



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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February 7th Meeting

Acting President Bre Jones called the meeting to order. Galdo Pavini led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Bill Graziano hosted for wine. Visiting was San Mateo Lions Club President Douglas Borland, who is in the process of earning his "Long Tail" award. He informed those present that his club holds its dinner meetings at Lucetti's Restaurant on 25th Ave. in San Mateo.

Secretary Ward Donnelly read letters of gratitude from Teen Challenge, Lions Eye Foundation and St. Mary's Adult Center. He informed the club the District Cabinet Meeting will be held February 24th at the San Mateo Senior Center. Committee Reports

Bill Graziano reported 27 members have paid for and turned in the ticket stubs and receipts of the Y & C A raffle. One member has lost his tickets. Members with outstanding books of raffle tickets are requested to turn them in.

Lyle Workman reported a net of \$1,804 was earned from the football pool. He distributed letters of gratitude to participants.

Galdo Pavini gave a report on the recent Lions Eye Foundation Trustees meeting in Carmel and distributed copies of the Foundation's annual report.

Ward Donnelly reminded members the district convention will be taking place at Sacramento's Radisson Hotel May 9 - 13. He will have registration forms at the next meeting.

Aaron Straus asked for a show of hands of who can help at the upcoming Feb. 16th Flag Day at Mission Educational Center. 200 students in nine classrooms are to be covered. Helpers are to be there between 9 and 9:15 A.M.

George Salet said the most important thing to now do regarding the February 24th Crab Feed is sell tickets. He asked for the club's ladies to again prepare and bring hors d'oeuvres. Handford Clews urged members to get the tickets into the hands of the attendees. Mike Castagnetto informed the club he has ordered 1,800 pounds of crab at a cost of \$4.20 per pound. Al Gentile scheduled members to tend bar before and after dinner. Members, of course, are asked to be at the Recreation Center during the morning and early afternoon to help unload the crab and set up the dining room. They will be rewarded with a delicious lunch and beverages.

In the Convention Raffle, Aaron Straus came up with the elusive yellow golf ball to win \$191. The name of Al Fregosi was drawn in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Joe Farrah had no victims.

February 16th Flag Day

Aaron Straus, Joe Farrah and Robert Lawhon were at Mission Educational Center for this annual event. They distributed small American flags, information sheets and chocolate chip cookies to 202 first-year Spanish-speaking grammar school students in nine classrooms. Bob and Aaron talked to the pupils about the significance of the flag's colors, stars and stripes. One pupil asked Joe what his age is.

February 21st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of ten members were in attendance. Bill Graziano and Joe Farrah hosted for wine. Visiting were five lady Lions from the Foster City Lions Club, candidate for vice-district governor Emil Kantola from the Pacifica Lions Club and his campaign manager, Past District Governor Mel Phillips from the San Bruno Lions Club. Mel gave a nice campaign talk pointing out Emil's qualifications for office, and distributed campaign badges and pamphlets.

President Bob announced no board meeting will take place March 7th as the Zone 3 Student Speaker Contest runoff will be held that night at the club's Granada Cafe meeting. Zone 3 Chairman Roberto Ramos will be conducting the runoff. Bob further announced that the meeting of March 21st will be Past-Presidents Night and that nomination of officers will take place that night. President Bob reminded members of the district's fund-raising 90th Anniversary of Lionism Dinner being held at the San Mateo Elks Lodge March 11th, \$50 per person.

Committee Reports



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Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported all is in order. He is using Bi-Rite Food Service as a new provider for some of the Feed's supplies. 490 tickets are sold/purchased to date. Members are urged to be at the Recreation Center Saturday, 10 A.M. to help unload crab and set up the dining room. Mike Castagnetto reported the kitchen is under control and Al Gentile reported the bar is under control.

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano again asked members to turn in their raffle ticket stubs and receipts.

Waitress Leila was the winner of the Convention Raffle. She came up with only a \$1-winning golf ball. Aaron Straus, after winning \$191 at the last meeting's Convention Raffle, was conspicuously absent at this meeting. Mystery Lion Handford Clews pointed to Charlie Bottarini and Mike Castagnetto as victims. Absent Larry Farrell missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing.

February 24th Crab Feed

The club's annual Crab Feed taking place the last Saturday each February is becoming legendary. It was again a success. Not as many members as in the past turned out early Saturday to help set up the dining room but the job got done. Dick Johnson was sent out on a mission to shop for items that were in short supply. The traditional cold cuts and cheese lunch was served to those present. The hors d' oeuvres were devoured in short order. Thank you, ladies. Special praise to overall chairman George Salet and kitchen general Mike Castagnetto for jobs well done. Thanks also to barmasters Charlie Bottarini and Al Gentile, ticket and seating master Handford Clews, raffle coordinator Ward Donnelly, and printer Lyle Workman. Mike and George are working on a dinner to say "thank you" to all of the friends who help sell raffle tickets, tend bar and work in the kitchen at the crab feed. There were 500 paying guests, and the event earned about \$9,400, down about \$800 from last year. For anybody interested, George Salet can upload to you a pdf. file showing complete facts and figures of the last seven Crab Feeds.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto; 2/16 Charles Bottarini, Charles Stuhr, Dick Johnson; 2/19 Dorothy Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte; 3/1 Emily Powell

COMING EVENTS

2/24 Crab Feed; Cabinet Meeting; 3/7 Zone 3 Student Speaker runoff; 3/11 90th Anniversary Dinner; 3/21 Past-Presidents Night, Nomination of officers; 5/9 - 5/13 District Convention

SHORTS

Galdo & Pat Pavini celebrated their February 4th 56th anniversary with an overnight stay at the Palace Hotel, where they spent their wedding night. Galdo still has the \$10 hotel bill from that memorable wedding night.