacht Club for Social & Cheese appetizers compliments of the Diablo Region. Lunch will be served at Noon.

All you can eat Fresh Local Dungeness Crab including Green Salad, Sourdough French Bread, Condiments, and Fresh Melon for dessert \$45, tax & gratuity included. Corkage fee \$10.00.

Registration closes on Sunday, February 19 using MotorsportReg.com (see link below).

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Questions?

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# 2017 Quarterly Event Calendar

## JANUARY

- ◆ **1/22 : Annual Awards Banquet**

## FEBRUARY

- ◆ **2/5 : Super Bowl?**
- ◆ **2/17 : DE-Thunderhill**

## MARCH

Let's fill up the calendar! If you have a idea for a tour or event, please contact any Board member and fill them in on your thoughts. You can also volunteer to assist someone else with a tour or event.

**Volunteers are always welcome, wanted and needed!**

## ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Diablo Picnic was held at Saint Mary's College in Moraga last year, which allowed us to have a large number of our members attend. There was plenty of room for our cars and a perfect setting of set tables to enjoy a catered barbeque. It was a great time to catch up with old friends and a relaxed way to get to make new ones. Definitely an event to not miss.



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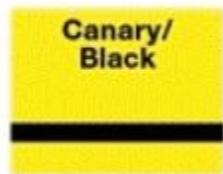
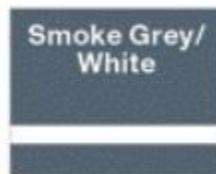
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- Click on the Diablo Name Badges button on the left
- Select your quantity and style of Name Badge (You can never have too many)
- Select your payment method and your shipping information and you are done!
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*Welcome*

## Membership Summary

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Affiliate Members: 445

Total: 1311

## NEW MEMBERS

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Campbell, Ray	2011 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet, Basalt Black
Carreira, Al	2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Black
Craig, Anthony	1991 911 Carrera2, Slate Gray Metallic
Davis, Janet	2008 Cayman S, Dark Blue
Doran, George	2007 911 Turbo, Carmona Red
Fernandez, Kevin	2012 Cayman R, White
Jaggi, Kartik	2009 Boxster
Kroger, Matt	2012 Cayenne S
McAvenia, Tim	2006 911 Carrera 4, Black
Nobori, Don	2009 Cayman, Grey
Varellas, Lance	1995 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Midnight Blue
Ward, Jay	1976 911S, Minerva Blue
Williamson, Scott	2007 911 Carrera 4S, Meteor Grey
Withrow, Floyd	2017 Macan

**TOTAL NEW MEMBERS: 15**



## Join Us For Breakfast!

Start your Saturday with good food and conversation!

There is a breakfast gathering **EVERY SATURDAY** in

Walnut Creek. Meet other Diablo members and get your day Porsche powered!

Where: Buttercup Pantry

660 Ygnacio Valley Road

Walnut Creek

Located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive

The backroom is where you will find the fun brewing.

Time: 7:30am



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## Diablo Region Dinner

Join other Diablo members on the 3rd Thursday of each month to enjoy good food and conversation. A great way to spend an evening!

Where: Faz Restaurant

600 Hartz Avenue

Danville

Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: January 19, 2017



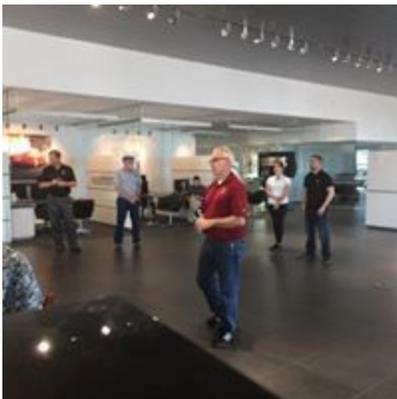
## OKTOBERFEST

German food, German beer and German music—all the ingredients you need to mix with fun-loving people who just happen to drive German cars to have one successful party. It has become an annual occurrence and looked forward to by our members. Again, remember to sign up in September.



## PCA APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND 718 TECH SESSION

Porsche of Fremont hosted a PCA Appreciation Breakfast and 718 Tech Session for Diablo and Loma Prieta Regions. There are other tech sessions set up by our Tech Chair, Dylan Sawchuk throughout the year. It is an opportunity to learn new things to look out for in caring for your Porsche.



## CHOCOLATE AND WINE TOUR

How about a tour through the wine countryside in Napa and Sonoma before heading to a quaint family-owned winery to sample a little wine, have freshly prepared pizzas on an Italian piazza with tenors serenading you, finished off with gelato and truffles? Sound like fun? It was a great way to spend a day with other lovers of winding roads, good food and wine.



## GRAND ISLAND MANSION BRUNCH TOUR

After a nice little drive, what is better than a scrumptious brunch in an historical mansion with some fellow Porsche lovers? The building and grounds are a great spectacle on their own, but enjoying the beautiful spread of yummy treats tops it off. Frank and Joan Duran do this every other year, so watch for the next one.



### TASTE OF TUSCANY TOUR

This was the first cooking tour Diablo members had the opportunity to experience and it was a huge success. The tour was a easy drive to the Sierra Foothills leading to the rustic cooking school in Columbia. The setting was relaxed, the junior chefs had fun putting together a delicious meal, which we all enjoyed right down to the last crumb. Definitely will be a repeat tour.



### DIABLO ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Last year the Annual Awards Banquet was held at Crow Canyon Country Club. We had guest speakers, delicious food, had cars on display and used this as the opportunity to recognize the efforts of our many volunteers. There are several categories the Board uses to select and highlight the winners.



## MAMMOTH / JOINT TOUR

For the past few years, Diablo has joined other PCA Regions and driven the 3-day fun-filled tour to Mammoth. It is scenic, highly organized and the best way to met members from other Regions.



## TAIL OF DIABLO

Once in awhile, there is a tour "just because" with no elaborate destination, but an exciting route to get you back in touch with your car. Always fun and worth the time invested.



## GIMMICK RALLY

In trying to offer a variety of functions to our members, occasionally volunteers will put together something completely new and different. It was also exciting, competitive and of course, fun.



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## Diablo 2017 Board of Directors

Now is the time to become acquainted with your 2017 Board members. Introduce yourself when you see them, share any ideas you might have to improve the Region or share an adventure you think others might enjoy. All members are invited to join the Board meetings held the second Monday of each month at 2440 Camino Ramon, Suite #190, San Ramon. The meeting begins at 6:30pm and usually lasts a couple of hours.

As a reminder, here are the current Board members:



President



Vice-President



Treasurer



Secretary



Director at Large and DE

# 2016 Holiday Party

Bob and Christi Hilton recently opened their home and hosted the 2016 Diablo Region Holiday (Christmas) Party. We were at maximum capacity in attendees and food. Their home was decorated so gorgeously and really helped everyone get into the holiday spirit.

After devouring appetizers, a full course meal and multiple desserts, it was time to participate in the White Elephant exchange. This year's exchange did not disappoint. There were so many swaps, steals and all in the name of good fun and laughter. What a wonderful way to enter the holiday season!



Our hosts: Bob and Christi Hilton posing with The Andersons

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Lots of food and guests

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Getting ready for the Exchange

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And the Exchange begins

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The carolers were very good.

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