



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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March 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and the invocation was given by Mike Castagnetto. A total of 12 members were in attendance. A repeat guest of Dick Johnson was Neil Griffith. By-The-Book Tail-Twister Charlie Bottarini extracted fines from four members for not actually wearing their Lions Pin. An announcement was made that the Zone 3 Student Speaker Runoff will take place Monday, March 17th, 7 P.M. at Masonic Crocker Lodge, 17 Hillcrest Drive, Daly City. Sandwiches will be served. Members are urged to attend to support the speaker from this club. Also announced was that the upcoming March 19th meeting will be a Ladies Night. The interesting program speaker will be Lorri Ungaretti, author of the Images of America books on both the Sunset and Richmond Districts in S.F. She will give a Power Point presentation on the history of western San Francisco. PDG Larry Wong will be in attendance to induct new members David DeMartini and David Padilla.

Committee Reports

Lyle Workman reported the football pool earned \$1,782.

Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of February was 71%.

See earlier paragraphs for Crab Feed and Flag Day reports.

The Board of Directors voted to grant \$200 to the anti-poaching organization called "Wild Aid."

Mystery Lion Galdo Pavini nailed Bob Lawhon. Handford won \$1 in the Convention Raffle.

March 17th Student Speakers

The Zone 3 Student Speakers runoff took place at the Masonic Crocker Lodge in Daly City. There was a total of 13 Lions in attendance including Aaron Straus, Dick & Diane Johnson, and Joe Farrah from this club. Also in attendance were the speaker's coach, Gail Chastain, and Region 1 Chairman Roberto Ramos. Ramos announced the Region 1 runoff will take place Sunday, April 6th, 2:30 P.M. at True Sunshine Episcopal Church, 1430 Mason St. Speakers from the four zones in Region 1 will be competing, including this club's representative, Tara Gamboa-Eastman. Refreshments will be served. Members of Zone Chairman Roger Gulen's S.F. Host Club served a sandwich, desert and beverage layout at the zone runoff.

March 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President George Salet. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members in addition to several wives and friends were in attendance. A repeat guest of Dick Johnson was Neil Griffith and a guest of Aaron Straus was Steve Cornell.

Emily Powell turned in a bag of used eyeglasses collected by Balboa students. Bob Lawhon reported the club received a letter of commendation from Lions In Sight of Cal and Nevada for donating 2,300 pairs of used eyeglasses in 2007 through the efforts of Lion Lionel Mayrand and the Lions Certified Collection Centers and Jackson/Hewett tax offices in San Francisco.

Membership Chairman Dick Johnson introduced PDG Larry Wong from the Chinatown Club, who performed an induction ceremony bringing in to Lionism David Padilla, sponsored by Dick. David DeMartini was also scheduled to be inducted on this occasion but he was suffering from a back ailment.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Lorri Ungaretti, who authored both the Sunset and Richmond District history books in the Arcadia Publishing series. Lorri presented an interesting slide show and narrative on the history and development of the Sunset District. She also had with her copies of these books, which she autographed for purchasers. Lorri is a member of San Francisco City Guides and Western Neighborhood Projects, and she had available brochures with information on these two organizations.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Paul Corvi

COMING EVENTS

3/8 S.F. Firefighters & Peace Officers Awards Dinner at Irish Cultural Center; 3/17 Zone 3 Student Speaker Runoff; 3/19 Program meeting, ladies night

SHORTS

In order to keep in touch, the following ladies connected to the club have been trying to get together for lunch monthly: Dorothy Pearson, Donna Francesconi, Diane Johnson, Margot Clews, Jackie Lowe, LaVerne Chesno and Marilyn Muratore. All club-connected ladies are invited to attend. If you are interested, contact Margot Clews at 650-401-6584.

President Bre was profiled in the February issue of *The Scratching Post*, the district newsletter. Bre gave birth to Anabelle March 5th.

Wanda Greer has been a long-time friend and supporter of the Geneva-Mission Lions Club since she was the lady-friend of deceased member Frank Fazzino. Wanda passed away March 3rd at age 77 in Napa after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer. She had a long career working for the Dept. of Defense at The Presidio. Wanda is survived by a son, a daughter, two grandchildren, a brother and two sisters.