

# Geneva-Mission News

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## April 10th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by Acting President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Chas. Bottarini, and Handford Clews gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson conducted introductions, and collected a hefty fine from Ward Donnelly who declared, "I don't have a damn thing on." referring to his Lion pin and badge.

### Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson reported a total of 11 members plus their guests/spouse from this club will be attending the May 2 - 5 District Convention at Sacramento. Geneva-Mission will again be making coin change there prior to the Tail-Twister breakfast.

Zone Chairman Bill Graziano announced that the winner of the Region 1 Student Speaker runoff is Elisa Yoo, a student at San Ramon's California High School representing the Korean-American Lions Club in Zone 2.

Bob Lawhon and Mahendra Dave reported Bob is in contact with Assemblyman Kevin Shelley's office to coordinate a date when this club's collection of used eyeglasses can be delivered to representatives of Air India at the State Building for delivery to needy in India. Bob Lawhon further reported that Marie Ciepiela and Ginny Fang along with two students from the OMI/Excelsior Beacon Center will be program speakers at the next April 17th meeting.

Fines to be levied against George Salet are building as a consequence of his repeated failure to name a Mystery Lion.

## April 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bob Fenech. Joe Farrah led in the Pledge to the Flag and gave the invocation. A total of 15 members were in attendance.

### Committee Reports

Lyle Workman reported the club's annual golf tournament and bar-b-q is targeted for the third Wednesday in July. The golf tournament will probably take place at Sharp Park.

Bob Lawhon reported the club's collection of used eyeglasses will be given to Air India at Assemblyman Kevin Shelley's office, 455 Golden Gate Ave., at 10 A.M., Friday, April 26th.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Director Marie Ciepiela and Junior Program Director Ginny Fang and two students from the OMI/Excelsior Beacon Center based at James Denman Middle School. The four guests took turns speaking of the center which provides after school and weekend activities in the areas of recreation, the arts, leadership, youth and family. They have over 140 students, young adults and seasoned citizens that attend their programs. There are a total of 8 of these centers located at public schools in San Francisco. Financing comes primarily from the Children's Fund, a voter approved set-aside of tax revenues for children's services, with complementary support from private foundations.

Charley Bottarini conducted the year's final Convention Raffle. Four white golf balls were drawn until the partnership of Bill Graziano and Bob Fenech found the elusive orange colored golf ball winning them \$250. Again, no Mystery Lion identified himself. Absent Mike Castagnetto missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## SHORTS

Donna Francesconi is in possession of the club-owned Bell & Howell 16 mm. movie projector. The club hasn't had use for this functioning instrument for many years as it has become a dinosaur. If any member desires to acquire the projector, phone Donna at 415-771-4202 and arrange to pick it up directly from her. Donna's E-mail address is DFrancesconisPE@yahoo.com

Members at the last Board of Directors meeting expressed an interest in obtaining more information on the Crocker Amazon Playground Project. At the [www.PlaygroundCampaign.org](http://www.PlaygroundCampaign.org) web site, they may find photos and download a schematic. Give this matter a few minutes of your time in order to conduct yourself as a responsible Lion.

Former member Hugo Checchi passed away at his home on April 11th at the age of 85. He is survived by his sons Ron and Gary, and three grandchildren. Hugo was inducted into the club on October 25, 1960, sponsored by fellow butcher Frank Bulleri, and dropped out of the club in 1981.

Have you heard it stated that Bank of America's Excelsior Branch average individual account balance was the highest of all of the branches in the system and wondered from where this fact emanated? In 1964 the "California Living" Sunday-magazine of the S.F. Examiner was doing a series on San Francisco neighborhood "mayors." It identified club member Joe Giuffre, PDG, as the unofficial mayor of the Excelsior District in its 4-page picture spread on Joe. The article quoted Joe, then a long-time manager of the bank's Excelsior Branch, making that statement during his interview for the story.

President Elect Bob Fenech is in the process of selecting a site and date and inviting a past district governor to officiate for the club's annual Installation of Officers dinner and ceremony. As is customary in this club, Immediate Past President Ward Donnelly will be overall chairman of the event.

Lyle Workman dug out of storage the binder containing the personnel records of all former and deceased club members, and turned this binder over to Joe Farrah for custodianship. Flipping through these yellowed pages is like going through a time machine.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/25 Bill Graziano, Bill Shea; 5/5 Ted & Vernelle Wildenrad; 5/11 Harriet Kleinbach

## COMING EVENTS

4/27 District Student Speakers runoff; 5/1 Meeting cancelled; 5/2 - 5/5 District Convention; 5/8 Dinner & board meeting; 5/15 Ladies Night dinner-meeting at Bertolucci's