



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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December 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Aaron Straus, and the invocation was given by Ward Donnelly. A total of 9 members were in attendance. A guest was Mission Education Center 4th grade teacher Ricardo Cortez.

President Bob informed the members that the club has adopted the newly formed Lowell High School Leo Club consisting of 17 members. The Leos have placed used eyeglass collection boxes in 20 locations.

Secretary Bre read a letter of gratitude from the Lions Eye Foundation and a letter from the St. Anthony Foundation asking for a contribution. There was also a letter from Lions International acknowledging Bill Shea's 41 years as a member.

The following members made up a work party prior to the regular meeting to assemble 156 Christmas gift sacks to be distributed December 17th to the students at Mission Education Center:

H. Clews, J. Farrah, R. Lawhon, G. Salet, W. Graziano, A. Straus, W. Donnelly, L. Workman and B. Martinez. Aaron Straus purchased and gathered apples and oranges from Casa Maria at 23rd St. & Van Ness, candy canes from Smart & Final, toys from Walgreen's at 23rd & Mission Sts., and binders and office supplies from Office Depot-Potrero Center. The club is grateful to these establishments for their generous discounts.

Mystery Lion Joe Farrah named Lyle Workman and Ward Donnelly as non-hand shakers. Absent Chuck Ayala missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Drawing.

December 17th Christmas Party

President Bob Lawhon, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah and Zone Chairperson Miriam Chaname were at Mission Education Center 9:15 A.M. as Santa Claus's helpers to set up and distribute the Christmas gift packages to 151 kindergarten to 5th grade Spanish-speaking students at Mission Education Center. George Salet's employee earlier picked up the packages from the Granada Cafe and used George's truck to transport them to the Center. Ingelside police officer Ignacio "Nacho" Martinez showed up a little tardy in the club's newly purchased Santa Claus suit to greet the students in his native Spanish language and to hand them their gift packages. It seems as though the Santa Claus suit used last year is in the possession of the precinct captain who is now at Northern Station.

January 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Al Gentile, and Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Visiting was Lion Sandee Ige from the So. S.F. Host Lions Club. Sandee is doing her "Long Tail" gig, which requires her to visit every club in the district during an administrative year. This was the 33rd club she visited. Well done, Sandee, especially for a new member. Al Gentile hosted for wine. Al Gentile and Joe Farrah turned in bags of used eyeglasses.

President Bob circulated a letter from S.F.P.D. Chief Heather Fong acknowledging the club's letter praising Officer Ignacio Martinez (see above). President Bob presented to Charlie Bottarini a framed certificate recognizing Charlie's 50 years as a club member. Congratulations, Charlie.

Comittee Reports

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah announced the club will be visiting the Brisbane Lions Club at their Tuesday, January 25th dinner-meeting, 7:30 P.M. at the Brisbane Community Center, 240 Visitacion Ave., Brisbane.

Aaron Straus reported letters have gone out to various high schools inviting their students to participate in the Student Speakers Contest, which this club will be conducting at its February 16th meeting at the Lakeside Cafe.

George Salet announced the price of Crab Feed tickets will be the same as last year - \$45. George stressed the need for new raffle prizes. It is awkward continually going back to the same restaurants, etc. for same.

Bill Graziano reported the club has distributed a total of 1,350 books of Y & C A tickets.

Mystery Lion Bob Lawhon had no victims. Absent Charley Stuhr missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Drawing.



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Board Action

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of December was 44%. The Board voted to contribute \$100 to the Lions Eye Foundation in the memory of deceased Past-President Ron Faina.

January 12th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members were in attendance including Sheriar Irani back from his native India. A visiting Lion was Cristhina Mojica from the Matapan Lions Club in El Salvador. Her club has 39 members and works to help poor people in neighboring rural communities. Cristhina is an accountant with plans to reside and work in San Francisco. Cristhina speaks only Spanish so chef Jose was summoned from the kitchen to do some interpreting.

President Bob circulated a letter from the members of the San Carlos Lions Club endorsing their member Al Russell as a candidate for vice-district governor for the year 2005-06.

Committee Reports

Y & C A Co-Chairman Bill Graziano reported people from the New Mission Terrace Homeowners Ass'n. and St. Elizabeth's Parish have expressed an interest in selling the raffle tickets. Bill also reported he is working on setting up a Ladie's Lunch-Meeting with Channel 5 consumer reporter Jeannette Pavini as guest speaker.

Treasurer Handford Clews reported the Charity Raffle earned \$8,000 plus. Handford had tickets and flyers for the upcoming Crab Feed. He also distributed semi-annual dues notices. Get your checks in to him promptly.

Mystery Lion Bill Graziano pointed to Handford Clews and Joe Farrah as victims. Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$12 in the Attendance Drawing. Where have you been, Bill Cazatt?

January 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by guest Drew, and the invocation was given by George Salet. Acting Tail-Twister Ward Donnelly conducted introductions and extracted fines. Joe Farrah wanted to know why Jerry Lowe didn't have a club job description. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Jerry Lowe brought as his guest his long-time colleague and neighbor, Ernie Braun. Jerry is sponsoring Ernie as a new club member.

President Bob announced he will be attending the upcoming January 26th S.F. Council meeting but can't attend the January 29th Cabinet Meeting so he would like some members to attend same at the Foster City Recreation Center.

Comittee Reports

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah reminded members the club will be visiting the Brisbane Lions Club at their Tuesday, January 25th dinner-meeting, 7:30 P.M. at the Brisbane Community Center, 240 Visitacion Ave., Brisbane.

Aaron Straus reported he hasn't yet received any response to the letters mailed to various high schools inviting their students to participate in the Student Speakers Contest, which this club will be conducting at its February 16th meeting at the Lakeside Cafe.

George Salet repeated the need for new raffle prizes for the upcoming Crab Feed. Ask the restaurants you patronize for complimentary dinners. Bill Graziano reported the club has distributed a total of 1,470 books of Y & C A tickets. Aaron Straus reported 17 out of 37 club members have turned in receipts and stubs for their allotted four books of raffle tickets. Are yours outstanding?

Bill Graziano reported he has arranged for the club to have a Ladies Lunch meeting at the I.A.S.C. on Saturday, March 19th. The club is going to invite all of the wives of deceased members to attend this lunch as club guests. Channel 5 consumer reporter Jeannette Pavini will be the program speaker at this lunch. Ladies, mark your calendars.



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Program

President Bob introduced Juan Carlos Morales and two of Juan's associates, members of the San Francisco chapter of Guardian Angels. They were dressed in their uniform camouflage trousers, boots and beret. The Guardian Angels is a volunteer organization committed to the safety and well being of our community. Their mission is to help prevent and deter violence and crime through safety patrols, education, and community service. This S.F. chapter of 25 members has been operating for about three years. Their headquarters is at 125 Sixth St., (415) 495-0403. They welcome recruits and financial assistance.

Juan Morales drew the winning Convention Raffle ticket held by Bob Lawhon. Bob came up with only a \$1-winning white golf ball. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly pointed to the same Bob Lawhon as a non-handshaker. Ward Donnelly donated the \$12 he won in the Attendance Drawing to the Guardian Angels.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly; 1/20 Ted Wildenrad, 1/27 Larry Farrell; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah

COMING EVENTS

1/12 Lunch meeting; 1/19 Program meeting; 1/25 Visit Brisbane L.C.; 1/29 Cabinet Meeting; 2/2 Board meeting, visit by Park-Presidio; 2/11 Flag Day; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention

SHORTS

This club's replacement zone chairperson is Miriam Chaname of the S.F. Bay Lions Club. She is at 34 San Felipe Ave., So. S.F. 94080 (650) 872-1638 miriamchaname@aol.com Copies of MMR and Activities Reports should be sent to her.

Ron Faina succumbed to a heart attack in Woodland on December 27th. A native San Franciscan, Ron was born January 31, 1931. He was a graduate of Epiphany Grammar School and St. Ignatius High School. He was in the meat business for most of his working career. Ron is a Life Member of this club and an associate member of Woodland Host Lions Club. Ron joined this club March 1960 and his sponsor was Frank Fazzino. He was president in the year 1967-68 and served District Governor Bill Tonelli as cabinet secretary 1980-81. Ron was a hard-working Lion who served in many capacities including that of zone chairman, deputy district governor and President of the S.F. Council of Lions. Ron is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Linnie and children Mark, Keith, Karen, Debi, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.
