



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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November 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Photos of 49er Night and the Leo club were circulated.

Committee Reports

Under Aaron Straus' chairmanship, 40 letters went out to schools regarding this year's Peace Poster contest. The subject was "Peace Without Borders." Judging took place between the only two submitted posters. The winner of a \$50 award was Anna Lisa Guillermo from Mission Dolores School. A \$25 winner was from Roof Top School.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported 198 tickets have been sold to date.

Al Gentile is going to try to arrange for the club's Christmas Dinner to take place at Sharp Park Golf Course December 7th.

Programs

Denise Burpee, Director of Development for Habitat For Humanity was introduced by Bre Martinez. Denise described the mission which is to build housing at affordable no-interest loans for low-income families. To date they have built 200,000 houses in over 100 countries. They began building in S.F. in 1992, where they have built 26 houses costing about \$250,000 each.

Angelique Mahan, vice-president of the Excelsior Improvement Association, informed the club about the history of this organization and some of the issues with which it is presently dealing.

November 22nd Thanksgiving Lunch

The club put on its annual first Thanksgiving lunch to the Spanish speaking students of Mission Education Center. The members who served lunch to the 180 kindergarten to 5th graders were Aaron Straus, Bob Lawhon, Al Gentile, Sheriar Irani, Joe Farrah, Lyle Workman and Bre Martinez. Chairperson Aaron did his usual outstanding job making the arrangements and ordering the food from Boston Market. After putting on a singing program of songs such as "Hello, Mr. Turkey," and "This Land Is Your Land," the children feasted on turkey, dressing and gravy, sweet potatoe, cranberry sauce, milk, apple, carrots and pumpkin pie.

November 27th Drawing/Dinner

The club's 27th Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle Dinner/Drawing took place at the I.A.S.C. 90 people were in attendance for the champagne and spaghetti & meat balls dinner. Twelve tickets were purchased at the event to make a total of 240 tickets purchased. Accordionist John Fiore entertained. Winners were as follows:

- #1 John Sambucetti (Clews) #263 \$12,500
- #2 Ken & Cathy Madden (Bottarini) #141 \$1,000
- #3 Al Flynn (Johnson) #91 \$500
- #4 Bud & Connie Cappa (Farrah) #90 \$250
- #5 Una Essaff (Farrah) #162 \$100
- #6 Fred Flecklin (Castagnetto) #121 \$100
- #7 Bob Fahey (Shea) # 176 \$100
- #8 John Boosten (Workman) #26 \$100
- #9 Calista Shea (Shea) #177 \$100
- #10 John Boosten (Workman) \$100

As he did last year, John Boosten generously donated his winnings back to the GM Club. Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Bob Lawhon are to be congratulated for conducting a successful project.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Lyle & Linda Workman; 11/6 Linda Workman; 11/10 Marylin Kerr; 11/11 Lyle Workman; 11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi

COMING EVENTS

11/16 Program meeting; 11/17 Presentation at Luther Burbank; 11/22 Thanksgiving Lunch at M.E.C.; 11/27 Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner; 12/4 4-C4 at 49ers

SHORTS

Dorothy Engstrom, Linda Workman's mother, passed away October 9th at the age of 78. Dorothy waitressed for over 30 years at Jim's Coffee Shop at Mission St. & Excelsior. She is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. The club extends its sympathy to Linda and her family.

Al Gentile donated a fishing boat to the Lions Eye Foundation. The Foundation realized \$400 from the gift.

Irene Tonelli, widow of PDG Bill Tonelli, to whom she was married for 63 years, passed away in Burlingame October 20th at the age of 86. Irene was a native of San Francisco and a graduate of Balboa High School. Irene was affectionately known as "Mother Superior" at conventions and group trips. She was former president of the Epiphany Mother's Club, CYO and San Francisco Auxiliary to the California Pharmacist Association. Irene is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

Ernie Lowe passed away October 23rd. Ernie was a native of Pittsburg, Texas, a U.S. Navy veteran, and a well-known S.F. building contractor. He came to Geneva-Mission from the Mission Lions Club, where he had served as president. He was also a past zone chairman, past-president of the S.F. Council of Lion Clubs, chairman of Beep Baseball and a member of S.F. Black Chamber of Commerce. Ernie is survived by his wife Charlene, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.