



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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Student Speaker Contest

Aaron Straus conducted the 69th Annual Student Speaker Contest. The only student participating was Dawn van Hasselt, a junior from George Washington High School. This year's topic is "Internet - - Hero Or Villan?" Dawn was presented a \$50 award and will advance to the zone level competition taking place March 8th, 6:30 P.M. at the Food Pantry, 38 Bepler St., Daly City. Judging the contest were the following: Marilyn Brown, a retired school teacher, Monica Bogart, past area governor for Toastmasters International, and Grant Edelstone, an administrator for St. Paul's Towers, a health care facility.

February 17th Flag Day

Aaron Straus and Bob Lawhon put on the annual Flag Day Program at Mission Educational Center for 211 students. This is the most amount of students at the school since 1980.

February 25th Crab Feed

The club's 24th Annual Crab Feed took place at the Janet Pomeroy Center For The Handicapped at the same Herbst Road location. The following Lions were there early in the day to unload food, supplies and equipment: Corvi, Workman, Salet, Castagnetto. Straus, Gentile, Bottarini, Lawhon, Johnson, Donnelly, Clews, Fenech, Graziano and Farrah. Then they spun off to either set up the bar, dining room or the kitchen. Three Leo Club members were also there to help set up the dining room. Royal Baking Co. delivered the freshly baked French rolls just four minutes prior to their noon deadline time so the kitchen crew was able to layout the cold cuts for the customary lunch break.

The club salutes Chairman George Salet, Mike Castagnetto and his kitchen crew, bar-keepers Charles Bottarini and Al Gentile, ticket-master Handford Clews, sign-maker Lyle Workman, raffle person Ward Donnelly and his ticket sellers, the ladies who prepared hors d' ouvres and Zenaida Lawhon for making up the raffle prize baskets.

March 1st Meeting

This meeting back at the Granada Cafe was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and Bob Fenech gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. President Bob reported he attended the recent S.F. Council meeting hosted by the Ocean-Ingelside Lions. He announced the Hispanic Lions Club will be visiting at the upcoming meeting.

Committe Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet distributed printouts of a computer-prepared balance sheet showing Crab Feed results going back to 2001. 470 people were at last week's feed producing a record \$10,446.25 net profit.

Convention Chairman Ward Donnelly distributed registration forms for this year's district convention taking place at the Red Lion Hotel, Sacramento May 3 - 7. These forms must be submitted by April 1st.

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano reported a total of 1,600 books of raffle tickets are out and 9 club members still have not turned in their stubs and receipts.

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus reported the club sold/purchased a total of 45 books.

Mystery Lion Mike Castagnetto had no victims. Ward Donnelly missed out on \$250 in the Convention Raffle by coming up with a white golf ball. Absent Paul Corvi missed out on \$7 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

The board agreed to have a combined Past-Presidents lunch and Nomination of Officers meeting at the Lakeside Cafe, 2529 Ocean Ave., Wednesday, March 8th. As is customary, all of the past presidents there will be hosted for lunch.

March 7th Visitation

The club made an official visitation to the So. S.F. Lions Club at their lunch meeting at the Basque Cultural Center.



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The delegation of six were Chas. Bottarini, Handford Clews, Wm. Graziano, Robt. Lawhon, Aaron Straus and Joe Farrah. Margot Clews and her friend Laverne Cheso also visited. Candidate for vice-district governor Maxine Frazier was there on a campaign visit. They circulated copies of their newsletter *The Eyes of the Lion*, which reports they are an active club. Helen Olson was awarded a Fellowship in the Student Speaker Foundation. Their member Sandee Ige has visited 37 clubs in the district and needs only another visitation to complete her 2nd Long Tail Award. On March 19th, they will be honoring S. San Francisco Police and Firefighters. They have an "Invite A Guest Dinner" scheduled for April 8th and a Blood Drive on March 28th.

March 8th Past-Presidents Lunch

A combined Past-Presidents Lunch and nomination of officers meeting took place at the Lakeside Cafe. A total of 11 past presidents were in attendance. The following Lions were nominated to be elected to the respective offices for the year 2006 - 07: President - Bob Fenech, 1st V.P. - Bre Martinez, 2nd V.P. - George Salet, Secretary - Ward Donnelly, Treasurer - Handford Clews, Lion Tamer - Mike Castagnetto, Tail-Twisters - Chas. Bottarini, Al Gentile, Membership Chairperson - Aaron Straus, 2-year Board of Directors - Lyle Workman, Emily Powell, Joe Farrah, 1-year Board of Directors - Chas. Bottarini, Bill Graziano, Galdo Pavini. Congratulations to the nominees.

March 15th Meeting

This meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson. Tail-twister Lyle Workman fined George Salet 25 cents for not wearing a pin or badge.

Five members of the Hispanic Lions Club were in attendance on an official visit. So. San Francisco Lion Sandee Ige completed her Long Tail requirement by also visiting. Ocean-Ingelside Lion Maxine Frasier made a campaign visit. She is a candidate for district vice-governor for 2006 - 07.

Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Ward Donnelly urged all members to get their registration forms in to him by March 29th. He announced he is going to have shirts for the convention. The golf tournament taking place at Hagan Oaks will cost \$65. Contact Dick Johnson if you are interested in participating.

Bill Graziano reported 1,473 books of Y & C A raffle tickets were sold/purchased through this club.

Program

Erica Rendon and Angela Louie gave a presentation on the Family Resource Center in the Excelsior District.

Lion Mendoza of the Hispanic Lions Club won all three drawings of the Convention Raffle only to receive \$5 in prize money. Absent Al Gentile missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Drawing. Aaron Straus is going to be fined \$5 for not appointing a Mystery Lion.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/19 Doroth Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte; 3/1 Emily Powell; 3/22 Paul Corvi

COMING EVENTS

3/7 visit So. S.F. Lions Club; 3/8 Past-Presidents Lunch, Zone Student Speakers; 3/15 Program meeting; 4/5 Board Meeting; 4/19 Program Meeting; 5/3 - 5/7 District Convention



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SHORTS

Former member Gene Balma passed away February 12th at the age of 90. Gene was a 1951 Charter Member of the club, and dropped out in 1963. Gene was a member of the first graduating class of Balboa High School and a founding member of the Italian-American Social Club. For over 30 years, he owned Gene's Tavern on Mission St., famous for its roast beef sandwiches. He is survived by six children and nine grandchildren.

1951 Charter Member and Past President Walter Jebe passed away February 25th. Walter was club president during the term 1966 - 67. He dropped out of the club Feb. 1, 1975. He owned Jebe's Photo Shop on Mission St. from 1946 to 1985 and authored *San Francisco's Excelsior District*. Walter was Chairman of the Library Commission during the Dianne Feinstein administration. He is a graduate of Balboa High School and a WW II Army veteran. Walter is survived by his wife, Vivian (Ferrera), a son and a daughter, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

Does anybody know the whereabouts of the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club original charter from 1951?

A Walter Jebe memorial service will be held at 4 P.M., Friday, March 31st at the Italian-American Social Club.

The S.F. Council of Lion Clubs held its Annual Police & Firefighters Awards night at the Crown Plaza Hotel on February 25th. Among the honorees was Ingelside Officer Chad Campos. He was recognized for his undercover work during investigations and arrests.

A used eyeglass collection day took place at Serra Bowl in Daly City on Sunday, March 19th. Castro Lions Club with P.D.G Michelle Jester supervising did the counting. Geneva-Mission turned in 88 pounds.

Congratulations to Bre Martinez and John on their recently announced engagement.