



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## December 7th Holiday Party

A total of 24 members, ladies and guests gathered at the Sharp Park Restaurant for the club's annual holiday dinner-meeting. Emily Powell led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. President Bob made the following announcements: members are asked to meet at the basement of Charles Bottarini, 700 Moscow St. at 5 P.M., Thursday, December 15th to assemble Christmas packages for Mission Educational Center. Members are asked to be at Mission Educational Center on Friday, December 16th, 9:30 - 12:30 to help Santa distribute the aforementioned Christmas packages. The next club meeting will be held at the Italian-American Social Club on Russia Ave. December 21st.

Handford Clews led the group in fractured singing of Twelve Days of Christmas. The club is grateful to Zenaida Lawhon for gifts and table decorations and to Al Gentile for handling The dinner reservations.

## December 15th

A videotape of the short presentation ceremony at nearby Luther Burbank Middle School was made. Representing this club were President Robert Lawhon and Treasurer Handford Clews. The club banner was prominently displayed and a blown up replica of the grant check was posted on a bulletin board. This \$2,500 grant was to help keep the technology department's computers, printers and routers in working order. Jan Half, Director of Student Tech Corp in Northern Calif, and 8th grade students took turns at the podium thanking this club for its generosity. In an interview preceding the ceremony, President Bob was asked to describe the club's mission, which he did.

A work party gathered at the Bottarini Moscow St. basement to assemble the Christmas gift bags to be distributed to the students at Mission Educational Center the following day. Making up the party were Lions Bottarini, Straus, Farrah, Lawhon, Graziano, Donnelly, Salet and Fenech. The club spent about \$900 to purchase apples, oranges, stuffed toys, games, pencils, rulers, and tablets to put in the gift bags. Aaron Straus did a lot of running around to purchase these items and deliver them to the assembly site. Charlie Bottarini hosted the workers to snacks and refreshments at his bar and club room when the job was completed.

On December 16th, Aaron Straus, his sister-in-law, Dick Johnson and Charlie Bottarini delivered the gift bags to 186 students at Mission Educational Center and assisted Santa Claus in distributing same. A large stuffed Lion was raffled off and won by a 4th grade girl. Santa Claus was Pete Gallegos of BayDirect Realty. He was recruited through Roberto Hernandez, the producer of Carnival and Cinco de Mayo.

## December 21st Meeting

The last meeting of the calendar year took place at the Italian-American Social Club. The meeting was changed to this location by President Bob Lawhon as a result of a row between him and the Granada Cafe over the fact this club was "bumped" out of The Granada's meeting room for the meeting of November 16th without prior notice. The upcoming January 4th meeting will also be held at the I.A.S.C. The issue of the club's permanent meeting location will be taken up at the next board meeting.

George Salet led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Handford Clews gave the invocation. A total of ten members were in attendance. Present was a guest of Aaron Straus, Steve Cornell, owner of Brownie's Hardware on Polk St. at Sacramento. This store has been doing business in San Francisco for almost 100 years. Also in attendance was John A. (Tony) Lazcano, Landscape Supervisor for the San Francisco Unified School District. Tony is seeking some fund assistance for tree planting at Lowell High School. His e mail address is [lazcanoj@sfusd.edu](mailto:lazcanoj@sfusd.edu)



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President Bob circulated photos taken at the club's Christmas party and at the Luther Burbank presentation. He also circulated "thank you" notes from the students at Mission Educational Center for the Thanksgiving lunch.

## **Committee Reports**

Aaron Straus distributed Entertainment Books to purchasers. He and Paul Corvi announced that the club's Student Speaker Contest will be held February 15th.

George Salet reported the Crab Feed is set for February 25th. The cost this year will be \$50 per person.

Bill Graziano was given the task of getting the Mystery Lion back on track. If Sheriar Irani wasn't in India, he could have won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

12/7 Victoria Spiteri, Sheriar & Manijeh Irani; 12/26 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer; 1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri; 1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly; 1/20 Ted Wildenrad

## **COMING EVENTS**

12/15 Meet at Bottarini house; 12/16 Christmas at Mission Educational Center, 9:30 - 12:30; 12/21 Program Meeting at I.A.S.C.; 1/4 Board Meeting; 1/4 Board Meeting at I.A.S.C.; 1/18 Program Meeting; 2/15 Student Speaker Contest; 2/25 Crab Feed

## **SHORTS**

Past President Kenneth Edwards passed away November 6th at the age of 92. Kenneth joined the club in 1957 having been sponsored by Joe Kearn, and he served as president 1962 - 63. At that time he was a partner in the Cleveland Laundry at 921 Brazil Ave. He continued spending his career in the commercial laundry and linen supply business owning Dryrite Laundry and Linen Service. He became president of the S.F. Executives Association, and is a past president of the S.F. Optimists Club. He was a member of the Green Hills Country Club and member of the Masonic Lodge # 462, Paul Revere. Kenneth is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

The club will be making a formal presentation of a grant check to Luther Burbank Middle School Thursday, December 15th between 10 and 10:15 A.M. The school is located at 325 La Grande Ave. (at Persia). Let President Bob know if you can be in attendance. Meet at the front office. On this occasion, some members of the Student Tech Corps will talk about what they are learning. There is a need for volunteer Lions to work with these students from 1 to 1:45 P.M. on Thursdays or Fridays. Contact Jan Half, TECH CORPS CA Program Director at 650-345-6338 or [jhalf@techcorpca.org](mailto:jhalf@techcorpca.org)

Y & C A tickets have been mailed to all club members. You are asked to sell or purchase at least four books and return the stubs and receipts to Aaron Straus in the self-addressed envelope that came with the tickets. It is easy to set this package aside without taking action. Don't let this happen to you.