

Geneva-Excelsior News

Meeting of December 16, 1998

This was the club's Christmas Party meeting held at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. A total of 33 members, wives and guests were in attendance. Guests were John & Carrie Bottarini and Frank & Chris Ramezzano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Sam San Filippo, and the invocation was given by Larry Farrell.

Long term membership chevrons were announced and presented to Paul Corvi, 10 years; Ed Damonte, 20 years; Bill Tonelli, 40 years; Bill Shea, 35 years, James Kerr, 15 years; and Terence Lee, 10 years. Congratulations, Lions!

Patrick Sayer, on behalf of the Recreation Center, thankfully accepted the club's donation of toys. He said they are really needed.

Program director Donna Francesconi read the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Five tables were asked to participate. 1. Santa, 2. Nose, 3. Froggy, 4. Reindeer, 5. Rudolph

When the word was said, that table had to do its part. It went very well, although the Santa table could have used a little extra work.

Music Director Handford Clews lead the group in holiday singing. As always, Handford motivated everyone to join in whether or not they could carry a tune. Special thanks to Donna and Handford, and bartenders Charley Bottarini and Mike Castagnetto for their hard work, and to all who attended. (Thanks to President Bill for taking bulletin notes.)

Meeting of January 6, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Robert Fenech, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. Charles Bottarini acted as Tailtwister for introductions.

Committee Reports

Used eyeglasses coordinator Chas. Bottarini reported bags of glasses were turned in to him by Sam San Filippo and Bob Lawhon. Charlie also reported 1,750 pounds of crab at a price between \$3.50 and \$3.75 per pound have been ordered for the Crab Feed by Mike Castagnetto. Handford Clews now has the tickets for the Feed, and Handford is asking members to take the tickets in blocks of eight. Al Gentile will be handling the bar. Due to the expense, there will be no accordion player prior to or during dinner.

Lyle Workman announced the winners of Sunday's 49ers vs Packers game pool, and reported he plans to extend the pool next year to include all of the NFC Playoff Games at a slight additional cost.

Program Chairman Al Gentile reported that the program for the next meeting will be given by our own Lion Larry Farrell. He will speak on the U.S. Mint, where he was employed for most of his career.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Chas. Stuhr reported the contest will take place at The Granada on February 17th.

An announcement was made that Past President's Night has been changed from February 17 to January 20.

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported that he will be mailing the "thank you" letters for the Charity Raffle this week.

The Convention Raffle was won by the team of Bottarini, Clews and Tonelli. Unfortunately, Clews drew the white golf ball with a 1 on it. The dollar was donated back to the Convention Fund. The Attendance Drawing was won by absent Al Fregosi. There was no Mystery Lion because Sam San Filippo forgot to appoint one. Sam paid the appropriate fine.

(Thanks to H. Clews for taking bulletin notes.)

SHORTS

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah was at 1800 Sullivan Pharmacy both On Dec. 17th & 29th to pick up prescriptions. A sign on the counter read "Raffle Tickets \$1." Joe asked to purchase one. The clerks responded the tickets are locked in the store safe, to which there was no access at the time. Get back to work, Bill.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri; 1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly

COMING EVENTS

1/13 Lunch Program Meeting; 1/20 Past President's Night; 1/23 Millbrae Crab Cioppino; 2/17 Student Speaker Contest