



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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November 5th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the flag was led by David Padilla, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Visiting from the Foster City Lions Club were four lady Lions and Bob Goodwin. They announced that Nov. 21st they will have a chicken dinner and bingo to raise funds for White Cane Day. Cost per person is \$20.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported he has sold 15 Entertainment Books and has 15 remaining. These books are available @ \$25 each.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported he has receipts for 241 purchased/sold raffle tickets. 34 tickets are yet to be sold/purchased.

Y & C A books of raffle tickets were distributed to members by Aaron Straus. Self-addressed labels were included for return of receipts and book stubs. Don't allow these books of raffle tickets to idly sit in a desk drawer. Aaron also reminded members of the upcoming Friday, November 21st Thanksgiving lunch at Mission Educational Center, 10:15 A.M. to 1 P.M. The new location of the Center is 32 Chenery St. at San Jose & Randall. Bodies are needed.

Galdo Pavini won \$18 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

Secretary Ward read letters of appreciation from all recipients of monthly grants. He also reported attendance for the month of October was 54%.

An important issue of discussion was the fact that the Pomeroy Center already rented out to another party for the last Saturday in February the halls and kitchen this club has been using for its annual Crab Feed. This was done even though George Salet in the company of Margot Clews notified the manager the club wanted the site for that date in 2009. Alternative date and location options are being explored.

November 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the flag was led by Charlie Bottarini, and the invocation was given by David DeMartini. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Also in attendance were Margot Clews, Diane Johnson and LaVerne Chesco.

A bag of used eyeglasses was sent in by Ed Damonte.

Joe Farrah told of his up-and-down ride in the prior Sunday's 49er football game. His football pool numbers were 49ers-6, Rams-5. Score at the final seconds of the third quarter was 49ers-6, Rams-35. 49ers kicked a field goal in the closing seconds denying Joe \$75 but finding the numbers in Bre Jones' square. 49ers scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter and the game finished 49ers-16, Rams-35 winning Joe \$150.

Committee Reports

A discussion took place about this club providing eye examinations and glasses for needy people referred to the club. The club used to send these people to Lenscrafter but Lenscrafter no longer has a clear uncomplicated program. Bob Lawhon is going to contact Premier Eye Care on Valencia St. to try to recruit their professionals to work with the club. If this doesn't work out Bob Fenech will talk to his Excelsior District optometrist Dr. June Chun.

Aaron Straus asked for a show of hands of the members who will be helping with the upcoming Mission Educational Center Thanksgiving lunch. Aaron distributed google maps of the location to these people. Aaron also reported about nine members have sent him their Y & C A raffle ticket stubs and money.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported the project is going well. He has money in hand for 256 tickets sold/purchased but 19 more tickets should be sold in the final ten-day push.

George Salet reported the date and location of the Crab Feed are being worked on by the committee.

Lyle Workman won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion rose.



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November 21st Thanksgiving Lunch

The annual introductory Thanksgiving lunch for first year elementary grades Spanish-speaking students was served at Mission Educational Center. Members, friend and wife who were there to help out were George Salet, Dick Johnson, Joe Farrah, Al Gentile, Jerry Schreier, Aaron and Jesusa Straus. In attendance were S.F. School Superintendent Carlos Garcia and journalists from ABC Channel 7 and S.F. Chronicle. Joe Farrah seized the opportunity and bent Garcia's ear a little bit telling him about the Lion Club's Student Speaker competition. The students marched into the dining room wearing self-made theme hats and then put on a program of songs and essays entitled "Mr. Farmer" & "Little Turkeys," "Yo doy gracias" and "Thank you," "La Cosecha," "Hello, Bonjour," etc. Then the 140 students in two waves feasted on milk, orange, biscuit, cranberry sauce, turkey, dressing, string beans and pumpkin pie. All of the food except the orange and milk was acquired through Boston Market at a total cost to the club of about \$600. Thanks to Aaron Straus for coordinating this event and ordering the food.

November 30th Drawing/Dinner

The club's 30th Annual Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner took place at the I.A.S.C. A total of 97 raffle ticket purchasers and guests enjoyed the cold cuts, salad, spaghetti & meat balls dinner with wine coffee and ice cream. Accordionist John Fiore again entertained. John is an Alemany Blvd. resident who worked as a local P G & E meter reader prior to retirement. He was a St. Peter's High School classmate of Past-Presidents Ray Squeri and Bob Woodall. Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Bob Lawhon are to be congratulated for again making this a successful event. Thanks also to Lyle Workman for computerizing all of the data and handling the printing of tickets and letters. 265 raffle tickets were sold/purchased including three tickets given for services. Ten tickets remained unsold. Charlie Bottarini was recognized for building and presenting to the I.A.S.C. a new lectern. The prize winners and respective ticket sellers were:

- 1st--\$12,500 Tom & Rose O'Connell (Johnson)
- 2nd--\$1,000 Linnie Faina (Johnson)
- 3rd--\$500 Andy & Lori Stoepelwerth (Clews)
- 4th--\$250 Stephen Cornell (Straus)
- 5th--\$100 Emily Powell (Powell)
- 6th--\$100 John Jones (Jones)
- 7th--\$100 Pat Bell (Johnson)
- 8th--\$100 Debra Sobeck (Jones)
- 9th--\$100 Ward Donnelly (Donnelly)
- 10th--\$100 Laura & Tavis Tom (Clews)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri, Irani Anniversary

COMING EVENTS

11/22 2nd Cabinet Meeting; 11/30 Charity Raffle drawing; 12/3 Board meeting; 2/18 Student Speaker Contest