



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## January 4th Meeting

The first meeting of the new calendar year was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bill Graziano, and Aaron Straus gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Wine was hosted by Bre Martinez. Bob Fenech conducted introductions and collected fines.

President Bob circulated photos of recent events such as the club Christmas Party and check presentation at Luther Burbank. He announced that the Foster City Lions will be visiting at the next meeting and that the Ocean-Ingelside Club has nominated Maxine Frazier as a candidate for vice-district governor. He further announced that the meetings of January 18th, February 1st and February 15th will be held at the Italian-American Social Club.

Treasurer Handford Clews distributed semi-annual dues notices. Promptly get your \$48 checks to the Treasurer. Handford reported member Bill Currier hasn't responded to past-due dues notices. The board voted to drop Bill Currier from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues.

Aaron Straus reported Mercy High School will be participating in the February 15th Student Speaker Contest. Aaron reminded the club that February 17th is Flag Day and that at least four members will be needed at Mission Educational Center between 9:30 and 11:30 for this occasion.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet brought up the topic of raffle prizes at the Feed. The idea of gift baskets of wine, cheese, salami, crackers, etc. as prizes instead of individual bottles of liquor is being entertained. Also, security at the closed bar while dinner is being served is going to be addressed.

There was discussion and opinions given on the topic of whether the Granada Cafe or the I.A.S.C. should be the future main meeting location of the club. This is such an important issue that a decision was made the entire membership should have an opportunity to vote on the matter. A notice will be mailed to all members informing them a club-wide vote will be taken on the matter at the February 1st meeting so a member must be in attendance at that meeting if he or she want to be counted.

Bill Graziano paid a fine for not appointing a Mystery Lion. Bob Fenech won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## January 18th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon, who also hosted for wine. Joe Farrah led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. Lyle Workman conducted introductions. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Visiting from the Foster City Lions Club were club president Carolyn Cox and Janis Kiesel. They gave updates on their club activities such as the blood drive, crab feed, abalone feed and Christmas tree sales.

## Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported he has the flags for the upcoming Feb. 17th Flag Day. Aaron also reported that Mercy High School has dropped out of participating in the Student Speaker contest due to a conflict.

Checks for Y & C A raffle tickets have been received from 14 members, which leaves responses from the club's other 22 members still due. Give this matter your attention.

In attendance were husband and wife Jan Half and Alan Haftner. Alan is a member of the San Bruno Lions Club and is this year's district student speaker chairman. Jan is director of TECH CORPS California. The club first met this couple at the April 20th meeting, when they were part of a delegation making an appeal for financial and other assistance at the technology department of Luther Burbank Middle School. A video tape was played showing the formal presentation of a grant check by this club in response to the appeal. Ms. Half again thanked the club for its generosity and added that members can further help by volunteering at Luther Burbank for one or two hours a week. She distributed literature describing what the volunteering would entail and asked for a raise of hands of interested members. She was successful in her recruiting. For more information, she may be contacted at 650-345-6338 or [jhalf@techcorpsca.org](mailto:jhalf@techcorpsca.org)

There was \$150 in the Convention Raffle. The winning ticket was held by Janis Kiesel but she came up with only a \$1 winning white golf ball. Absent Ben Spiteri missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion George Salet had no victims.



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## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

1/27 Larry Farrell; 2/2 Jim Kerr

## **COMING EVENTS**

1/18 Program Meeting; 2/1 Board Meeting; 2/15 Student Speaker Contest; 2/17 Flag Day; 2/25 Crab Feed

## **SHORTS**

Past-President Alfred Kleinbach passed away in Auburn, CA December 31st. Al was a charter member of the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club and served as its president 1954 - 55. He was a very active Lion serving in many capacities. This club nominated him as a candidate for district governor for the year 1971-72. Al was also a member of the Auburn Host Club, where he was recently awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship for ". . . dedicated humanitarian services." Alfred was born April 10, 1915 in Metolius, Oregon. His father was a Methodist minister whose vocation took the family to many locations in Oregon and Washington. Alfred's school years were spent in Ritzville and Walla Walla, WA. After finishing high school in Walla Walla he went to work for the Walla Walla Union as an assistant pressman. When he and one of his brothers were released from the paper for their unionizing activities they made their way to Yakima, WA where they found work in a local bakery. Alfred returned to Walla Walla as a baker and it was through that profession that he met his wife to be; Harriett Murphy. In 1939, Alfred moved to San Francisco where he found employment as a baker at Gretchen's Bakery. He and Harriett married in 1941 and resided in a small apartment over the bakery. In 1942, Alfred was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps and stationed until his discharge at Hickam Field, Honolulu. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was chief Mess-Sergeant for a company mess hall. Discharged in 1945, Alfred returned to his wife and first child and resumed working at Gretchen's Bakery. He and Harriett purchased the bakery in the late 40s; changing the name to Hilda's Pastries. While struggling initially, they eventually created a thriving business that is still remembered fondly by many in San Francisco. In 1977, Alfred and Harriett relocated the business to Auburn.

Alfred was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Harriett, in 2002. He leaves behind his three brothers, four loving sons, their wives, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

On December 30th at Artichoke Joe's Casino in San Bruno, Handford Clews made a Royal Flush while playing \$3 - \$6 Texas hold 'em poker. He was awarded a \$1,200 jackpot prize for this feat.