



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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April 6th 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 Dick Johnson. A total of 11 members were in attendance.

President Bob circulated photos taken at the March 19th ladies lunch, and Secretary Bre circulated letters of gratitude from Dorothy Pearson, Irene Tonelli, and Katherine Hammerstadt.

The president announced people from Luther Burbank Middle School will be at the March 20th meeting to talk about computer use.

Visitors from the National Association for Visually Handicapped were program director Jeannine Toussaint and Chuck Frushon. Chuck is a recent arrival to San Francisco who is a Lion in a Pennsylvania club. He is applying to transfer his membership to this club. They distributed informational literature about this association, which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its beginning. Their website is <http://www.navh.org> Their store of visual aids is at 3201 Balboa St., S.F.

Committee Reports

Bill Graziano reported he attended the Y & C A Drawing/Dinner at Oyster Point Yacht Club on Saturday, April 2nd. He said about 6 or 7 prizes were won by raffle tickets sold through this club, which sold a total of 1,200 books.

A Mystery Lion appointed by Bill Graziano was absent. Charlie Bottarini won \$18 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of March was 36%.

Screening Chairman Bill Graziano recommended approval of the club's annual contribution of \$400 to Wilderness Camp for The Deaf and two eye surgery cases to be done by the Lions Eye Foundation.

A nomination of officers for the year 2005-06 took place. Nominees were as follows:

President, Bob Lawhon; 1st V.P., Sheriar Irani; 2nd V.P., Ward Donnelly; Secretary, Bre Martinez; Treasurer, Handford Clews; Tail-Twisters, Bob Fenech and Lyle Workman; Lion Tamer, Dick Johnson; 2-year Board of Directors, Bill Graziano, Charlie Bottarini, George Salet; 1-year, Bob Fenech, Joe Farrah, Al Gentile.

April 13th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Handford Clews, and the invocation was given by Ward Donnelly. A total of 7 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson conducted introductions and, in the process, fined the president for trying to conduct the meeting without a prepared agenda.

The president informed the club the Leo club will be selling lumpia at a Lowell Food Festival on April 14th.

Treasurer Handford Clews reported Mahendra Dave is being dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues.

Unannounced visitors (they were on the president's schedule) was a delegation from the San Carlos Lions campaigning for Al Russell as vice-district governor for the year 2005-06. They were San Carlos Lions Ginger Silverman, Emil Torrez and the candidate himself. Al Russell distributed campaign literature, badges, and gave a short campaign speech asking for the club support. He brought the club up to speed on some district activities such as the forming of an East Palo Alto Lions Club. This new club has 20 signed up members and will be having an organizational meeting.

No Mystery Lion was present. Absent Ed Damonte missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

April 20th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and the invocation was given by Bre Martinez. A total of 8 members were in attendance. The president reported the lumpia the Leo Club served April 13th at the school's food fair lasted about 20 minutes. They earned \$80 on sales. He announced the S.F. Council would be meeting Wednesday, April 27th.



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Membership Chairman Aaron Straus reported an application for club membership has been submitted by Emily Powell, long-time president of the Balboa Alumni Association. Her sponsor is Joe Farrah.

Program

In connection with Student TECH CORPS California (TCCA), visiting the club were the following four people: Jan Half, TCCA Program Director, her husband Alan Hafter, who is the San Bruno Lions Club newsletter editor, Gregg Leadley, Luther Burbank Middle School language arts/technology teacher, and Tony DeLeon, Toastmasters District Governor, who was present to evaluate Jan Half's presentation so that it counts as a speech for her Toastmaster requirements. Tony is an Excelsior District resident so he was handed a club membership application form.

Jan Half and Greg Leadley presented a slide show and talked about challenges at Luther Burbank's technology department. A major challenge is that they have computers in the computer lab that aren't functioning because they need trouble-shooting by tech-savvy people. The school department just doesn't have nearly enough of these people or funds to go around. They are seeking volunteers who can both help keep these computers functioning and to tutor pupils in computer science. They are also in need of \$2,500 in funding, and asked this club to consider donating \$500 towards this need. For more information, call or e mail Jan Half at 650-758-0111, # 224 jhalf@techcorpca.org

Bill Graziano stated a Mystery Lion he appointed will eventually show up. Absent Bill Mayta missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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COMING EVENTS

4/20 Program meeting; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention; 4/28 District Student Speaker Contest; 5/4 Board meeting; 8/17 Golf Tournament

SHORTS

Sheriar Irani attended the Region 1 Student Speaker runoff on April 5th and submitted the following report on same: The event took place at Wallenberg High School and was conducted by Nikkei Lion Dan Yee, a teacher at George Washington High School. Regional Chairman Bill Stipinovich awarded the first prize check of \$125 to Ms. Leigh Roxas, a Mercy High School senior representing the Marina-North Beach Lions Club. Runnersup were Victoria Chasiva, a Mercy High junior representing the Nikkei Lions, and John Dizon from Riordan High School representing Geneva-Mission. Judging the competition were Rhufus Watkins of the S.F. Chronicle, Ms. Tara Walters, and Shawn Santos, son of Marina-North Beach Lion Eve Santos.

The District Student Speaker runoff will take place Thursday, April 28th, 7 P.M. at Jefferson Elementary School, 101 Lincoln Ave., Daly City.

Mary Fenech, Bob's mother, passed away April 5th at the age of 91. She was the wife of the late Sam Fenech. Mrs. Fenech was born in Illinois and raised in Butte, MT. She moved to San Francisco in 1935 where she met and married Sam. In addition to Bob, she is survived by her son George and brothers Dan and Tm Lane. The club extends its sympathy to Bob and the Fenech and Lane families.

Sheriar Irani urgently departed to Mumbai on April 15th.

Joe & Emily Farrah attended the one-year charter anniversary dinner of the San Mateo Lions Club at the Hilton Garden Inn, San Mateo on April 14th. Joe sponsored five of the charter members.