



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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August, 2007

August 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Bill Graziano led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Aaron Straus gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Joe Farrah brought David DeMartini as his guest. David is a long-time Excelsior District resident who attended Corpus Christi Grammar School and Riordan High School.

This was the occasion of an official visit to the club by the district governor and members of her cabinet. The delegation included Governor Maxine Frazier, Vice-Governor Emil Kantola, Zone Chairman Roger Gulen and Executive Coordinator Rosie Jones. Emil, an IRS employee, gave the club tax reporting advice, and informed the club the district is attempting to form a new club based at San Francisco's City Hall.

Secretary Ward Donnelly read an announcement of Millbrae Club's "Rocky Lombardi" Family Picnic taking place at Flood Park on Sept. 16th. All-day eating for only \$12.

President Bre asked for the following committee reports:

Aaron Straus stated Entertainment Books will be available the end of this month.

Lyle Workman distributed information sheets on the upcoming football pool.

Galdo Pavini reported this club sponsored eleven patients to the Lions Eye Foundation.

Bob Fenech stated a club golf tournament will take place in April.

Bob Lawhon announced representatives from Teen Challenge will be speaking at the upcoming August 15th meeting.

Dick Johnson reported he and Bob Lawhon are on top of the Charity Raffle.

Treasurer Handford Clews reported Sheriar Irani has been dropped from the club for non-payment of dues. Other members are delinquent in their dues.

Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of July was 59%. Ward also presented to Al Gentile a 50-year Monarch Award sent to the club by Lions International. This is in recognition of Al's 50 years of service in Lionism. Congratulations, Al.

The Board authorized the purchase of two gifts to be used as raffle prizes at the upcoming cabinet meeting.

Mystery Lion Bob Fenech named Aaron Straus as a victim. Same Mystery Lion, same victim two meetings in a row. Dick Johnson picked up \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

August 8th Budget Committee Meeting

A 2007-08 club operating budget was hammered out at this meeting which took place at the Boulevard Cafe in Daly City. The seven members in attendance were Bre Jones, Handford Clews, Bob Lawhon, Emily Powell, Joe Farrah, Galdo Pavini and Aaron Straus.

August 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, and Charles Bottarini gave the invocation. A total of twelve members were in attendance. George Salet had his daughter Yvette as a guest at the meeting.

Secretary Ward read announcements of the following events: August 25th Marina/North Beach Lions Club Installation; Sept. 9th Palo Alto Host L.C. 80th Anniversary, \$65 per; October 5th South S.F. Lions Club Fund Raiser Dinner, \$35 per; October 18th St. Mary's Adult Care Center Celebration.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported letters to ticket purchasers are to go out next week and the date of the dinner-drawing at the I.A.S.C. has been confirmed for Sunday, November 25th. Dick distributed lists of raffle ticket purchasers to the members and asked the members to review the lists for address changes, deaths, etc.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported the date of the event will be the last Saturday in February.



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Bob Lawhon reported that 49er Night will be Wednesday, Oct. 17th probably at Harding Park and the cost per person will be in the \$65 to \$70 range.

Lyle Workman asked members to get their money in for the football pool. At this time there is one square available.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Joe Farrah reported Aaron Straus has sent him a set of school address labels, a sample invitational letter, and a sample participation form.

Program

Teen Challenge is a center at 1464 Valencia St. that houses up to thirty men ages eighteen and over. They take the men off of the streets from desperate situations to start them on the path of healing and restoration. Their website is www.teenchallenge.com/sanfrancisco This club has been contributing \$200 a month for many years to help support this program. In attendance at the meeting were the program director Dan Lavorando, program graduate and staff member Cy Nunez, and program graduate Curt. Dan presented the club a framed certificate of gratitude for the club's support. Cy told the club of his upbringing in Hollister, of becoming addicted to drugs and to his homeless existence, and turnaround at Teen Challenge. Curt told a similar story.

Mystery Lion Al Gentile had no victims. Absent Paul Corvi missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Pat Ferrera, Rosalinda Corvi; 9/2 Diane Johnson; 9/11 Al Fregosi; 9/18 Al Gentile; 9/21 Aaron Straus; 9/23 Ernie Lowe; 9/26 Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto; 9/28 Terence Lee; 10/1 George & Kathy Salet

COMING EVENTS

9/19 Program meeting; 9/23 Excelsior Festival; 9/26 S.F. Council meeting; 10/3 Early Bird Drawing; 10/17 49er Night