



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## December 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano, who has given up on the S.F. 49ers. A total of 9 members were in attendance. A guest of Dick Johnson was David Padilla, an employee at UCSF Hospital.

President Bre announced no meeting will take place Wednesday, December 19th. She stated she will learn the menu choices and prices for the club's Christmas Dinner to take place at Sharp Park Golf Club December 13th. She will notify members by e mail so as members may respond with their selections. She reminded the club that at 1 P.M., December 20th, at St. Mary's Adult Health Center, the club will be presented with a plaque in gratitude and recognition of its support of the center. It is hopeful that members of the club will be in attendance to receive the plaque.

President Bre called Lyle Workman up to the podium to present him with a 2 1/2 Chevron pin sent to the club by Lions International acknowledging Lyle's 25 years as a valuable Lion member.

Members are needed as a work party at noon, Wednesday December 12th at the Granada Cafe to assemble the Christmas gift bags to be distributed at the Mission Educational Center on December 14th. Members are also needed at M.E.C. on that December 14th date to help with the distribution.

## Committee Reports

Student Speaker Chairman Joe Farrah reported the date for the event is February 6th. International High School will be in the competition. Joe is in the process of lining up judges and he has contacted MD-4 headquarters in Santa Barbara to get the contest packages sent to this club.

Y & C A chairman Bill Graziano reported the club has 1,700 books of raffle tickets and Aaron Straus will be distributing books to the club members.

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of November was 73%.

David Padilla drew his own ticket in the Convention Raffle. He came up with a \$4 Titelist golf ball. Bill Mayta missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims.

## December 12th Work Party

The following members assembled at the Granada Cafe at noon to fill the 140 bags for the upcoming Mission Educational Center Christmas party: Al Gentile, Bill Graziano, Dick Johnson, Charlie Bottarini, Ward Donnelly, Al Fregosi, Mike Castagnetto and Aaron Straus. The gift bags contained PeeChee type folders to hold papers, pencil, candy cane, two assorted toys, an apple and an orange, and a note informing the gift is from the Geneva-Mission Lions. Aaron and Jesusa Straus shopped at Walgreen's, Office Depot and Casa Maria Produce to acquire the gift items.

## December 13th Christmas Dinner

The club's annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Sharp Park Golf Club. A total of 31 members, wives and friends were in attendance. Songmaster Handford Clews led the group in singing *Golfer's Twelve Days of Christmas* and *Golfer's Jingle Bells*.

## December 14th Christmas Party at M.E.C.

The annual Christmas party for the students at Mission Educational Center took place. Police officer Nacho Martinez was Santa Claus and officer Lillian Gonzales was his elf. Lions Bob Lawhon, Bill Graziano, Al Gentile and Aaron Straus were on hand to help distribute the gifts. Bi-lingual Frances Bendana from Sterling Bank also assisted. The kindergarten class sang a thank you song including "the Lions Club" in the verse.



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## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

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

## **COMING EVENTS**

12/12 Work party at Granada Cafe; 12/13 Christmas dinner, 12/14 Christmas party at M.E.C.; 2/6 Student Speaker Contest; 2/15 Flag Day at M.E.C.

## **SHORTS**

Bill Welch is conspicuous by his non-inclusion in the 2008 Men Of Mortuaries calendar. Each month features a photo of a bare-chested man of the profession. They may be viewed at the website [menofmortuaries.com](http://menofmortuaries.com)

Send a card to Wanda Greer who is at home fighting pancreatic cancer. Her address is 454 Avalon Drive, So. San Francisco 94080