



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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May 4th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and the invocation was given by Bre Martinez. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson conducted introductions. Ward Donnelly and Dick Johnson hosted for wine.

The president displayed the perpetual trophy and Y & C A "Top Sales & Grand Trophy Award" the club was presented at the recent district convention. The president informed the club he had attended the Union City Lion Club's Luau and auction to benefit the Lions Blind Center, and circulated photos of same. President Bob further announced he will be representing the club at the upcoming May 20th S.F. Council Police & Firemen's Award Night. He will invite an outstanding policeman and fireman from the club's district to be honored at that event.

Committee Reports

Golf Chairman Bob Fenech reported the cost for golf and dinner at Sharp Park on August 17th will be \$135. Dinner choices will be prime rib, chicken breast or salmon.

Mystery Lion Bob Fenech finally identified himself. No victims. Absent Jake Ratinoff missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of April was 39%.

The board decided that beginning July 1st the club will drop the lunch meeting and have dinner meetings only on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Application for membership in the club by Emily Powell was unanimously accepted. Formal induction of the club's new members will take place at the July Installation of Officers.

Galdo Pavini was nominated to become a Trustee of the Lions Eye Foundation.

The board voted to grant TECH CORPS California \$2,500 (See April 20th meeting).

The board donated \$50 to the Lions Eye Foundation in the memory of Mary Fenech, mother of Bob Fenech.

May 11th Meeting

A total of six members were in attendance at this lunch meeting. The president was not in attendance and nobody present was delegated to conduct the meeting. No meeting agenda was made available.

May 18th Meeting

Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano.

President Bob Lawhon reported on the May 20th S.F. Council Peace Officers & Firefighters Awards Dinner. This club's recognition went to Sgt. John Haggertt of the Ingelside Precinct and Capt. Al Rizotto of Engine 34 on Moscow St. The club thanks Bob Fenech for his assistance with this event.

Bob further reported that Terry Farrah, daughter of Joe Farrah, enlisted the Leos to a work session assembling 50 prototype harness devices she and her partner invented. The Leos will be paid for this work.

Jan Half from the TECH Corp will have some Leos assist her with computer issues at the Beacon Center, and the Leos, with the assistance of the Friends of the Urban Forest, will plan to plant new trees at Lowell High School in the fall to replace those the school lost last year.

The Wednesday, June 8th lunch meeting will honor Giulio Francesconi. Giulio has a personal plaque on the Barbary Coast Trail across the street from Moose's Cafe at 1852 Stockton St. in North Beach. We will gather at 12 Noon at the plaque, say along with others a few memories about a true son of North Beach. Included will be San Francisco Associates, with whom Giulio was a financial planner, and Donna. We will then proceed to a restaurant in the area for lunch.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/10 Al Kleinbach; 4/17 Pat Pavini; 4/18 Galdo Pavini; 4/19 Marcy Stuhr; 4/20 Ted Wildenrad; 4/25 Bill Graziano, Bill Shea; 5/5 Ted & Vernelle Wildenrad

COMING EVENTS

5/11 Lunch meeting; 5/18 Program meeting; 5/20 S.F. Council Police & Fire Awards; 8/17 Golf Tournament

SHORTS

From this club, only Handford & Margo Clews attended the district convention in Sacramento beginning April 20th. This is the worst convention attendance in the club's history. Non-attendance by club members can be attributed to the fact the club didn't have a convention chairperson this year. It takes a chairperson to beat the convention drum, conduct convention meetings, and get the registration forms completed and submitted.

William G. Menary, a past-president of the Mission Lions Club, passed away in Walnut Creek on April 16th at the age of 84. He is survived by three children, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bill was past chairman Board of Governors Shriners Hospital for Children. According to veteran Mission Lion Steve Kish, Bill was Lion Club president in the early fifties. Bill and his father operated Menary's at Mission & Army Sts., a store dealing in auto parts and Schwinn Bicycles. After that closed, Bill had an auto parts store on Taraval St. Bill and Charlie Bottarini were Balboa High School classmates.

Still on the face of the Excelsior Branch Public Library is a small plaque reading "These Bicycle Racks Were Donated By The Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club 1976." The bicycle racks are no longer there.

S.F. Ocean-Ingelside Lions Club will be celebrating its 20th Charter Anniversary with a dinner-dance to be held June 12th at Patio Espanol. \$50 per