



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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November 7th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Al Gentile led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Handford Clews gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Also in attendance for the third meeting was David DeMartini. Al Gentile brought as his guest Robert A. Zenteno, who is the managing partner at American Financial Services, 4493 Mission St. Both DeMartini and Zenteno were met when Al Gentile and Joe Farrah did their June 22nd recruiting walk. On that walk they also met Frances Bendana, who was a guest at the July 18th meeting.

Secretary Ward read letters of gratitude from the recipients of monthly contributions made by the club. President Bre announced she will be attending the November 10th Cabinet Meeting and she invited club members to join her there.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson stressed the need for more ticket sales. He has cash in hand for 233 sales/purchases so the club has a long way to go to reach its goal of 275. Members are urged to make an effort to reach this goal.

Aaron Straus reminded members of the upcoming November 16th Thanksgiving Lunch at Mission Educational Center. He asked for a show of hands of members who will be there to help serve lunch. A press release of the event will be going out through the S.F. School Dept.

Student Speaker Chairman Joe Farrah wants the club to be aware there have been no responses from the 14 high schools who were invited to participate in the competition.

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano has the books of raffle tickets and will begin distributing same next week.
Program

In attendance to inform the club of the mission of San Francisco School Volunteers was their executive director, Lisa Spinali. There are many ways adult volunteers can help students such as tutor students one-on-one, help solve a math problem, cultivate a school garden, share a computer skill, organize games on the playground, read to students. Contact information is as follows: www.sfsv.org * volunteers@sfsv.org * 415-749-3700 x3034

Charlie Bottarini and Al Gentile conducted the Convention Raffle. There was \$125 in the pot. David DeMartini drew Emily Powell's winning ticket. Emily came up with a \$1 Titleist golf ball. Emily wanted to know if this meant she owed or won \$1. Charlie Stuhr missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly pointed to Joe Farrah as a non-hand-shaking victim.

November 16th Thanksgiving Lunch

The club put on its annual lunch for 130 students at Mission Educational Center. This is the first Thanksgiving experience for Spanish-speaking grammar school age children who are in their first year of American education. Club members in attendance to help set-up and serve lunch were President Bre Jones, Robert Lawhon, Al Gentile and Joe Farrah. Al's friend Bruno Muzzi and prospective member Robert Zenteno were also there to help. After the children sang songs such as "Pedro The Turkey" and "Little Turkeys" they feasted on sliced turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn bread, milk, pumpkin pie and apple. Among the nine guests there was Superintendent of Schools Carlos Garcia. A reporter from *City Star* and cameramen from Channels 2 and 14 recorded the event.

November 25th Charity Raffle

The annual Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle and Dinner at the I.A.S.C. was again a success. Congratulations to Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Robert Lawhon for tasks well done. The idea of this club fund-raiser was initiated by Past-President Giulio Francesconi during the 1978 - 79 year. The project was called the Cadillac Raffle for many years because the first prize was indeed a Cadillac DeVille auto. As the Cadillac price continued to increase, the club switched to an economy model Cadillac as first prize. When Cadillac discontinued the economy model, the club eventually went to all cash prizes.

Total tickets sold/purchased were 266 surpassing last year's total of 262. 87 spaghetti & meat ball dinners were



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served. Prize winners are as follows: (brackets indicate ticket seller)

- \$12,500 Don Blanchard (Salet)
- 1,000 Dan & Joyce Padilla (Lawhon)
- 500 Cresta Gang (Bottarini)
- 250 Roberto & Sandra Ramos (Lawhon)
- 100 Ward Donnelly (Donnelly)
- 100 Susan Rtter (Powell)
- 100 Lyle & Linda Workman (Workman)
- 100 Joyce Clews (Clews)
- 100 Bud & Connie Cappa (Farrah)
- 100 Bob Fahey (Shea)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Marilyn Kerr; 11/11 Lyle Workman; 11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi

COMING EVENTS

11/10 2nd Cabinet Meeting; 11/16 Thanksgiving Lunch at M.E.C.; 11/21 Program meeting