

Geneva-Mission News

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December 20th Visit

The following 8 Lions were at the Mission Educational Center for the giving of the Christmas gift bags to the 125 students there: Aaron Straus, Al Gentile, Joe Farrah, Dick Johnson, Bob Fenech, Sheriar Irani, Mahendra Dave and Steve Currier.

January 8th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Joe Farrah hosted for wine. A visitor was Ms. Bre Martinez, who works at Habitat For Humanity at Alemany & Ocean. Her grandfather, Emiglio "Marty" Martinez, is a past district governor from Florida. Marty urged his granddaughter to consider becoming a Lion at a local club. This is how she found Geneva-Mission. Aaron Straus gave Bre an application for membership and invited her to attend future meetings.

President Bob read a letter from the San Carlos Lions Club endorsing their long-time member Al Russell as a candidate for vice-district governor. Bob Lawhon circulated photos taken at the Bernal Heights Senior and Mission Educational Centers.

Committee Reports

Visitation Chairman Charley Bottarini reminded the club that the So. S.F. Lions would be visiting at the next meeting and that this club will be visiting the Burlingame Lions at their lunch meeting of January 30th.

Bob Lawhon reported that Bill Tonelli turned in a large carton of used eyeglasses collected at his 1800 Sullivan Pharmacy. Former Marina Lion Bill Gellen is presently working at that pharmacy.

Aaron Straus reported that only 48 Entertainment Books have been sold and 12 books remain. Aaron also put the club on notice that Flag Day is coming up and volunteers will be needed to help distribute flags.

Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced John Cunnane, Supervising Ranger of the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. This is a part of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Ranger Cunnane gave the club an overview history of shipping in and around S.F. Bay. Then he told of the following five preserved vessels: Eureka, Epplenton Hall, Balclutha, C. A. Thayer and Hercules. He also talked about the Maritime Museum, Hyde Street Pier, Aquatic Park, USS Pampanito and the research library at Fort Mason.

January 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. George Salet gave the invocation. A total of 15 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson hosted for wine. Returning for another visit was Ms. Bre Martinez. Also visiting was a delegation of six members of the So. San Francisco Lions Club. Their visitation chairman George Stagnaro talked about their club's recent activities including a substantial sum raised during White Cane Days at member Basil Cavaleri's So. S.F. Car Wash. People were offered a \$15 car wash for just a \$10 donation to White Cane. When George was asked why he identified his club as the So. S.F. Host Lions Club, he informed us that the Golden Gate Lions Club is also a So. S.F. Club even though it meets at the Sizzler Restaurant in Daly City.

President Bob announced that the February 5th meeting will be a lunch meeting and the February 12th meeting will be a dinner meeting. Please note these switches in your calendar. Bob further announced that February 19th will be Past Presidents Night, and that the past presidents will act as a nomination of officers committee on that night.

Secretary Ward Donnelly circulated an invitation from the Foster City Lions Club to a "Campaign Kickoff Party" launching their member Ray Rosenthal as a candidate for vice-district governor. Complimentary dinner and no-host cocktails will be served 6 P.M., Tuesday, January 28th at the Foster City Recreation Center, Hillsdale Blvd. & Shell. All Lions are welcome. R.S.V.P. (650) 574-1043.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported tickets for the event are being distributed based on last year's allocations. He is assembling prizes for the raffle, and donations are invited. Ticket coordinator Handford Clews wants receipts and all unsold tickets turned in to him by the February 5th meeting. The maximum number of people that can be accomodated is 522.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Charles Stuhr announced that the event will take place at the dinner meeting held at The Granada on February 12th. This year's topic is "Terrorism And World Security." Chuck has sent letters to San Francisco schools inviting participation in the competition.

Visitation Chairman Charles Bottarini reminded members of the upcoming visit to Burlingame on Januray 30th, and stated that he will schedule a visit to the So. S.F. Lions, who meet for lunch at Bertolucci's on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Aaron Straus announced this club's visit to the Mission Educational Center for Flag Day will be Friday, February 21st. Volunteers are needed. Aaron still has unsold Entertainment Books on hand.

Y & C A Chairman Dick Johnson acknowledged and thanked the members who have promptly purchased their alloted four books of raffle tickets.

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported attendance for the month of December was 33%. George Stagnaro won \$3 in the Convention Raffle; Ward won \$10 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion George Salet had no victims.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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; 2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto

COMING EVENTS

1/18 S.F. Council meeting at Patio Espanol; 1/30 Visit to Burlingame Lions; 2/1 Cabinet Meeting; 2/5 Board Lunch Meeting; 2/12 Dinner Meeting, Student Speaker Contest; 2/19 Past Presidents Night, Nomination of Officers; 2/21 Flag Day; 2/22 Crab Feed

SHORTS

Both Galdo Pavini and Joe Farrah authored articles in the recently distributed December 2002 edition of "The Retina."