



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## October 4th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Marion Fecchi hosted for wine in celebration of her football pool win the prior Sunday. President Bob announced the San Mateo Metro Club will be holding a Charter Night Oct. 29th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. He also announced the meeting of November 15th will be held at the I.A.S.C. He further announced the district's 2nd Cabinet Meeting will take place Saturday, Nov. 18th at Mission Blue Conference Center, 475 Mission Blue Drive, Brisbane. This is the first time in many years the 2nd cabinet meeting was not held out of town.

President Bob belatedly presented to Immediate Past President Bob Lawhon his past-president plaque. Lawhon's name plates for two years were affixed to the club's past president board.

## Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported he had money in hand for the sale/purchase of 153 raffle tickets. He invited waitress Leila to select the winner of the Early Bird drawing. Lo and behold, the winner was Leila's mother, Mary Ann Rousel.

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah reported a visit was scheduled at the San Bruno Lions for Oct. 17th before Joe became aware that was the club's 49er Night. Joe will shoot for a visit to the San Bruno Lions on Tuesday, November 7th.

Aaron Straus announced the dates for Thanksgiving lunch and Christmas party at Mission Educational Center have been respectively set for Friday, November 17th and Friday, December 15th. Flag Day there will be Friday, February 16th. He reported letters went out to forty middle schools informing them of the Peace Poster contest.

Emily Powell reported she faxed to MD-4 the club's commitment to participate in this year's Student Speaker Contest. The topic will be global warming.

Bob Lawhon reminded members the Excelsior Festival was taking place the following Sunday and 49er Night at the Cliff House on Tuesday, Oct. 17th. Members are to contact Lawhon to give him their menu selection.

Mystery Lion Bill Graziano named Charley Bottarini, Dick Johnson and Mike Castagnetto as victims. Absent Jacob Ratinoff missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Al Gentile held the winning ticket in the Convention Drawing. He reached for a \$50-winning golf ball but came up with only a \$2 Titelist.

## Board Meeting

Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of September was 37%.

The Board voted in favor of the following grants: \$100 to City of Hope for Diabetes; \$200 to Centro Latino; Canine Companions (match last year); \$100 to Living Library; \$100 Balboa Christmas Toy Drive to help purchase little bears for grateful children.

## October 8th Excelsior Festival

The sun was shining on this third annual event. The following Lions were at the site at 10 A.M. to set up the club's space cover: George Salet, Bob Lawhon, Joe Farrah, Emily Powell and Aaron Straus. The club banner and the stuffed Lion were displayed. "Who Are the Lions?" pamphlets, an eyeglass collection box and for sale Entertainment Books were set up. The Blue Angels, who were in town for Fleet Week, flew overhead.

## October 17th 49er Night

The club's annual 49er Night took place at the Cliff House. A total of 48 people were in attendance including 9 members, Zone Chairman Roberto Ramos and his wife Sandra, and various personal guests. Two costumed 49er Gold Rush Cheerleaders were Amy from Jackson CA, whose Lions Club gave her a scholarship for college and Krissie, whose grandfather in Japan was a Lion.

Dick Johnson plugged the Charity Raffle tickets. Brandon Moreno from the 49ers announced that at the November 5th 49er game Bill Graziano's uncle John Graziano, who has been a season ticket holder for 60 years, will be recognized



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on the field with the 49er alumni. John was the proprietor of the Brentwood Lodge Restaurant in So. San Francisco. Bill and his father constructed the restaurant.

After an audio/video history of Joe Starkey's sports history - - Seals, Sharks, Invaders, Cal football and the 49ers - - put together by Sean Lawhon, Joe gave the assemblage a history of sports in the Bay Area in a very candid manner. His commentary about sports and his travels was appreciated by everyone. A nice evening of friends, libations, food and football.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

10/23 Handford Clews; 11/1 Lyle & Linda Workman; 11/6 Linda workman; 11/10 Marilyn Kerr; 11/11 Lyle Workman; 11/20 Kathy Salet

## **COMING EVENTS**

11/1 Board meeting; 11/7 Visit San Bruno Lions; 11/15 Program Meeting at I.A.S.C.; 11/17 Thanksgiving lunch at Mission Ed; 11/18 2nd Cabinet Meeting; 11/26 Charity Raffle drawing

## **SHORTS**

Did you know that George Salet was a Brink's armored car driver prior to becoming a plumber?

Emily Powell informs the club that the Balboa JROTC and Student Association are planning to put together food baskets for needy Balboa families to be distributed discreetly. They need the type of canned goods that would go with a Thanksgiving dinner--canned cranberry sauce, gravy, yams/sweet potatoes, gift certificates for hams or turkeys. Consider bringing some of these to the November 1 meeting.

Handford Clews is hobbling about with one shoe cut open in the front. It isn't gout. He had a little foot surgery.