



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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January 16th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Also in attendance were David Padilla, a guest of Dick Johnson, and Gerry Schreier, a guest of Al Gentile. Wine was hosted by Bob Fenech and Dick Johnson.

President Bre made the following announcements and reports: She and Dick Johnson accepted an engraved award from the St. Mary's Adult Health Care Center in recognition and gratitude of the club's support of the Center. Circulated a certificate from Balboa High School in gratitude of the club's support. San Bruno Lions will be visiting this club at the Feb. 22nd meeting. A third February club meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. This meeting will be a combined Past-Presidents Night, Nomination of Officers, and Board Meeting. Immediate Past-President Bob Fenech is in charge of the nominating process. (Does the club have the 2006 - 07 past presidents name plate for Fenech to ceremoniously hammer on to the Past Presidents Plaque?)

Committee Reports

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Joe Farrah reported the contest is set to be held at the Granada Cafe on Wednesday, Feb. 6th. This will be a Ladies Night. Judges have been selected and two schools to date will be represented by speakers. This year's topic is "Immigration - My Solution."

Lyle Workman, representing George Salet, reported the club's 26th annual Crab Feed will take place Saturday, February 23rd at Recreation Center For The Handicapped. Price is \$55. Lyle distributed fliers for the event and stated tickets are on the way. Lyle also distributed up-dated member rosters.

Aaron Straus reported all Y & C A tickets have been mailed out and 13 members have responded with checks and ticket stubs. Don't forget your raffle tickets in a desk drawer. Aaron also reminded members Flag Day at Mission Educational Center is Friday, February 15th.

Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Alex Calder and Chris Austria. Chris is a native San Franciscan who attended Lowell High School and City College. He is a veteran wild animal handler and trainer. He raised cubs for Siegfried & Roy, worked at S.F. Zoo and Marine World. His informative talk on behavior and instincts of lions, tigers and other big cats was timely in view of the recent tiger attack at the zoo. He works for an anti-poaching organization called "Wild Aid," and would appreciate a club contribution to this organization.

Al Gentile held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle but came up with only a \$3-winning Titelist. There is \$186 in the kitty and 19 golf balls in the sack. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims. Absent Ben Spiteri missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing.

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

2/6 Student Speaker Contest; 2/9 Cabinet meeting; 2/13 Past-Presidents Night, Nomination of officers, Board meeting; 2/15 Flag Day at M.E.C., 2/20 Program meeting, visit by San Bruno Lions; 2/23 Crab Feed



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SHORTS

Galdo & Patricia Pavini have been close friends with five other couples from Epiphany Parish since 1947. The other five husbands are Balboa High Schoolmates of Galdo. On December 2nd at the Garden Court of the Palace Hotel, the six couples (one husband now deceased) were hosted to a brunch by CBS TV5, at which time they were interviewed and filmed. They were surprised by the unexpected attendance of 55 children, spouses and grandchildren. The story of this long-lasting friendship will be told by Brian Hackney on *Eye On the Bay* to be aired February 11th on CBS TV Channel 5.

Rose Fraher, widow of Past-President Philip Fraher, passed away December 19th in San Francisco at age 86. Rose grew up in the Marina District and attended St. Vincent de Paul and Presentation Schools. She won the title of Miss San Francisco in 1939. She was very active in the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Westlake. Rose is survived by 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The 3rd Cabinet Meeting is being held at Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City, Saturday, February 9th. 8:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Meeting & lunch. \$15, mail check to Mike Simonini, 1075 Vista Grande, Millbrae CA 94030