



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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January 3rd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Charlie Bottarini hosted for wine in celebration of the recent birth of his great-great grandson.

Secretary Ward Donnelly read an announcement of the Jan. 20th campaign fund-raiser for Dana Biggs, candidate for international director. Also a raffle to benefit Lions Youth Exchange. Other correspondence were letters of gratitude from the Lions Eye Foundation, S.F. Firefighters and St. Mary's Adult Health Center, an announcement of the Belmont Lions Club Charter Night, and an endorsement from the Pacifica Lions Club for Emil Kantola as vice-district governor for 2007-08.

President Bob informed the club this year's district convention will take place at Sacramento's Radisson Hotel May 9 - 13. The theme is Turn Of The Century.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported two schools have responded positively to the letters he sent out inviting participation in the Student Speakers Contest. Aaron further reported a total of 37 Entertainment Books have been sold/purchased.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman distributed notices of how to follow the wild card, division and conference championships and Super Bowl.

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of December was 53%.

Dick Johnson won a \$2 Titelist golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Bill Graziano won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Galdo Pavini named Robert Lawhon as a victim.

January 17th Student Speakers Contest

This annual event took place at the Lakeside Cafe on Ocean Ave. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Lawhon, and the invocation was given by Bre Martinez. A total of 8 members were in attendance. Also in attendance were Emily Farrah, Zone Chairman Roberto Ramos, and Mercy High School speech coach Gail Chastaine.

President Bob reminded members that Flag Day is coming up on February 16th and the Crab Feed will be February 24th. Crab Feed Chairman George Salet distributed tickets and flyers for the event.

The meeting was turned over to Aaron Straus who conducted the Student Speakers Contest. Regrettably, only one speaker showed up. She was Jennifer Francisco, a 15-year-old sophomore from Mercy High School. She spoke eloquently on the topic "Global Warming - Fact or Fiction?" and was praised by the judges. Her goal is to gain admission to U.C. Berkeley. She was presented with a certificate and a \$50 award. She will now advance to the Zone 3 runoff, for which the date and location have not yet been set. There were four judges: Frank Gelini and Monica Packnad are veteran Toastmasters. Nick Elchinoff is a retired attorney and Maurice Fitzgerald is a retired English professor from College of San Mateo. Gelini, Elchinoff, Fitzgerald, Emily Powell and Joe Farrah were all schoolmates at Balboa High School sixty years ago. These men also were all in the armed forces during the Korean War. Aaron concludes that perhaps future contests should be held in February to give students more time after holiday vacation to prepare.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 Ted Wildenrad; 1/27 Larry Farrell; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah

COMING EVENTS

2/7 Board meeting; 2/21 Program meeting; 2/24 Crab Feed; 5/9 - 5/13 District Convention



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SHORTS

Former member R. Jerome Ennis, a resident of Millbrae, passed away December 23rd at the age of 69. He was a long-practicing dentist with office near the Granada Cafe. Jerry joined this club February 14, 1979, and was sponsored by Handford Clews. He was a graduate of St. Ignatius Prep, U.S.F. and University of Pacific Dental School. He was a retired Naval officer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Madelene, four children and eleven grandchildren.