

# Geneva-Mission News

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## August 21st Meeting

This ladies night meeting at Bertolucci's Restaurant was called to order by President Bob Fenech. Bob led in the Pledge to the Flag, and a prepared Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 12 members and 7 ladies were in attendance. Bob reported he represented the club at the prior Saturday's cabinet meeting. Bob estimated over 200 people attended the cabinet meeting. The kickoff theme is to charter at least ten new clubs within the district this year. Quite a challenge!

Galdo Pavini gave a report of the Lion Eye Foundation's July 21st trustee meeting. Geneva-Mission sponsored seven patients there during the year's 1st quarter.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced S.F.P.D. Captain Greg Corrales, who commands the Mission Police Precinct. Captain Corrales is a 33 year veteran in the department with his first assignment being in the Ingelside Precinct. He has been a field officer during his career including being head of narcotic investigations. He gave those present an insight into the fine line he must walk by both enforcing the law and pleasing politicians and activist groups at the same time. Dealing with homeless people, and day laborers on Cesar Chavez-St. flagging down motorists are examples. He would like to see all shopping carts returned to their rightful owners. Vehicles doubleparked to pick up laborers are a traffic hazard and are being cited for same. He is cracking down on drug trafficking and prostitution in the Mission. The captain then fielded questions from an attentive audience.

## September 4th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bob Lawhon, as President Bob Fenech was reported ill. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and Aaron Straus gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Treasurer Handford Clews had presided over an annual budget committee meeting which preceeded the regular meeting. Bob Lawhon announced that next week's meeting will be a dinner meeting instead of a lunch meeting as The Granada can't accomodate the club on this lunch date. He also announced that the district governor and her cabinet will be making their annual official visit to the club at the September 18th meeting. Members were urged to dress appropriately and to bring guests.

Secretary Ward Donnelly read letters from the S.F. Council, Teen Challenge and St. Mary's Adult Care Center. He also displayed the club's Past President's Plaque with Al Gentile's new name plate hammered in place. Joe Farrah wanted to know what became of the club's tradition where the **former** president was accepted in to the ranks of the past presidents on Past Presidents Night prior to the ceremony of adding his name plate to the plaque. This process usually motivated the candidate to host the club to wine for dinner.

During the meeting, Aaron Straus placed a cell phone call to PDG Bernard Worken in Reno. Barney was at home recovering from a recent heart attack and a six-day stay at St. Mary's Hospital. Several members at the meeting had an opportunity to speak with Barney and to wish him a speedy recovery. One member urged Barney to reduce stress by not watching the stock market ticker tape.

## Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairmen Charles Bottarini and Al Gentile reported 102 tickets have been paid for to date. A few former ticket purchasers have responded they won't be purchasing tickets this year so an effort has to be made to replace these people. A couple of "undeliverable" letters were returned but members had knowledge of new addresses for these purchasers.

Visitation Chairman Bottarini reported he will arrange a visit to the Daly City Host Club at one of their Wednesday lunch meetings.

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported attendance for the month of August was 27%.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reported Chuck Ayala will present a program on Centro Latina at the October 9th meeting. Steve Currier stated he has a contact with the S.F. 49ers who can speak at the club's annual 49ers Night.

The team of Donnelly/Lawhon held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle but missed out on \$50 by coming up with only a \$1 winning white golf ball. The "appointed" Mystery Lion was absent, according to Bob Lawhon. Ted Wildenradt was present to win \$3 in the Attendance Drawing.

## SHORTS

Harriet Kleinbach, beloved wife of charter member and Past President Al Kleinbach, passed away today at their home in Auburn, CA. The club extends its sympathy to Al and the Kleinbach family.

There was an interesting article in the August 19th edition of the Wall St. Journal on Lionism in China. The two young clubs there have a waiting list of people who want to become members.

Mahendra Dave is going to have a busy year. He is chairman of the district's Sight Conservation Committee and the White Cane Day contest.

The new district directory has a deceased symbol by PDG Bill Tonelli's listing. Would somebody please check Bill's pulse.

Joe & Emily Farrah depart September 18th for a three-night stay in New York and a one-week cruise up the northeast coast to St. John, Canada.

Ted & Vernelle Wildenradt will be departing Sept. 18th for Catskill, N.Y. to attend the bi-annual reunion of the crew of the USS McLanahan DD615. Ted served as a radar officer on this destroyer during WWII.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

9/18 Al Gentile

## COMING EVENTS

9/11 **Dinner** meeting; 9/18 Governor's visit; 10/5-6 White Cane Days; 10/16 "Early Bird" drawing; 11/2 Foster City abalone feed; 11/24 Charity Raffle drawing