



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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December 6th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. President Bob reported he represented the club at the November 18th Cabinet Meeting held in Brisbane. Secretary Ward read letters announcing the S.F. Hispanic Lions Club New Year's Eve Party @ \$75 per person and the Half Moon Bay Lions 60th Charter Anniversary celebration on January 28th at Mezza Luna Restaurant @ \$50 per person. The secretary also read letters of gratitude from the Balboa Alumni Association and Canine Companions.

On a club visit were three members of the Daly City Gateway Lions Club. They just finished a major club project which was putting on a holiday party at the Doelger Senior Citizens Center.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson gave the results of the recent raffle, which were reported in the last bulletin.

Regarding the December 15th Christmas visit to Mission Educational Center, Al gentile volunteered to purchase fruit, Bob Fenech stated he will purchase gifts, and a head count was taken for the December 13th work party. Wad Donnelly will check his garage for left over items stored from last year's visit.

Y&CA Co-chairman Bill Graziano reported over 2000 books of raffle tickets have been distributed. All Hallows Church appears to becoming a productive group participant. Bill reminded members not to lose the books of raffle tickets given to them.

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah reported the club will be visiting the Daly City Host Lions at their lunch meeting on December 20th at the Sizzler Restaurant on Gellert Blvd., Daly City.

Bob Lawhon reported he has commitments from Gail Chastain at Mercy High School and the speech coach at Lowell High School that students from their schools will be participating in this club's January 17th Student Speakers Contest.

Andrea Rodriguez, a guest of Handford Clews, was a visitor representing the S. F. Fire Fighters Toy Program. She informed the club that this is the oldest such program in the U.S. The program has evolved from a few firefighters repairing broken toys and hikes for fifteen families in 1949 to over three hundred firefighters and friends volunteering and distributing over 200,000 toys to more than 40,000 disadvantaged young people in 2005.

The team of Farrah & Pavini won a \$4 Titleist golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Handford Clews won \$10 in the Attendance Drawing. Lyle Workman neglected to appoint a successor Mystery Lion.

Board Meeting

Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of November was 58%.

The Board voted to grant \$500 to the S.F. Fire Fighters Toy Program.

December 13th Work Party

The following Lions were at Charlie Bottarini's Moscow St. basement to stuff bags for the December 15th Christmas Party at Mission Educational Center: Bottarini, Farrah, Fenech, Castagnetto, Graziano, Gentile, Johnson, and Donnelly. Bob Fenech has earlier purchased games, toys and gift items at Walgreen's, and Ward Donnelly brought over bags and other left over items from his storage garage. Al Gentile and Dick Johnson went to the nearby Safeway to acquire some needed cartons into which gift bags were packed. Hot pizza was delivered and Charlie provided beverages for the team.

December 15th Christmas Party at Mission Educational Center

The following Lions were at Mission Educational Center for the Annual Christmas Party this club has been giving the first year Spanish-speaking grammar school students: Bob Fenech, Bill Graziano, Bob Lawhon, and Al Gentile. They were assisted by bi-lingual police officer Martinez, who played Santa Claus, and two of his colleagues. President Bob purchased some last minute additional toys needed to fill the gift bags. Congratulations to President Bob and these Lions for running a smooth operation.



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December 20th Visit

Handford Clews, Aaron Straus and Joe Farrah made a club visit to the Daly City Host Lions at the Sizzler Restaurant in Daly City. They had 19 members in attendance at this lunch meeting. Every member had a meeting agenda in front of him/her. Some grants the club made were \$750 to sponsor a science/technology campership to Tech Trek Camp at Stanford, \$500 to CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse), and \$500 to Project 90 (A non-institutional residential alcohol & drug recovery program in San Mateo). They circulated a club 65th anniversary group photo of all of the members. Handford won First Prize in the raffle which was a large gift basket of wine, cheese, etc. Joe won a bottle of tequila.

December 20th Holiday Dinner

Handford Clews did a great job organizing the club's holiday dinner at Sharp Park Golf Course. Thirty people including two members of the San Bruno Lions Club and one member from the San Rafael Lions Club were in attendance. 1st V-P Bre Jones conducted the opening ceremonies. Song sheets were distributed so as Handford could lead in the group singing of Christmas songs. Including the costs for tax, tip and wine, the dinner earned a profit in excess of \$150 for the club.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Wanda Greer, Ben Spiteri; 1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri; 1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly

COMING EVENTS

12/20 Visitation to Daly City Host Lions at their lunch meeting, Christmas Dinner at Sharp Park Golf Course; 1/3 Board Meeting; 1/17 Student Speakers Contest at Lakeside Café.

SHORTS

Next fall let us all remind Bob Fenech to get his flu shot.