

# Geneva-Mission News

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## September 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 9 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson hosted for wine. President Bob announced he will be attending the September 22nd S.F. Council Meeting hosted by the Castro Lions Club. Visiting from the Nikkei Lions Club was Region 1 Chairman Bill Stipinovich. Bill attended the USA - Canada Forum in Reno the past weekend and gave the club a briefing of same. Seminars are given there on various topics to improve your ability as a Lion. Another visitor was Emily Powell, President of the Balboa Alumni Association. That association will be sharing this club's booth at the upcoming October 10th Excelsior Festival. Emily had with her copies of the August 20, 1928 edition of *Excelsior News*, which was a special issue featuring the opening of Balboa High School. This issue contains much historical interest by identifying the neighborhood businesses that were then flourishing and the histories of Monroe and Excelsior Grammar Schools. The full back page has a photo of the Ferrera Building and a history of Ferrera Hardware. The original Balboa faculty is named. Street & Co. Ford Dealership at Mission & Francis Sts. urged owners of Model T and A Fords to have their autos serviced by them. Copies of this newspaper may be purchased through Emily Powell at (650) 851-8101.

## Committee Reports

Aaron Straus delivered to purchasers the new Entertainment Books.

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah reported that the scheduled October 13th visit to the Millbrae Lions had to be canceled due to a conflict. The Green Hills Country Club will be used on that meeting night for Millbrae's Annual Man & Woman Of the Year Awards. Millbrae Lion George Habeeb, PDG, will be honored as "Man Of The Year." Joe further reported the club will be visiting the Half Moon Bay Lions Club on October 4th.

## Program

President Bob introduced Cristy Johnston, project manager for ENCORE, a grant-funded entity dedicated to revitalize the business community on Mission St. between Silver Ave. and Geneva Ave. Ms. Johnston organizes projects such as store front cleanup, sidewalk power washing, window washing, graffiti removal and finding suitable tenants for vacant stores and offices.

Charlie Bottarini conducted the Convention Raffle. Bob Fenech held the winning ticket but missed out on \$55 by coming up with only a white golf ball. Absent Galdo Pavini missed out on \$16 in the Attendance Drawing. The Mystery Lion mystery was finally solved by Bob Fenech stating George Salet appointed him three meetings ago. No victims.

## October 4th Visit

Lions Al Gentile, Handford Clews and Joe Farrah visited the Half Moon Bay Lions Club at their dinner-meeting at Half Moon Bay Brewing Co. (formerly Shore Bird) in Princeton. Veteran Half Moon Bay members Rich & Steve Picchi believe the last time this club visited H.M.B. was in 1970 when Al Kleinbach was campaigning for district governor. This club of 44 members had 23

members in attendance. They are teaming with the Burlingame Lions for a golf tournament at Sharp Park Golf Course on October 6th. They are also preparing to participate in Half Moon Bay's Annual Pumpkin Festival taking place the weekend of October 16 - 17. They have the hamburger concession at this event where they expect to grill and sell about 7,000 hamburgers.

## October 6th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Lyle Workman led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Al Gentile gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Bob Fenech hosted for wine. President Bob announced that a representative from St. Mary's Adult Health Care will be speaking at the next meeting. He reported he attended the recent S.F. Council of Lions meeting and that the topic of discussion there was the posting of Lions welcome signs in S.F. He also talked about work being done on the club's web site: [www.genevamiissionlions.org](http://www.genevamiissionlions.org) Lyle Workman distributed updated rosters of members' telephone and fax numbers and E-mail addresses.

Secretary Bre circulated an E-mail from a Lion in Dill, Germany who wants to reciprocate hosting a teen-age student.

## Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Bob Lawhon reported they will be conducting the "Early Bird" drawing later in the week to include late entries.

Aaron Straus reported four schools will be competing in this club's Peace Poster Competition among students ages 11 to 13. Aaron further reported he turned in \$400 from sales of Entertainment Books.

Handford Clews is going to turn over to the president files and information he has on Y & C A so as the club can launch sales of the raffle tickets.

In the Convention Raffle, Bob Fenech drew a ticket held by Bre Martinez. Bre came up with only a \$3-winning white golf ball. George Salet won \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. Bob Fenech forgot he appointed Ward Donnelly as Mystery Lion. Ward wasn't any held. *help.*

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 George & Kathy Salet; 10/10 Donna Francesconi

## COMING EVENTS

10/9 Millbrae L.C. Bar-B-Q; 10/10 Excelsior Festival; 10/13 Lunch meeting; 10/20 49er Night at Cliff House; 11/21 Charity Raffle; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention

## SHORTS

Barbara Krahl, widow of former member Fred Krahl, passed away September 10th at the age of 75.

So. San Francisco Host Past President Thomas Conlin and Millbrae President Millie Bishop passed away in September.

Final Jeopardy Question: How has Diane Johnson been spending her time since she retired from work a year ago?