



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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July 6th Meeting

This first meeting of the new administrative year was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Visiting was Galdo's friend, Russell Bertucelli from the San Rafael Lions Club. Russell is a CPA who graduated from Balboa High School, class of Spring '47.

President Bob made the following announcements: the club received a note of gratitude from ENCORE director Cristy Johnston; the Cabinet Installation of Officers will be held Sunday, July 31st at Empress of China, 838 Grant Ave., S.F., \$50 per person; the program speaker at the upcoming July 20th meeting will be Tamara Cooper representing "San Francisco Beautiful," the program speaker at the August 3rd meeting will be Bob Brenneman representing "Project Open Hand," the Nikkei Lions club will be hosting the July 27th monthly meeting of the S.F. Council of Lion Clubs.

Bob reminded members this club's Fifty-Fifth Annual Installation of Officers and induction of new members dinner is taking place at the Irish Cultural Center on Saturday, July 30th. District Governor Eugene Chan will officiate as installing officer. Price is \$35 per person. RSVP to Bob at (415) 566-3972 on this as he needs a head count and menu selections.

Galdo Pavini brought in a large sack of used eyeglasses collected from the vision department at Sears in Hillsdale.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported he will have flyers for the 2006 Entertainment Books at the next meeting. Cost of same will be \$25. Aaron also reported the "My Fair Lady Pageant" will be held Tuesday, August 16th at the San Mateo Fairgrounds.

Lyle Workman distributed information printouts of participants in the club's football pool. You are urged to notify your contacts and obtain \$100 checks from them.

Dick Johnson reported the first mail of this year's Charity Raffle will soon go out.

Bob Fenech distributed flyers and sign-up sheets for the club's upcoming 9th Annual "Charity Golf Tournament" taking place Wednesday, August 17th at Sharp Park Golf Course. Cost is \$125 per player including green fees, cart, tee prizes and dinner. Cost for dinner only is \$40. A minimum of 32 golfers is required. To reserve your space, contact Bob at (415) 467-6977. Hole sponsorships are also needed. An exclusive sponsorship is \$150 and a shared sponsorship is \$50.

Program

President of EDIA (Excelsior District Improvement Association) Lionel Brazil told of the community need of cash contributions to send youths aged 4 to 17 from the Excelsior Youth Center to summer camp at Mendocino County.

The member Bill Graziano appointed as Mystery Lion was absent. Absent Ron Seward missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Action

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported member attendance for the 2004-05 year was 40% and attendance for the month of June was 36%.

President Bob stated he will soon set up a club Budget Committee meeting to take place at Joe's of Westlake.

The Board voted to award grants in the amounts of \$500 to the Excelsior Youth Center for camperships and \$250 to the Bayview Opera House.

July 20th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and the invocation was given by Bob Fenech. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Former member Steve Currier was a visitor. President Bob stated he will be filling all club committee chairmanships and that Ward Donnelly has accepted the convention committee chair. The president reminded members of the upcoming July 30th Installation of Officers Dinner and asked them to respond. He also announced the following events:

A speaker from "Open Hand" at the August 3rd meeting; Ingelside Precinct Captain Paul Chignell to speak at the Lakeside Cafe on Sept. 21st; Excelsior Festival on October 9th; 49er Night at the Cliff House on October 19th.



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Golf Chairman Bob Fenech informed the members that first tee time at the August 17th golf tournament will be 11 A.M.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman reported there is a waiting list for available squares.

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported the drawing date will be either the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving or the Sunday following. He circulated to members printout sheets of their past ticket purchasers. Dick emphasized that the ticket sale project will be a challenge this year in view of the loss of productive people. 275 tickets were sold/purchased in 2003 but only 251 were sold/purchased in 2004.

Program

President Bob introduced Tamar Cooper, program director of San Francisco Beautiful. S.F. Beautiful, founded in 1947 by Friedel Klussmann, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating, enhancing and protecting the unique beauty and livability of San Francisco. Ms. Cooper circulated copies of their Summer 2005 edition of *The Cable* newsletter. Articles in *The Cable* discuss development at the site of the Old Emporium, Rincon Hill, and the Mid-Market Plan covering Market St. between 5th and 10th. Ms Cooper was enthusiastic about the "Green Schoolyard Alliance," a program for replacing some of the asphalt on schoolgrounds with greenery.

No Mystery Lion was present. Absent Gerry Lowe missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing.

July 30th Installation

The club's 55th annual Installation of Officers Banquet was held at the Irish Cultural Center. A total of 27 Lions, spouses and guests were in attendance.

Aaron Straus was Master of Ceremonies. District Governor Eugene Chan installed this year's officers and inducted Emily Powell as a new Lion. Lyle Workman was recognized as the club's Lion Of The Year. Zenaida Lawhon decorated the tables with Get Mee plants and presented everybody with gift-wrapped perfume bottles.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri; 7/9 Robert Lawhon; 7/18 Bobbi Damonte; 7/23 Bill
Cazatt; 7/28 Calista Shea

COMING EVENTS

7/13 No meeting (lunch meetings have been given up); 7/20 Program meeting; 7/27 S.F. Council meeting; 7/30
Installation of officers; 7/31 Cabinet Installation; 8/17 Golf Tournament; 10/23 49er Night

SHORTS

Handford & Margo Clews are in Italy.

Bill Graziano will be in Sweetwater, TX July 14th to August 1st.