



**GENERAL SESSION 1
TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2011
9:00AM—10:30AM
“A STUDY IN PERSISTENCE”
DAVE CLARK, *DAVE CLARK BASEBALL***

Dave Clark Bio:

Dave is a native of Corning, New York, who now lives in Cape Coral, Florida, with his wife, Camilla, their daughter, Elica, and son Trey. As an infant, Dave contracted polio that stunted his growth and left him without the full use of his legs. But despite that, and perhaps because of it, he was driven to excel in physical competition against so-called able-bodied people. The Dave Clark story is likely the greatest “mostly unknown” professional sports account of our time and teaches unforgettable life lessons that gives hope to anyone facing a challenge whether large or small.

Dave's Awards and Honors Summary:

- 1975 - Fireman of the Year as the top relief pitcher for the Indianapolis Clowns.
- 1977 - Inducted to the Corning-Painted Post Hall of Fame.
- 1981 - Selected to the Swedish Elite Baseball League All-Star Team as a pitcher.
- 1996 - Received a national Giant Steps Award for coaching.
- 1996 - Founder of Swedish Little League.
- 1997 - Named manager of the Swedish Elite League All-Star Game.
- 1999 - Received the National Heroes of Sports Award.
- 2001 - Received the Corning Community College Distinguished Alumni Award.
- 2002 - Inducted into the Ithaca College Hall of Fame.
- 2008 - Published “Diamond in the Rough” The Dave Clark Story, As told to Roger Neumann.
- 2010 - One of the “150 Heroes: People in Sports Who Make This a Better World” by Richard Lapchick.
- 2011 - Bo Jackson Courage award winner, presented by the Pitch & Hit Club.
- 2011 - Launched the Dave Clark “Pulling Each Other Along” award.
- 2011 - Paul Harris Fellow award winner, presented by The Rotary International.

Dave is currently a motivational speaker, envoy coach for Major League Baseball International, a scout for the Baltimore Orioles and radio analyst for the Florida Everblades. For more information go to the Dave Clark Baseball website: www.DaveClarkBaseball.com.

“Dave Clark’s story is an astonishing blend of fact and fact. It only reads like fiction, but one could never make up the battles he has waged, the obstacles he has overcome, the victories that were finally his.

— Mike Veeck, Baseball Executive and Son of the legendary promoter Bill Veeck