

# Geneva-Mission News

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## May 8th Meeting

This first post-convention meeting was called to order by Acting President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Bob announced that the club's annual Installation of Officers will be held July 13th at the Olympic Golf & Country Club. Bob reminded members that the following meeting will be a Ladies Night at Bertolucci's.

## Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson reported a total of 17 people from this club were at Sacramento. The club won a Youth Outreach award for mid-sized clubs. Larry Farrell won the Frank Ferrera Perpetual Trophy for low gross in the golf tournament and Handford Clews won the low net. Delegates voted to return to the Red Lion Inn for the next two conventions. Fanny Chu was named as incoming Region 1 Chairperson and Bill Stepinovich as Zone 3 Chairperson. Maxine Frazier will be cabinet secretary.

Bob Lawhon reported a symbolic presentation of about 400 pounds of used eyeglasses for needy people in India was made at the office of Assemblyman Kevin Shelley on April 25th. Dignitaries present and who spoke were D.G. Art Pignati, A. K. Bhatt from the Indo-American Trade & Commercial Council, Consul General H. H. Viswanathan, and Kevin Shelley. TV Channel 29 videotaped the event. The actual eyeglasses were picked up two days later from Charley Bottarini's basement.

Y & C A Chairman Aaron Straus reported the following people won prizes from raffle tickets sold/purchased through this club: Dorothy Sault, \$100; Nancy Singham, Al Gentile, Benjamin Elevaro, Ramith Johnson, and Freddie Gravely, \$50. The San Bruno Lions outsold this club by just 50 books to be the district's leading ticket seller.

Golf Chairman Lyle Workman confirmed that the club's 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, July 17th at Sharp Park Golf Course. \$120 per player includes green fees, cart, tee prizes, lunch and the evening's bar-b-q steak dinner at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club.

Ward Donnelly was designated as interim Mystery Lion.

## Board Meeting

Secretary Bill Graziano submitted to the board an application for club membership by Steve Currier, sponsored by Joe Farrah. The application was unanimously accepted. Membership Chairman Bob Lawhon will make induction arrangements.

The board voted to award the OMI/Excelsior Beacon Center \$1,000 with a possibility of including the center in monthly funding subject to a recommendation from the budget committee. (See the previous issue of the club bulletin.)

The board discussed making a grant to the Crocker Amazon Playground Campaign but decided to table the matter until more information can be learned at a May 13th meeting at the Crocker Amazon Recreation Center.

The board also discussed renting a storage locker to have a permanent central location for all club property. Aaron Straus volunteered to shop the market.

## May 15th Meeting

This "Ladies Night" meeting at Bertolucci's

Restaurant was called to order by Program Chairman Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and an unprepared Mike Castagnetto gave the invocation. The tail-twister will be visiting Lawhon for calling on Mike Castellano to give the invocation. Some of these Anglos have difficulty dealing with Italian names. A total of 11 Lions and 10 ladies were in attendance.

Dick Johnson gave a report on the recent convention and displayed the trophies and award won there. Good job, Lion Dick.

Zone Chairman Bill Graziano performed the induction ceremony bringing Steve Currier into Lionism. Steve is a retired lawyer residing at 116 Drake St. in San Francisco. His telephone number is 415-587-9150 and his Fax is 415-841-9224. Steve founded and is president of the active Outer Mission Residents Association. Welcome aboard, Lion Steve.

## Program

Wearing his program chairman hat, Bob Lawhon introduced Mike Nolan and Craig Stadler of East Bay Technologies, Inc. They spoke on a computer software program they developed and market called "IMSpeak!" This program is of particular interest to Lions because it is a tool that visually impaired people may use to communicate on the internet. It essentially converts text messages on a computer screen into voice messages. People can engage in instant messaging as compared to E-mail and hear in spoken words the message that is being sent to them by computer. With this program, users also have the ability to assign different unique voices to individuals with whom they are communicating. The program also verbalizes any text on a computer monitor that a user highlights, and is available in foreign languages. There is a one-time charge of only \$24 for the program and a free 30-day trial period is offered. East Bay Technologies may be reached at (925) 847-1598 and [www.eastbaytech.com](http://www.eastbaytech.com) on the web.

## SHORTS

Ron Faina underwent surgery to have his left lung removed at Woodland Memorial Hospital on May 8th. The club wishes Ron a speedy recovery.

Millbrae Lions recent benefit crab feed raised \$12,300, which was presented to Kathi Woodall, widowed mother of nine children.

Congratulations to S.F. Mercy High School student Donna Mulchand, who won the District Student Speaker Runoff at the Millbrae Library on April 25th. She represented the Daly City Gateway Club in Region 2.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/14 Marilyn & Jim Kerr; 5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Ed & Bobbi Damonte, Estelle Bottarini, Sophie Zagorewicz; 5/27 Rose Fraher; 5/28 Linnie Faina; 5/29 Ron & Linnie Faina; 6/1 Emily Farrah, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi; 6/2 Bill & Irene Tonelli

## COMING EVENTS

6/5 Board meeting; 6/12 Lunch meeting; 6/19 Program meeting; 7/8 - 7/15 International Convention, Osaka, Japan; 7/13 Club Installation at Olympic Club; 7/17 Golf Tournament & bar-b-q dinner.