

# Geneva-Mission News

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## January 2nd Meeting

The first meeting of the new year was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and Aaron Straus gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance. A guest of Aaron Straus was Walter Jebe, a former charter member of this club who became an impromptu program speaker for the meeting. His topic was the future of the Old Mint at 5th & Mission Sts. This building is a long-vacant national landmark in the heart of downtown that has been ravaged by the harshness of time. San Francisco has reached a tentative deal with federal officials to let the city take over the Old Mint. Mayor Brown appointed Jebe, a San Francisco history buff, as chairman of a task force to come up with a plan for the Old Mint. Among the possibilities: retail space, offices, restaurants and a city museum. A combination of uses is likely. Jebe has made it clear that he wants a museum dedicated to the city's history given preference and prominence. The city has estimated that the seismic work on the building alone will cost at least \$18 million.

## Committee Reports

Bob Fenech gave a report on the distribution of Christmas packages at the Mission Educational Center as reported in the last bulletin. Gratitude was acknowledged to Walgreen's, Office Depot and Brownie's Hardware for their cooperation in donating and selling gift items to the club. Bob put together and circulated a neat photo album of the event.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported tickets for the feed will be available by the next meeting. Bob Fenech will be in charge of gatheringaffle prizes for the Crab Feed.

Because of a lack of a quorum, President Al put off the board meeting until the following meeting. No Mystery Lion was identified. Aaron Straus won \$8 in the Attendance Drawing.

## January 9th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Charlie Bottarini, and Lyle Workman gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. President Al reminded members that the next meeting will be Past Presidents Night, and he announced that following the next meeting the past presidents will serve as a nomination of officers committee. Al also announced that the annual Melvin Jones Dinner will take place January 13th at Green Hills Golf club in Millbrae. This is the day we commemorate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones. PDG Rudy Loreda will chair the event. The celebration will consist of a wonderful dinner and also a chance to win the raffle which is a Melvin Jones Fellow membership. It's a great time to meet and greet other Lions and MJF members. Tickets are \$60.

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Lyle Workman distributed circulars for the upcoming February 23rd Crab Feed and Handford Clews made the initial distribution of tickets for the event. The price per ticket is \$40. Contact Handford or your tickets. As you know, the tickets sell out fast.

Lyle Workman reported follow-up letters concerning the Charity Raffle were in the mail.

Ted Wildenradt reported club attendance for the month of December was 29%.

Bob Lawhon brought to the club a couple of large bags of used eyeglasses he picked up at

various collection points. Nice going, Bob.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly; 1/20 Ted Wildenradt; 1/27 Larry Farrell; 1/31 Ron Faina; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah

## COMING EVENTS

1/13 Melvin Jones Dinner; 1/16 Past Presidents Night, nomination of officers; 2/1 - 2/2 MD-4 Convention;

2/6 Board Meeting; 2/9 3rd Cabinet Meeting; 2/15 Flag Day; 2/23 Crab Feed; 5/2-5/5 District Convention

## SHORTS

Estelle Bottarini had cataract removal surgery at Calif.-Pacific Medical Center on December 18th.

Bob Fenech took a round-trip flight to the Fiji Islands on January 3rd. The purpose for the trip was for he and an associate to escort an illegal emigree back to from where he came.

About a total of 130 people including a good representation from this club and District Governor Art Pignati were in attendance at the Giulio Francesconi memorial lunch held at the Basque Cultural Center on January 4th. President Al Gentile, speaking on behalf of himself and the club, spoke eloquently on his relationship with Giulio and on Giulio's club history. Donna was on crutches as a consequence of a recent fall wherein she broke her kneecap.

The winner of the International Peace Poster contest from this district is Jenny Parks from Northstar Academy in Redwood City. Her entry has now been submitted to the Multiple District for judging at that level. Jenny was sponsored by the Redwood City Sunrise Club.

Muhandra Dave just returned from a six-week trip to his native India.

Handford Clews, Ed Damonte and Etro Frizza depart January 14th for a golf trip to Mazatlan, Mexico sponsored by the Sharp Park Golf Club.

The third cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th at the Burlingame Lions Hall. The meeting will be chaired by region chair Marilyn Schappert. Lunch will be terrific as it will be prepared by district chef, PDG Rocky Lombardi. The candidates for the positions of District Governor and Vice District Governor will be presented at this meeting. RSVP by mailing your \$15 check to Marilyn Schappert, 401 Chelsea Way, Redwood City, CA 94601.

On February 1 -3, the Multiple District convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Riverside, CA. The 16 districts within Calif./Nevada will be represented. International President J. Frank Moore and 1st Vice President Kay K. Fukushima will be guests at this convention. Seminars and forums will be available for all conventioners along with the announcement of the winner of the Peace Poster and Student Speaker contests.