

Geneva-Mission News

Volume 51, No.13

Serving Since 1951

March 20, 2003

March 12th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. President Bob announced that induction of Bre Martinez would take place at the following meeting.

Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson distributed registration forms and reminded members to attend the following week's meeting early for a convention meeting.

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini reminded members of the upcoming Tuesday visit to the So. San Francisco Lions Club.

Visitors

Visiting the club were Vice-District Governor candidate Ray Rosenthal and campaign staffer Bob Goodwin from the Foster City Lions Club. Goodwin spoke on behalf of the candidate and then the candidate took the floor. Ray Rosenthal, an independent general contractor, joined the Foster City Lions Club in 1984. He has an interesting history. He was born in Egypt in 1945, and grew up in Haifa, Israel with his parents and two brothers for 25 years. After primary and secondary schools in Haifa, he attended Haifa Technion, spent 3 1/2 years in the Army, and worked as a road construction engineer for one year in Africa.

In 1970, Ray moved to New York and met Christina, his wife of 32 years. They have two children. The Rosenthal family moved to Foster City in 1983. He was club president in 1990-91. In District 4-C4, he has been a zone and region chairman, leadership committee chairman, club officer training chairman, club contest chairman, and extension chairman.

In the Convention Raffle, Aaron Straus held the winning ticket drawn by Ray Rosenthal. Aaron came up with only a \$3 winning white golf ball. Absent Ed Damonte missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Dick Johnson had no victims.

March 19th Meeting

A nomination of officers meeting began at 6 P.M. Club past-presidents make up the nominating committee. Nominees for club offices to serve during the fiscal year 2003-04 are as follows: President: Aaron Straus, 1st V.P.: Dick Johnson, 2nd V.P. Steve Currier, Secretary: Robert Lawhon, Treasurer: Handford Clews, Lion Tamer: Sheriar Irani, Tail-Twisters: Al Gentile, Bob Fenech, Membership Chairman: Ward Donnelly, 1-year Board of Directors: Galdo Pavini, Joe Farrah, Mahendra Dave, Ed Damonte; 2-year Board of Directors: Chas. Bottarini, Bill Graziano, George Salet, Lyle Workman. Congratulations to the nominees.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the flag. Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 16 members were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini reported five members visited the So. San Francisco Lions lunch meeting at Bertolucci's Restaurant the previous day. In addition to himself, they were Handford Clews, Al Fregosi, Steve Currier and Sheriar Irani.

Youth & Community Activities Co-Chairman

Dick Johnson reported he turned in receipts in excess of \$11,000 to club Treasurer Handford Clews. This is less than last year, but participation of individual club members grew to 37 out of a membership of 42. One reason for the decline in overall raffle ticket sales is that the books of tickets were late in getting out.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that Mission Educational Center principal Deborah Molof will be addressing the club at the lunch meeting of April 9th. He further announced that Bre Martinez will be speaking on Habitat For Humanity at an upcoming meeting.

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson announced that the club will again be serving cappucino and apple turnovers at Saturday's International Square. Voting delegates and alternates were selected.

Bob Lawhon reported Dick Johnson turned in about 40 pairs of used eyeglasses and Cause We Care from St. Gabriel Parish collected 120 pairs for the club.

Induction

Vice-District Governor Jocelyn Mina called Bre Martinez to the podium and performed the induction ceremony formally making Bre a member of the Geneva-Mission Club and Lions International. Jocelyn used the opportunity to urge members to attend the district convention and to thank members Bob Fenech and Mahendra Dave for accepting positions in her new administration. Bob will be the district chairman of Youth & Community Activities. She announced the cabinet installation will take place July 20th at Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae and it is possible International President Kay Fukushima will be the installing officer.

Aaron Straus drew only a \$3-winning white golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Absent Chuck Ayala missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Repeat Mystery Lion Dick Johnson pointed to George Salet as his only victim.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Paul Corvi; 4/10 Al Kleinbach

COMING EVENTS

3/22 Millbrae Lions Crab Feed; 3/26 Region 1 Student Speaker Runoff; 4/2 Board meeting; 4/9 Lunch meeting; 5/7 - 5/11 District Convention; 7/20 Cabinet Installation at Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae

SHORTS

An E-mail from Ron Seward's nephew Donny in New York informs us Ron underwent heart bypass surgery on March 11th. The 5-hour procedure went well and Ron should achieve total recovery in about 8 weeks.

A post card from Guam informs us Al Gentile is on a "Military Tour" visiting islands in the South Pacific that were battle scenes of WW II. Next stop is Iwo Jima.

Sheriar Irani has a new E-mail address: sheriar2@yahoo.com

Good news - -Lorraine Castagnetto departed rehabilitation and returned home Wednesday.