

# Geneva-Mission News

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## March 8th Zone Student Speakers Contest

Zone Chairman Joe Farrah conducted this second level of the competition at the Granada Cafe. A speaker representing the S.F. Host Lions Club didn't show up so the only speakers were Kate Kulikova representing this club and Cassidy Kim representing the Korean American Club. Kate Kulikova from Mercy High School was the winner of a \$75 award. A good group from this club was on hand to serve as tellers, timekeepers and door guard. Al Gentile set up the American flag, club banner and speaker's stand. The four judges were Maurice Fitzgerald, a retired professor of English at College of San Mateo, Nick Elchinoff, a retired attorney, Frank Gelini, a high-ranking veteran member of the Toastmasters, and Emily Powell, a retired executive and also a Toastmaster. All of the judges and Joe Farrah were Balboa High School classmates. The next level Region 1 Contest will be held at the Ocean Ingleside Lions clubhouse at 139 A Broad St., 7 P.M., Tuesday March 23rd, and it will be conducted by Region 1 Chairperson Rosie Jones. Winners of this and the other two zone contests will be competing.

## March 10th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Steve Currier led in the Pledge to the **Fag** and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of ten members were in attendance. Joe Farrah had as his guest Clarence Cravalho, a soon to be inducted member of the newly chartered San Mateo Lions Club. Visiting was a delegation of four members of the Chinatown Lions Club. Their member Al Louie hosted for wine.

President Aaron reminded members that the following meeting would be Past Presidents Night and that the San Bruno Lions will be visiting. He also urged members to complete registration forms for the rapidly approaching May 5 - 9 District Convention.

## Committee Reports

Y & C A Chairman Steve Currier reported seven or eight club members have not yet turned in their raffle ticket stubs and receipts. Come on, guys, don't make Steve's job difficult. He shouldn't have to be phoning you. Aaron Straus reported the bidding on E-Bay for a package of three vintage plastic trading pins came to \$271.35. Four other pins sold for the set minimum \$5.50 a piece. This was from an auction of nineteen total items. Aaron did a good job photographing and posting these trading pins on E-Bay. Now they must be mailed to the winning bidders.

Past District Governor Larry Wong represented the Chinatown Lions Club in endorsing their member Eugene Chan as a candidate for the office of vice-district governor. Among Eugene Chan's credentials qualifying him for this position are that he was club president 1989-90, Region 1 Zone Chair, Contest Commissioner (4 terms), Extension Co-Chair, and Cabinet Treasurer. Eugene himself spoke, and stated that one of his goals is to see a district-wide Yellow Pages directory listing all of the businesses and professions of the Lions.

Steve Currier sold Convention Raffle tickets. The winning ticket was held by Jesse Ling, who came up with only a \$4-winning yellow golf ball. Bill Tonelli's name came up in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion rose. A search of recent club bulletins reveals that the last identified Mystery Lion

was Bob Fenech at the January 21st meeting.

## March 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance on this Past Presidents Night. Galdo observed this was the first P.P. Night he had attended in about ten years. Visiting was a delegation of three San Bruno Lions. In an effort to influence the Past Presidents to invite him into their ranks, Bob Fenech hosted for wine.

President Aaron conducted a vote of the nominees for club offices for 2004-05, and they were duly elected to office.

Immediate Past President Bob Fenech was accepted as a Past President, but the traditional name plate nailing on the P.P. Plaque ceremony didn't take place because club supplies at Lions International has delayed sending the ordered plates.

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Y & C A Chairman Steve Currier reported the project is complete at the club end as all reports, ticket stubs and receipts have been submitted to Y & C A Region Chairman Bob Fenech.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reported a speaker from Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens will be at the April 14th lunch meeting, and members of the California National Guard who were serving in Iraq will be at the May 19th meeting.

Lions Eye Foundation Treasurer Galdo Pavini informed the club of fund-raising activity for the relocation of the L.E.F. Clinic to the Cathedral Hill Hotel site, which has been purchased by the California Pacific Medical Center.

San Bruno Lion Club President Frank Rescino held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle and came up with the elusive white golf ball to win \$147. Frank stated he was going to donate this winning to the Lions Eye Foundation. Absent Ernie Lowe missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Paul Corvi; 4/10 Al Kleinbach

## COMING EVENTS

3/23 Region 1 Student Speakers; 4/3 Y & C A Dinner/Drawing; 4/7 Board meeting; 4/14 Lunch meeting; 4/18 San Mateo L.C. Charter dinner; 4/25 Rocky's Wine Tasting; 4/28 S.F. Council at Park-Presidio; 5/5 - 9 District Convention

## SHORTS

Mahendra Dave is undergoing chemotherapy to treat the low grade lymphoma he is suffering. He has been undergoing treatment for three months and must continue for another two months. In the meantime he must rest as he is weak. The club wishes Mahendra a quick and complete recovery.

The Charter Dinner of the newly organized San Mateo Lions Club will be April 18th at the Marriott Hotel, 1770 So. Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo. \$45 per RSVP: Pat Hughes (650) 347-1058

The 56th Annual Y & C A Dinner/Drawing will take place Saturday, April 3rd at Patio Espanol. \$30 per RSVP Frank Rescino at (650) 871-1691.