



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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June, 2005

June 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Al Gentile gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance.

Visiting was Christine Johnston, director of ENCORE (Excelsior Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization). Christine distributed a flyer announcing a June 18th forum to help shape the vision behind an upcoming promotional campaign to promote the Excelsior's commercial district. This forum will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Ocean Ave. Presbyterian Church, 32 Ocean Ave., Lower Level. For more information, call (415) 585-0110.

Mystery Lion was Bill Graziano, and absent Ernie Braun was selected in the Attendance Drawing. (Thanks to Bre Martinez for taking bulletin notes for this meeting.)

June 8th Meeting

A total of 13 people gathered at the recently installed Giulio Francesconi "Barbary Coast Trail" memorial plaque on Washington Square's sidewalk opposite Moose's Restaurant. The group shared memories of Giulio and christened the plaque with some wine. Donna Francesconi, who had knee surgery one week ago, was in attendance. Emerging from the Italian-American Athletic Club at this time was former state assemblyman and Marina Lion Charlie Meyers. Charlie was attending the annual Italian-Irish-Israeli lunch. Ten of the group then proceeded to the nearby Rose Pistola restaurant for a grand lunch.

President Bob announced that Diane Wallace will be the program speaker at the next meeting. Her topic will be Bayview Opera House on 3rd St. - - the oldest opera house in the west.

June 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and the invocation was given by Al Gentile. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Tail-Twister Bob Fenech conducted introductions.

The president reminded members that the club's annual installation of officers will take place July 30th at the Irish Cultural Center. He gave a report on the prior meeting at the Giulio Francesconi memorial plaque on the Barbary Coast Trail and circulated photos and a letter of gratitude from Donna Francesconi. Information on these plaques costing \$2,200 was also circulated. Donna pointed out Giulio would have turned age 77 on June 10th.

Committee Reports

Golf Chairman Bob Fenech reminded members that the club's tournament is set for August 17th at Sharp Park Golf Course in Pacifica. Entry fee is \$120. Dick Johnson inquired if this is going to be a Maltese tournament. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Several members committed to sponsorships on the spot.

Program

Bill Graziano introduced Diane Webb and Shelly Bell representing the Bayview Opera House on 3rd Street & Oakdale Ave. Diane Webb is the current executive director and Shelly Bell is a former director and a member of San Francisco's Planning Commission. They gave talks and presented a DVD show describing the cultural and educational activities that take place at the establishment. The building was constructed in 1888 by the Masons.

The annual final drawing of the Convention Raffle took place. It took six draws until the team of Handford Clews and Charles Bottarini found the elusive yellow golf ball. Their jackpot prize was \$160. Mystery Lion Bill Graziano had no victims. Absent George Salet missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/14 Jim & Marilyn Kerr; 5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Ed & Bobbi Damonte, Estelle Bottarini, Sophie Zagorewicz; 5/27 Rose Fraher; 6/1 Emily Farrrah, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi; 6/11 Bill & Calista Shea, Irene Tonelli, Margot Clews, Mike Castagnetto; 6/16 Kathryn Hammerstedt, Chas. & Marcy Stuhr



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COMING EVENTS

6/15 Program meeting; 7/30 Installation of officers; 8/17 Golf Tournament; 10/23 49er Night

SHORTS

The winner of the District Student Speaker contest is Jessie Sloan, a home-schooled sophomore from Half Moon Bay, representing the HMB Lions Club. Jessie went on to win the next level Area 2 speech contest and competed at Brea, California on June 4th in the final California-Nevada contest.

Following are the Cabinet Officers for the year beginning July 1st:

District Governor Eugene Chan, Vice-D.G. Al Russell, Secretary Emil Kantola, Treasurer Jayne Leon, Region 1 Chair Macy Mak Chan, Zone 3 Chair Jeanette Bolanos