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Member Spotlight The Placenta Brothers

It's hard to believe, but the young and dashing Placenta Brothers turned 70 this month (Dave Christenson Nov 18 and Chris Taylor November 19)...Dave and I have known each other since our birth (born in the same Sutter Memorial birthing room just minutes apart) and we have been pals for 70 years. Dave went to Rio and I went to El Camino. We weren't rivals because somehow Dave became class of '69 and I was class of '68. How did that happen??? I'm the youngster here... Dave went on to Santa Clara where he excelled in Rugby and Soccer (and maybe in drinking also)...I went to Harvard and played football and studied economics (and no I did not use Rick Singer to get in...) I went on to Law School at Santa Clara (they were still talking about the legend, Dave Christensen, AKA "Sick Mother") and Dave landed in his family's Sacramento business, Dolan's Lumber. When I returned to Sacramento Dave and I rekindled our friendship and we have been true pals ever since. We celebrate all our birthdays together, especially the milestone birthdays. Every year we hunt ducks together on our birthday and that is one of the most anticipated annual events in my life. We did pretty well for a couple of codgers...Hopefully Dave and I will have lots and lots of birthday duck hunts together in our future...



PWR December 4, 2020 Meeting Recap

Our speaker, Dr. Wen Chen, provided her views regarding China and the COVID-19 pandemic. Before she came to the U.S. for graduate school, she grew up in the Chinese education system. She received her Ph.D at the California Institute of Technology. Dr. Chen has a passion to speak out for human rights and being a voice for the voiceless. She feels strongly about communism and propaganda Chinese people receive.

The statistics and information Dr. Chen provided regarding the start of COVID-19 in China was enlightening. She documented dates, that the Wuhan hospitals, in December 2019, received at least 27 cases of "unidentified" pneumonia. The virus, was identified as "SARS-like" coronavirus. Doctors that had begun notifying others were warned not to "spread the rumor" and were told they could be fired.

Dr. Chen stated there were denials of human-to-human transmission of the virus. During January to March 2020 many articles were removed from the internet. China did confirm human-to-human transmission of the virus after medical staff in Guangdong Province were infected. In April Chinese authorities ordered all research about the origins of COVID-19 needed approval from the government before researchers could submit them to international scientific journals.

While Dr. Chen was a bit political in some of her statements, she provided some important factual statistics about the start of COVID-19 and how it spread so rapidly.

Events to Mark On Your Calendar

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Macy's at Arden Fair:
December 11, 2020.

Salvation Army Food and Toy Distribution:
December 19, 2020.

Auction for two items, this Friday **December 11, 2020.**

A drone with live camera

A weekend in Truckee provided by Mike Bede, Priceless.

Paper Shredding Event,
January 9, 2020 at Encina Preparatory School Parking Lot. More information to come.

"Because of You" ...Dan Baker for helping with the Brewfest this year and Co-Chairing the PWR Golf Tournament.

KEY DATES

December 11, 2020 – Speaker: Dr. Peter Mansoor, Col. U.S. Army, (Retired), Professor of Military History, Ohio State Univ.

December 18, 2020 – Holiday Meeting with President Elect: Mary Lyn Kagan