

# Geneva-Excelsior News

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## February 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. George Salet led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Paul Corvi gave the invocation. A total of 15 members were in attendance. Charlie Bottarini conducted introductions.

## Committee Reports

Secretary Ward Donnelly announced that the club received the used eyeglass collection cartons it ordered. They are available through Ward. On the topic of collected used eyeglasses, the club decided to channel its collected glasses to be sent intact to third world countries instead of being broken up for salvaged precious metals. Ward also read an announcement that the Millbrae Lions Club is endorsing their member Art Pignati for the office of vice-district governor. Art is presently District Cabinet Treasurer.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman reported the pool made a net profit of \$1,758 this season. James Kleinbach had the most wins with six.

Visitation Chairman Charles Bottarini announced a visit to the Mission Lions Club has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10th. This will be noon at The Connecticut Yankee Restaurant.

Student Speaker Chairman Paul Corvi reported he still has only two speakers lined up. No response yet from other high schools such as Balboa, Riordan, Mercy, Lick-Wilmerding or Wilson. The club voted to pay for dinners for parents of the speakers.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported all systems are working.

Program Chairman Bob Lawon made available an announcement that the speaker for the next meeting will be Robert J. Chandler, Ph.D, senior researcher for Historical Services, Wells Fargo Bank.

Paul Corvi drew a ticket held by Castagnetto & Farrah in the Convention Raffle. All Joe could come up with was a \$2 winning white golf ball. Giulio Francesconi was the Mystery Lion. Charley Bottarini added to his fortune by winning \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

## February 9th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Lyle Workman led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Charlie Bottarini gave the invocation. Epiphany Church pastor would have been proud of Charlie. A total of 10 members were in attendance.

Visiting was a delegation of five San Bruno Lions. President Don Flowers introduced them and gave a briefing on their club's activities. Their Visitation Chairman Frank Rescino tried to snatch this club's bell, had a battle with Bill Graziano, and spilled Bill's wine in the process. Motive for the attempted snatch was to get Geneva-Excelsior to visit San Bruno to retrieve the bell.

## Committee Reports

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini announced the planned visit to the Mission Lions Club was cancelled because Mission meets on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays, as appears in the current district roster.

Bob Lawhon reported that four used eyeglass collection boxes have been placed in downtown locations. Nice going, Lion Bob.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Robert J. Chandler, a resident of Lafayette and father of three children. Dr. Chandler is an authority on the history of Wells Fargo Bank. The bank first opened at 424 Montgomery St. in 1852. He had with him photos, early days Bills of Lading, checks, and receipts for the Lions to view. In those days, Wells Fargo boasted a line of 1,500 horses and 150 Concord coaches. The public is invited to visit the Wells Fargo History Museum at 420 Montgomery St. Admission is free.

For the third meeting in a row, Joe Farrah and a partner held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle. No gold ring, however. Ray Squeri missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Bob Lawhon was the Mystery Lion.

## SHORTS

Their children sent Galdo & Pat Pavini for a three night second honeymoon to the Silverado Country Club on the occasion of their Feb. 4th Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The club still needs a chairman to kick-start its dormant scholarship program. This corner would like to see semi-retired Lions Ray Squeri and Bill Shea volunteer to co-chair the project. A committee is ready to work with you.

Howard Pearson, 80, passed away February 4th after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Howard was inducted as a G.-E. member on July 14, 1982. He was sponsored by Handford Clews. The club extends its sympathy to Dorothy and the Pearson Family. A memorial service for Howard will be held at noon, Feb. 11th at the Irish Cultural Center.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/27 Pauline Woodall;

## COMING EVENTS

2/16 Student Speaker Contest at the I.A.S.C.; 2/19 Cabinet Meeting; 2/23 S.F. Council Meeting; 2/26 Crab Bash, 3/1 Board Meeting, 3/8 Lunch Meeting at the I.A.S.C., 3/15 Past President's Night, 3/18 Abalone Feast at Foster City, 5/11-14 District Convention