



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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November 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Al Gentile gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. An impromptu visitor was Bonnie Sherk of Living Library. President Bob announced the MD-4 Convention will be taking place in Fresno Feb. 1 - 4, and he reminded members of the 2nd Cabinet Meeting on Nov. 18th. He also reminded members that the upcoming Nov. 15th meeting will be at the I.A.S.C. - - not the Granada Cafe. While looking at Bob Fenech, waitress Leila wanted the club to know "somebody" neglected to enter this date in the Granada's book. The S.F. Council will also be meeting at the I.A.S.C. on the same night. Secretary Ward read letters of gratitude from Centro Latino and Emily Powell.

Galdo Pavini circulated a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions Eye Foundation recognizing this club's dedication.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported he had money in hand for the sale/purchase of 203 raffle tickets.

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah announced this club will be visiting the San Bruno Lions at their 7 P.M. dinner-meeting at the Basque Cultural Center on Nov. 7th.

Aaron Straus displayed four entries in the annual Peace Poster Contest for the members in attendance to judge. These posters were drawn by youths ages 11 to 13 from Columbia Park Boys & Girls Club and Rooftop School, and the theme was "Celebrate Peace." The winning poster was drawn by 12-year-old Lisa Teresi from Columbia Park.

Aaron asked for a show of hands of members who will be assisting at the Nov. 17th Thanksgiving lunch at Mission Ed Center. They are to be at the 30th & Noe school at 10:15 A.M. We will be serving about 170 students. Aaron informed the club he will be out of town for the Dec. 15th Mission Ed Christmas party so other members will have to pick up fruit and gift items. A work party for this event will be held at the Bottarini basement on December 13th. Aaron circulated copies of a program guide he prepared for this project. Aaron further reported the Student Speaker Contest will take place at the Lakeside Cafe on the third Wednesday in January. Emily Powell received from MD-4 the contest material and she has a sample letter to go out to high schools asking their students to participate.

Bill Graziano reported the club has twelve to fifteen outside groups participating in the Y & C A raffle ticket sales. Bill urged members to not lose their books of tickets.

Bre Jones held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle but her luck stopped there. Absent Chuck Ayala missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Joe Farrah named seven victims but President Bob ruled this was invalid because Joe arrived at the meeting after everybody was seated.

Board Meeting

Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of October was 53%.

Handford Clews volunteered to organize a club Christmas party at Sharp Park Golf Course December 20th. He since made the reservation at Sharp Park. Dinner cost will be \$40.

Treasurer Handford Clews reported the club had to pick up about \$15 of the dinner cost for each person who attended the October 17th 49er Night because the program chairman didn't allow for tax and tip when adjusting the price from \$40 to \$45. At the September 6th Board Meeting, the Board confirmed that "total dinner and wine cost for members and their invited guests are to be borne by them--not subsidized by any club funds." This Board action was reported in the Sept. 21st edition of the *Geneva-Mission News*. Joe Farrah and Galdo Pavini want to know whether or not Board action is binding.

November 7th Visitation

Bob Fenech, Handford Clews, Al Gentile and Joe Farrah visited the San Bruno Lions at the Basque Cultural Center. Bob Menicucci came along with Handford. There were 34 San Bruno Lions in attendance. Among this active club's activities are a Nov. 20th golf tournament at Peninsula Golf & Country Club, conclusion of a Peace Poster Contest, in which 98 students at St. Roberts School participated, and the launching of a new Leo Club at Capuchino High School.



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\$175 per player gets you lunch, dinner and scramble at the golf tournament. Contact member Frank Sidel if you are interested. The Leo Club recently gathered 500 pounds of clothing for needy people.

November 15th Meeting

The meeting at the I.A.S.C. was called to order by President Robert Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Handford Clews gave the invocation. A total of 9 members were in attendance. Dick Johnson hosted for wine. President Bob stated he will represent the club at the upcoming Saturday cabinet meeting being held in Brisbane. He announced district judging of the Peace Poster Contest would be taking place at the Belmont I-Hop Restaurant on November 20th. The president also reported on the club's November 7th visit to the San Bruno Lions. Lyle Workman distributed new updated phone rosters and master bulletin form.

The S.F. Council of Lion Clubs was also holding its monthly meeting at the I.A.S.C. at this time. Governor Al Russell, Vice-Governor Maxine Frazier and Council President Rosie Jones greeted and conversed with G.M. members. New district directories were given to President Bob.

Committee Reports

Handford Clews distributed flyers with all necessary information regarding the club's December 20th Holiday Dinner at Sharp Park Golf Course. It is important that members mail in their checks and menu selections prior to the event as the club's administrative checking account is depleted.

Aaron Straus announced the Student Speaker Contest will be held Wednesday, January 17th at the Lakeside Café. He has the contest packet, and letters will soon be going out to high schools. Joe Farrah has lined up a couple of judges for the event. Aaron further asked for a show of hands of members who will be helping at Friday's Mission Educational Center Thanksgiving lunch. Aaron also gave to club officers a program guide he prepared for the Christmas & Santa Claus Visit the Mission Educational Center.

Bre Jones reported she and Bill Graziano have distributed 2150 books of Y & C raffle tickets to members and 18 participating community organizations. Club members are required to purchase or sell at least 4 books of tickets. Ticket stubs and checks for same should be turned in to Aaron Straus prior to January 31, 2007. Don't make Bre and Aaron's jobs difficult by leaving these books of tickets in an envelope and doing nothing.

Dick Johnson reported 224 Charity Raffle tickets have been sold to date. He urged members to just "ask" new people to purchase tickets.

Mystery Lion Lyle Workman had no victims.

Bonnie Ora Sherk made a repeat visit to present a program on "A Living Library."

November 17th at Mission Educational Center

The following people were on hand to help serve the traditional Thanksgiving meal to about 170 Spanish-speaking grammar school students: Aaron Straus, Bob Fenech, Robert Lawhon, Bre Jones, and Joe & Emily Farrah. Also helping were Lowell Leo Club member Odelis Mandereau and her father Jean Francis Mandereau. The children enjoyed turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, carrots, apple and pumpkin pie and chocolate milk. Most of the food was ordered and delivered through Boston Market at a cost to the club of just under \$1000. In attendance were School Superintendent Gwen Chan, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools David Coloria and Director of Policy & Planning Nancy Wayurack. The two groups of students entertained by singing songs such as "Oh, Mr. Turkey," "Big and Fat," "This Land is Your Land," and "Thank you, and You." Aaron Straus is to be congratulated for successfully coordinating this event.

November 26th Charity Raffle

The 28th Annual Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle drawing and spaghetti & meat balls feed took place at the I.A.S.C. Co-chairman Dick Johnson oversaw the event in his customary efficient manner. 81 diners were in attendance on this



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rainy day. Accordionist John Fiore entertained. An impressive 260 tickets were sold/purchased. This surpassed last year's total of 238. Following are the award winners, winning ticket numbers and sellers of the respective tickets:

Elizabeth & Mary Mullineaux; #66; Bob Fenech; \$12,500.
Ted & Vernelle Wildenrad; #253; Ted Wildenrad; \$1,000.
Fred Flecklin; #121; Mike Castagnetto; \$500.
John Boosten; #31; Lyle Workman; \$250
Clarence & Mary Cravalho; #275; Joe Farrah; \$100.
Fred & Linda Story; #142; Charles Bottarini; \$100.
Anne Benetti; #250; Dick Johnson; \$100.
Bud & Connie Cappa; #90; Joe Farrah; \$100.
Ed & Bobbie Damonte; #36; Ed Damonte; \$100.

The Bottarini Family celebrated Charlie & Estelle's 63rd wedding anniversary with chocolate cake. How does Charlie get away with celebrating his anniversary by taking Estelle out for spaghetti & meat balls?!?!?

Congratulations to Don Stanaway and Lottie who announced their engagement. Lottie was wearing a recently received diamond ring. As classmates at Polytechnic High School, Don was class president and Lottie was class secretary.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Lyle & Linda Workman; 11/6 Linda workman; 11/10 Marilyn Kerr; 11/11 Lyle Workman; 11/20 Kathy Salet;
11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Sheriar & Manijeh Irani, Victoria Spiteri; 12/26 Wanda Greer,
Ben Spiteri; 1/4 George Salet; 1/15 Ward Donnelly

COMING EVENTS

12/6 Board meeting; 12/13 Work party at Bottarini house; 12/15 Christmas at Mission Educational Center; 12/20 Visit to Daly City Host Lions at their Lunch meeting; 12/20 Christmas dinner at Sharp Park Golf Course

SHORTS

Ernest "Chuck" Ayala is the recipient of REALTOR *Magazine's* Good Neighbor Award. Chuck is being recognized as the founder of Centro Latino de San Francisco, a community center that serves 2,000 low-income seniors.

Marcy drove Charlie Stuhr into town November 2nd and Charlie got together for lunch with Handford Clews, Bill Cazatt, Tom O'Connell and Don Blanchard.

Emily Powell has been a patient at California-Pacific Hospital since November 4th. She is being treated for diverticulitis and other symptoms.

Al Gentile will be departing November 13th to attend a Marine Corps reunion at Manassas, Virginia. His son and daughter will be accompanying him. They will also be visiting nearby Washington DC.