

OUR LAST MEETING of February 18th we held at the L & L Castle Lanes. It was Student - Speaker Night.

Chairman of the evening, PP Pat Martin reported that we had 34 Lions and their guests in attendance. Bill Gallan, District Student Speaker Chairman, Zone Chairman Ron Faina and Past District Governor Joe Giuffre were in attendance and acknowledged.

Participants in the contest were: Jorge Milla, 11th grade from Riordan High, Paul Heintz, 12th grade from Lowell High and Connie Graham, 12th grade from Mercy High School.

Each contestant had both parents with them and Riordan teacher, Milan Jaich, and Mercy - teacher, Gail Gasser, were our guests.

The topic this year was: CITIZENS RIGHTS vs CRIMINAL RIGHTS. The winner was Jorge Milla of Riordan High School.

The Contest Committee: PP Pat Martin, Gulio Francosconi and Mike Spediacci.

Timers: Carl Muehlendorf and PP Fred Melchiori.

Tellers: PP Chuck Bottarini and PP Ray Squeri.

Hosts: Erv Smith, PP Ron Faina, Hugo Chocchi and Ozzie Buonocristiani.

Door Guards: Dave Sanchez.

Sorry, I missed the names of the judges.

ZONE Student Speaker Contest will be held on March 19th (we are the hosts). It will be held at the Red Chimney in Stonestown on Friday, March 19, 7:30 PM. PP Chuck Stuhr will be the M.C. \$7.00 per person. Support of all members is requested.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS held their meeting on February 25th at Lion Jack Parodi's residence. Our two youngest members were in attendance: Mike Spodiacci and Gulio Francosconi and they earned their regular Lions badges. Congratulations, Lions. Fourteen members were in attendance.

The Board was informed that the bike rack approved for installation in front of the Excelsior Public Library will cost about \$90.00 including plaque showing our donation to the City.

SENIOR CITIZENS needs were presented by Lion Frank Fazzino, who reported that the City Senior Citizens Clubs will have their home at the YMCA in Excelsior district. The purchase of 6 cards tables and chairs was approved.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE was formed since Lion Bud Coletti resigned as chairman. The Committee consists of the following: Pete Bello, Chuck Bottarini, Ron Faina and Bill Tonelli. Good luck, Lions.

OUR NEW PIN. PP Ron Faina introduced the long expected proposed pin for OUR Club. It is very attractive and it was unanimously approved. PP Ron was authorized to find out the costs. Thank you, Lion Ron and the young artist. It may be a base for our new banner!

MEMBERSHIP dues are due and payable. Please, send in yours to Lion Fred Krahl.

COMING EVENTS:

March 3rd - Business meeting.

March 17th - Past District Governors Night. All members are requested to attend in. Please wear your jackets.

March 31st - Board of Directors meeting. Location to be announced.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bill Marlar on March 11th
Florence Gordon on March 14th,
Joe Martinez on March 19th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Lottie & Stan Nelson on March 22nd.

GENEVA PROJECT. Chairman of this project received a letter from the Geneva Avenue United Methodists Church as follows:

Dear Mr Edwards and Friends of the Lions Club:

We wish to acknowledge your gracious gift of money sent at the holiday season for our Geneva Center for the Mentally Retarded.

All of your gifts are much appreciated.

During this year of 1976 we hope to be able to take a few more clients into our center, and serve a few additional handicapped people.

Please extend this word of thanks to all the men in your club, and wish them a good year in 1976 for us.

I am enclosing a couple of our new folders giving a brief description of our work here

the Sincerely Yours, Douglas H. Henderson, Pastor".
For record: we are donating every month to this project a sum of \$60.00. This project is known as the GENEVA PROJECT and PP Ken Edwards is its chairman.

A man bought a parrot at auction after some spirited bidding. "I suppose the bird can talk," he said to the auctioneer.

"Talk?" replied the auctioneer. "Who do you think has been bidding against you for the last ten minutes?"**