



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## October 8th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Ward Donnelly. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Al Fregosi turned in a bag of used eyeglasses.

Secretary Bre Martinez read correspondence from the National Association For The Visually Handicapped and an announcement of the Foster City Lions Club December 3rd abalone dinner benefitting the Lions Eye Foundation.

President Bob gave a report on the recent S.F. Council of Lion Clubs meeting he attended and on the activities of the Lowell High School Leo Club. He reminded members that the Excelsior Festival is taking place this Sunday, October 9th. Arrangements were made to pick up and set-up the club's tent at the festival and members were scheduled to staff the club's festival booth.

President Bob further reminded members that the club's 49er Night will be taking place Wednesday, October 19th at the Cliff House. Two "Gold Rush" girls will be there and a representative from the 49er organization. The 6:30 P.M. dinner cost is \$40. Notify Bob as soon as possible if you will be attending and your menu choice of chicken or fish. Ladies and guests are welcome. Bob's phone number is 415-566-3972.

President Bob stated he wants to arrange a visit to the So. S.F. Lions Club, which has a lunch meeting every first and third Tuesday at the Basque Cultural Center.

## Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported 151 raffle tickets have been sold/purchased to date. This is short of the number sold/purchased at this date in earlier years so the club's work is cut out. Every member must make an effort to sell at least two additional tickets if the club's goal is to be reached. The date of the Drawing/Dinner is Sunday, November 29th. The "Early Bird" drawing was won by ticket # 245 held by Dean Hudson, 474 Alhambra Drive, So. San Francisco. He has been purchasing his ticket through Gino Benetti since 2000. His Early Bird prize is a free additional raffle ticket.

Aaron Straus reported three schools to date are participating in the Peace Poster competition. The Student Speaker Contest participation form and information were turned over to him by the club's president. There was a question as to whether or not the club is required to pay a fee to participate in Student Speaker. Aaron also reported 14 Entertainment Books have been sold to date. He reminded members that the club's annual Thanksgiving Lunch will be served at the Mission Educational Center on November 22nd.

Ward Donnelly conducted the Convention Raffle. Dick Johnson drew a ticket held by Handford Clews. Handford missed out on \$150 by coming up with only a pure white Max Flite golf ball. Absent Chuck Ayala missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. The Mystery Lion remains a mystery.

## Board of Directors

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of September was 49%.

Treasurer Handford Clews reported three members are delinquent in paying their semi-annual dues covering July 1st through December 31st.

## October 9th Excelsior Festival

The Third Annual Excelsior Festival was held at the Persia/Mission/Ocean triangle. The club again shared a booth with the Balboa Alumni Association. The stuffed lion attracted attention. Passersby picked up "Who Are the Lions?" pamphlets. Members who set up the tent and staffed the booth were Bob Lawhon, Aaron Straus, Joe Farrah, Bre Martinez, George Salet and Emily Powell.

## October 19th 49er Night

A total of 31 people were at the Cliff House for this popular dinner/meeting. The meeting was called to order by



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President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Larry Wong, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. Among the visitors and guests were District Governor Eugene Chan, Past District Governor Larry Wong, Region 2 Chairperson Helen Olson from the So. S.F. Lions Club, Sandy Collins, President of the Sunset Lions Club and Russell Bertucelli from the San Rafael Lions Club. Larry Wong's daughter, Kim Wong Keltner, has written two books entitled *The Dim Sung Of All Things* and *Buddha Baby*. The earlier book tells of her early upbringing in a Chinese household and community and the latter book is fiction. Information is on line at [www.AuthorTracker.com/KimWongKeltner](http://www.AuthorTracker.com/KimWongKeltner)

District Governor Eugene Chan announced and distributed circulars regarding Lions Club Day at the San Francisco 49ers taking place Sunday, December 4th at Monster Park when the 49ers meet the Arizona Cardinals. Tickets at great upper reserve end-zone seats cost only \$40. There will also be an exclusive 4-C4 raffle of 49er items, clothing and collectibles. To purchase tickets, contact Cabinet Secretary Emil Kantola at (650) 892-0685. In conjunction with 49er Day, there will be a special pre-game tailgate party, 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. between the Watch Tower and Gate E. All you can eat for \$4.90 . . . hot dogs, burgers, chips, nachos, beers, sodas, sweetcakes . . . but no turnovers. RSVP Emil Kantola.

Governor Chan called Bill Graziano up to the podium to present Bill with a framed certificate for sponsoring a new Lion. This certificate was signed by a Past International President.

Two costumed 49er "Gold Rush" girls were introduced and asked to talk about their careers and the process of being selected. Later they posed for photographs with Lions, ladies and guests. They also had for sale Gold Rush girl calendars.

Convention Chairman Ward Donnelly assisted by Charles Bottarini conducted a raffle of 49er T-shirts and autographed 49er items.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

9/23 Ernie Lowe; 9/26 Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto; 9/28 Terence Lee; 10/1 George & Kathy Salet; 10/10 Donna Francesconi; 10/23 Handford Clews

## **COMING EVENTS**

10/9 Excelsior Festival; 10/19 49er Night at Cliff House; 11/2 Board Meeting; 11/22 Thanksgiving Lunch at M.E.C.; 11/27 Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner

## **SHORTS**

Aaron Straus's half-sister passed away in Los Angeles the week of September 18th. The club extends its sympathy to Aaron and his family.

An E-mail from Ron Seward informs us he was in Canada for six months but without a computer. He is now back in New York, where he is undergoing three months of radiation to treat prostate cancer. He sends his best wishes to all of the club members. [LRS72@aol.com](mailto:LRS72@aol.com)

Irene Tonelli is back home after being hospitalized for five days.