



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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January 25th Visit To Brisbane L.C.

Handford Clews, Al Gentile, Chas. Bottarini and Joe Farrah represented this club on an official visit to the Brisbane Lions Club at the Brisbane Community Center. They were greeted by the club's senior member, Lion Bill Lawrence, 97 years young. Brisbane has 54 members, who were busy with the sale of Christmas trees in December and are working on their February 19th Crab Feed. Three of their members prepare a buffet style dinner at their meetings.

Brisbane is known as "The City of Stars" because for many years during the holidays the residents and business owners decorate their houses and stores with lights and prominent stars. The Brisbane Lions Club visits these decorated sites, photographs them and judges them in categories. This meeting night was their annual awards night, wherein some twenty couples were invited to a hosted dinner to view a slide show of the award-winning sites and to receive their framed award certificates and photos.

February 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Aaron Straus, and Sheriar Irani gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson hosted for wine. Dick also conducted introductions. The following four members of the Park-Presidio Lions Club were visitors: President Roger Burr, Woody Howard, Paul Cozak and Immediate Past-President B. K. Srinivas. We learned that Paul Cozak is editor of the *Sunset Beacon*. On Monday their club mailed a total of \$1,800 in tsunami relief checks directly to six Lions clubs in the effected countries.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported four judges and two speakers have been lined up for the February 16th Student Speakers Contest. Aaron also reminded members of the upcoming February 11th Flag Day at Mission Educational Center. This will take place between 9:30 and 11:30 A.M. Three helpers are needed.

Bill Graziano reported 1,407 books of Y & C A raffle tickets have been distributed. It is time for the receipts and book stubs to be turned in. He will be calling on the participating groups for same. Bill also reported the March 19th Ladies Lunch at the I.A.S.C. is shaping up. Guest speaker Jeannette Pavini has a video tape of some of her broadcasted consumer reports that will be shown. Menu selections will be roast chicken, roast beef, breaded veal cutlets and eggplant parmesan.

Golf Chairman Bob Fenech reported Harding Park is out of sight. Other golf courses such as San Mateo and Sharp Park require the post-golf tournament dinner must take place at their facility. This rules those golf courses out as this club always has its post-tournament steak bar-b-q at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club. Lincoln Golf Course was suggested as a possible site.

George Salet reported 1,800 pounds of crab have been ordered for the February 26th feed. Bodies will be needed to set-up the dining room. The club calls on its ladies to begin thinking about preparing and bringing hors d'ouvres to the event.

Charlie Bottarini and Al Gentile conducted the convention raffle. \$140 was literally up for grabs. Roger Burr drew a ticket held by the team of Graziano & Gentile. They came up with only a \$2-winning white Titelist.

Repeat Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims.

At the board meeting, Ernie Braun's application for membership was accepted. He will receive his orientation at the district's April 16th New Member Orientation. Ernie is being sponsored by Bill Graziano.

February 9th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Bob informed the club he is presently baching it as Zenaida is in London. Bob announced that candidate for vice-district governor Al Russell will be visiting this club at the March 9th meeting. He further announced that the meeting of March 2nd will be Past-Presidents Night. A total of 8 members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Al Gentile, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. Bill Graziano conducted introductions. Incidentally, the price of lunch has been increased 25% to \$15 including tax and tip.

On an official visitation were four members of the San Mateo Lions Club. They were Clarence, Mary, Jamie and Greg



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Cravalho--father, mother and two sons. Clarence and Jamie are the second and third generations of a tile contracting family dba Peninsula Art Tile. President Bob asked Jamie to visit his house to consult about a tile job. This is a good example of Lions networking.

On the subject of contracting, Mike Castagnetto wanted it understood Glen Park Roofing Co. had nothing to do with the Granada Cafe's roof when Joe Farrah pointed to the largely patched ceiling.

Committee Reports

President Bob reminded members that next Wednesday's meeting is Student Speaker Night to be held at the Lakeside Cafe on Ocean Ave. Students from University and Cornerstone High Schools have been lined up to speak on the topic "Is Attitude The Key to Success?" This is a Ladies Night.

Bill Graziano reported February 18th is the cutoff date for the turn-in of Y & C A receipts and stubs.

Mystery Lion Bill Graziano nailed Mike Castagnetto and Lyle Workman. Absent Al Fregosi missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

February 16th Student Speakers

The club conducted its annual Student Speakers Contest at the Lakeside Cafe co-chaired by Aaron Straus and Paul Corvi. George Salet led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Al Gentile gave the invocation. A total of six members and three ladies were in attendance. The topic was "How Important Is Attitude Towards Success?" The three contestants were 9th grader John Dizon from Riordan High School, 10th grader Casara Clark from Mercy High School and 11th grader Wilson Fong from Cornerstone Academy. Wilson is a recent arrival from Panama who is fluent in three languages - - English, Spanish and Cantonese. The winner was John Dizon, who will advance to the zone runoff taking place at the club's March 2nd meeting. The winner and runnersup were presented with framed certificates and award checks - - \$50 to the winner and \$25 to the runnersup. Mercy High School speech coach Gail Chastaine mentioned that Mercy has seven students participating in different club contests throughout the district this year. Judges were Stephen Cornell, owner of Brownie's Hardware on Polk St. and USF fellow Law Schoolmates of Paul Corvi Linda Fong and Greg Bulliung.

February 18th Flag Day

Aaron Straus, Sheriar Irani and Bob Lawhon were at the Mission Educational Center for the club's annual Flag Day presentation there. Miniature American flags and informational literature were handed out to 195 students in eight classes, grades K to 8. The students were also treated to cookies.

February 26th Crab Feed

The club's annual Crab Feed took place at the Recreation Center For the Handicapped. A total of 429 people were in attendance. This was a considerable decrease from the capacity 500 who customarily attend. Ten members were on hand early in the day to set up the dining room but this job was made easier with the assistance of six members from the Leo Club. Mike Castagnetto and his kitchen crew did the usual great job of providing lunch for the working Lions and preparation of the salad, pasta and crab. As overall chairperson, George Salet was on top of every aspect of the event. Charlie Bottarini and Al Gentile ran the bar, which is a laborious job considering the set-up and tear-down. Ward Donnelly called the raffle. Thanks, also, to you reliable ladies who brought hors d'ouvres. Handford Clews took care of ticket sales and seating arrangement, and Lyle Workman did the signs.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto; 2/16 Charles Bottarini, Charles Stuhr, Dick Johnson; 2/19 Dorothy Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte



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COMING EVENTS

2/11 Flag Day; 2/16 Student Speakers; 2/26 Crab Feed; 3/2 Past-Presidents Night, Board meeting; 3/19 Ladies Lunch at I.A.S.C.; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention

SHORTS

An Al Russell campaign fund-raising dinner will be held at the Burlingame Lions Hall on March 5th. \$25 per for a tri-tip dinner. RSVP Lion Martha D'Amico at (650) 576-3045