

# Geneva-Excelsior News

## May 6, 1998 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Giulio Francesconi led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. Lyle Workman distributed copies of club correspondence to all members.

Handford Clews reminded members that the club's Installation of Officers will be held at the Olympic Club on Saturday, July 18th. Space is limited to the first fifty people who make reservations for the full filet mignon or salmon dinner @ \$47.50 per. Installing Officer will be Millbrae Lion Rocky Lombardi, P.D.G.

Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi announced he has scheduled a program meeting for Wednesday, June 17th at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. The speaker will be Lisa Stone of S.F. Associates Financial Resources Management, Inc. Ms. Stone is a specialist in pension plans, I.R.A.s, etc. and will be giving a generic talk (no selling). \$20 per for a **hosted** bar and chicken or steak dinner.

Charlie Bottarini reported on his attendance at the S.F. Council's April 29th meeting at Thiggy's hosted by the Park Presidio Lions Club. Thirteen Lions representing six clubs were in attendance there. Geneva-Excelsior will be hosting the Council's meeting May 27th at the I.A.S.C. G.-E. will **not** be meeting on May 20th.

George Salet displayed a sample of the western shirts ordered through Penney's that this club's Lions and ladies will be wearing at the district convention. He set May 18th as the date the cast for the Tail Twister Contest will be doing a dress rehearsal. He also conducted the year's final Convention Raffle. The pot of \$152 was jointly won by Giulio Francesconi and Gino Benetti. The year's net proceeds from the Convention Raffles was \$405. Nice going, George.

Absent Galdo Pavini missed out on \$14 in the Attendance Raffle. The Mystery Lion remained a mystery.

A brief Board of Directors meeting followed the regular meeting. Treasurer H. Clews reported the club's net worth to be \$37,933. When asked, President Ward responded the club isn't conducting a Scholarship Competition this year.

## CONVENTION

The district's annual convention held May 13th - 17th at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento was attended by Handford & Margot Clews, Charlie & Estelle Bottarini, Joe & Emily Farrah, Ron & Linnie Faina, Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly and George Salet from this club. Convention Ch'mn. George acquired and brought to the convention western shirts for the attendees from this club to wear to go along with the western theme. They served cappuccino and cookies at the Saturday International Food Square. However, they and other clubs serving food had to close shop early due to light showers. The weather was cool

during the entire convention period. Nominated officers and by-law changes passed in the elections. This club and four others participated in the Saturday morning Tail Twister Contest. Geneva-Excelsior won the first prize ribbon here. Handford Clews deserves most of the credit for writing, directing and performing. Others in the cast were George Salet as a seductress, and Joe Farrah as the sinister man.

Nobody left the convention thirsty or hungry because cocktail parties and hospitality rooms were on-going. The Saturday night gala dinner included a big band playing music from the forties. Dewey Hinkley of the Burlingame Club was honored with the presentation of the "Rick Nuccitelli/Si Moyer Award" for being the Lion of the Year. Incoming Governor Mel Phillips announced that his Cabinet Secretary will be Bob Marshall, Jr., and the Cabinet Treasurer will be Tim Collins.

## SHORTS

The District Student Speaker runoff took place at the Millbrae Recreation Center on April 26th. Winner of a \$3,000 scholarship was Heather Fife, a student at San Mateo High school representing Region 3 and the Foster City Lions Club. Interestingly, her father participated in Lions Student Speaker competition, and made it to the multiple district level. Lordes Libre from Mercy High School, S.F. and Sabrina Song from Mills High School were the runners-up. The next level area contest was held May 17th, 2 P.M. at the Contra Costa Water District office.

Now that Ray Squeri is semi-retired, he purchased a home computer and subscribed to America Online to occupy his new-found time. His screen name is Optical1@aol.com (that is a # 1 following Optical).

Al Fregosi mailed the club an article from The Honolulu Advertiser describing the free eye-screening 60 Lions Clubs throughout the Islands are providing to pre-schoolers to detect "lazy eye," officially called amblyopia.

Former member George L. Erkson passed away on March 6th in Sacramento at age 82. A native of S.F., he is survived by two sons and a brother. George owned the Chevron Station at the corner of Mission St. & Russia Ave. up until about twenty years ago.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/2 Barbra Salet; 5/11 Harriet Kleinbach; 5/14 Giulio & Donna Francesconi, Jim & Marilyn Kerr; 5/19 Joe Albrecht; 5/22 Anne Benetti

## COMING EVENTS

5/27 S.F. Council/G.-E. at I.A.S.C., RSVP Chas. Bottarini; 6/3 Board Meeting; 6/6 Millbrae L.C. Installation; 6/17 Program meeting at Recreation Center; 7/18 Club Installation; 7/25 District Installation