

# Geneva-Mission News

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## August 8th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of seven members were in attendance. President Al announced he and Secretary Bill Graziano would be attending a new officers training session at the Burlingame Lions Hall on this night.

Al Fregosi turned in a bag of used eyeglasses.

No Mystery Lion identified himself. Absent Terry Lee missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

## August 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the flag was led by Charley Bottarini, and Bob Lawhon gave the invocation. A total of eleven members were in attendance. Al Gentile had as his guest retired podiatrist Charlie DiPilla. Al and Charlie were roommates in a roominghouse in 1949.

President Al read a note from Robin Woodall Murphy thanking the club for its love and support for the Woodall Family. The club recently gave assistance to Kathi Woodall, widowed mother of nine children. Al also reminded members that the first meeting in September will be the occasion of the district governor and his cabinet making their annual official visit to the club, so a good turnout of members will be appropriate. On the lighter side, Al just finished reading the book "Seabiscuit," and wants the members to know it is a "page turner." Lots of peninsula personalities and locations in this biography of the famous Triple Crown Winner.

An application for club membership has been received from Lionel Mayrand, sponsored by Bob Lawhon.

Mission St. ophthalmologist Dr. Andrew Calman sent in with Bob Lawhon a carton of used eyeglasses.

## Committee Reports

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced a lady from Aid To The Visually Handicapped will be speaking at the September 12th meeting.

Football Chairman Lyle Workman reported he still has a short list waiting for open squares in the pool.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Kevin Turner, a ranger from the National Park Service. He has been a member of the Park Service for twelve years, and his office is at Ft. Funston. Ranger Kevin gave the club an overview of the service, a branch of the Dept. of the Interior, which has been in existence for 85 years. Prior to the creation of the Park Service, the overseeing of national parks was done by the U.S. Army. Then he gave the club an update on the status of The Presidio, Crissy Field, Ft. Point, Alcatraz Island, Sutro Baths, Fort Mason and other Bay Area

locations supervised by the Park Service. For example, Ft. Point is closed four days a week to allow for heavy retro-fitting work being done on the Golden Gate Bridge. The beach in the area of Fort Funston is rapidly receding due to erosion. The Sutro Baths complex is about to undergo a badly needed renovation. The Fort Mason Center is involved in one of the most exciting park renovations anywhere. Huge military structures, once a major port of embarkation, now house a full spectrum of cultural, educational, and recreational programs. Food is available in the Zen Center Greens Restaurant. Crissy Field is a great place for walking at the water's edge. The Golden Gate Promenade, paved throughout its length, traverses the area.

The Convention Raffle has resumed. The guest speaker drew Joe Farrah's winning ticket. Joe came up with only a \$2 winning white golf ball. Traveling Ron Seward missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charlie Bottarini had no victims.

## SHORTS

Flash! Al Fregosi shot his age (87) at Poplar Creek Golf Course on August 1st.

The Nikkei Lions Club is praised in the July/August issue of The Lion Magazine for breaking the club's record by collecting nearly \$4,400 at the club's 2000 White Cane Day event. More than 20 members spent a Saturday collecting donations from passers-by. What made this year different was the club's endeavor to ask community leaders, family and friends for donations as well as "shaking the can."

Handford & Margot Clews were in Palm Desert last week checking out a shared house being constructed. Evening temperature there was in the triple digits.

Charley Bottarini has an interesting collection of several dozen baseball caps he has accumulated from golf tournaments and travels. They are displayed in rows in finished cabinets he crafted in his basement workshop.

Ron Seward is on the road headed for Syracuse, N.Y. in his newly acquired motor-home.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

8/21 Gino & Anne Benetti; 8/24 John & Linda Madden; 8/30 Marilyn Squeri; 9/1 Pat Ferrera, Rosalinda Corvi; 9/2 Diane Johnson

## Coming Events

8/18 Cabinet Meeting; 9/5 Board Meeting, governor's visit; 9/12 Lunch Meeting; 9/30 Governor's Appreciation Party for 2000-01 Cabinet & Committee officers.