

# Geneva-Mission News

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## August 9th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ron Seward, and Larry Farrell gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance. It was nice seeing Sam San Filippo after a long absence. He was able to give Ted Wildenradt some tips on being an attendance chairman.

President Ward reminded members of the upcoming Ladies Night meeting. He also reminded them of the Cabinet Meeting to be held August 19th.

## Committee Reports

Lyle Workman distributed information sheets on the club's football pool. When Lyle was asked if he had anything further to say on the subject, he replied, "send money."

Charley Bottarini reported a bag of used eyeglasses was turned in to the club by Granada Cafe patron "French John" Captival.

Sam San Filippo drew a ticket held by the Bottarini/Clews/Tonelli team in the Convention Raffle. "Lucky" Dick Johnson offered to reach in the sack for them. He was unable to repeat the prior week's feat. The attendance raffle container has been misplaced. Mystery Lion Ron Seward named Ward Donnelly as his only victim.

## August 23rd Meeting

This ladies night meeting at the Flower Cafe was called to order by President Ward. A total of 11 Lions and 5 ladies were in attendance. President Ward asked for self-introductions. Visiting was Lionel Mayrand. He is the former Lion who was the program speaker at the January 19th meeting. His topic then was producing receipts to donors of used eyeglasses for the purpose of a tax deduction.

President Ward announced that District Governor Elma Loreda and members of her cabinet will be making their official visit to this club at the next Sept. 6th meeting. He also announced that a Budget Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. preceding the regular Sept. 6th meeting.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman sent over packets of football pool numbers to be distributed. Get these numbers to your participants soon.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Ms. Tracy Sylvester, a representative of the Lenscrafters Foundation for twelve years. She distributed a colorful booklet picturing and describing in detail the activities of the foundation. Ms. Sylvester then presented a slide show of missions to third world countries and regions of teams assembled by Lenscrafters Foundation to distribute collected used eyeglasses. She explained in detail how the prescription of used eyeglasses are read by an instrument called a lensometer. The glasses are then packaged and labeled. Mission destinations are selected based upon invitation of interested Lions Clubs in host countries. Nine missions were made in 1999 as follows: February, 12,744 people

were helped in one week in Thailand; March, 8,252 people were helped in one week in Tunisia; April, 17,665 people were helped in two weeks in Mexico; May, 13,774 people were helped in two weeks in The Phillipines; June, 9,546 people were helped in one week in Venezuela; September, 17,150 people were helped in two weeks in Bolivia; October, 16,608 people were helped in two weeks in Peru; November, 20,190 people were helped in two weeks in Morocco, and December, 17,076 people were helped in two weeks in China. The needy people often travel long distances and wait in long lines for their eye examination and selection of used eyeglasses that most closely fit the correction they need.

In the question and answer session that followed the presentation, Ms. Sylvester stated that a donor of used eyeglasses may place a value of up to \$250 as an income tax deduction for such donation.

## SHORTS

The Clews, Damontes and Bottarinis are on the road again. They departed Aug. 17th on a ten-day golf trip to Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

Ward Donnelly and Joe Farrah represented the club at the First Cabinet Meeting held in S.F. on August 19th. The new district rosters and club contest rules were distributed at this meeting.

Dick Johnson recently participated in the California Golf Association's State Championship held in Monterey. He was runner-up in his consolation flight.

Michael Perri, 92, passed away in Sonoma on August 17th. He was inducted in to the Mission Lions Club on July 1, 1965, and later was chosen to be a Life Member. He was Region 1 Deputy District Governor 1980-81 in the Bill Tonelli administration. Mike was a successful real estate broker and operator of Mission Mortgage Co. during his career. He is survived by a daughter and a son, Mike, Jr., and grand and great grandchildren. Mike, Jr. is a former member of the Geneva-Excelsior Lions. Funeral service will be held at St. Francis Church, Sonoma, Friday, August 25th.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

8/21 John & Linda Madden; 8/30 Marylin Squeri; 9/1 Pat Ferrera, Rosalinda Corvi; 9/2 Diane Johnson; 9/11 Al Fregosi; 9/14 Sam & Grace San Filippo

## COMING EVENTS

9/6 Board Meeting, Governor's official visit; 9/13 Lunch Meeting; **9/20 Meeting cancelled**; 9/27 Hosting S.F. Council Meeting at I.A.S.C.; 10/4 Early Bird Drawing, Board Meeting; 11/17-19 2nd Cabinet Meeting at Carmel; 11/26 Charity Raffle Drawing