



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## **December 3rd Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Bob Fenech hosted for wine.

This meeting was the occasion of the official visit by the district governor and members of his cabinet. In the delegation were District Governor Emil Kantola, Region 1 Chairman Rogelio Gulen, Cabinet Secretary Esther Lee and Region 2, Zone 1 Chairman Rudy Pedagat. The district governor gave the club a "State of the District" report including the fact henceforth there will be a district 2nd vice-governor. Membership is down in every district in the state.

## **Committee Reports**

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported the raffle earned a net profit of about \$8,000.

Aaron Straus phoned in and informed the club the Mission Educational Center Christmas Party will take place Friday, December 19th. The assembling of the gift bags will take place at the December 17th meeting, which meeting will also be the club's Christmas Dinner at the Granada Cafe.

Screening Chairman Bill Graziano reported Bob Fenech contacted his Mission Street optometrist Dr. June Chun regarding working with the club in providing eye examinations and glasses for needy people sent to her by the club. Bill did a follow-up discussion with Dr. Chun, who is willing to work with the club.

George Salet reported the club will not have a Crab Feed this year mainly because the Pomeroy Center is not available on a February Saturday.

Absent Bob Lawhon missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman had no victims.

## **Board Meeting**

Treasurer Handford Clews informed the club two members are delinquent in their dues. The Board directed the club secretary to send the delinquents an ultimatum letter.

The Board discussed sponsoring a Casino Night to help make up some of the cash shortfall from not having the Crab Feed.

The club has a large collection of Lion trading pins. Are there members who would like to attempt to sell these pins on EBay to raise funds for the club?

## **December 17th Christmas Dinner**

This gathering began early at 5:30 P.M. for the team bagging of gifts to be presented to the students at Mission Educational Center in two days. The process went smoothly, and the 158 bags of gifts were brought out in cartons to George Salet's nearby truck. George enjoys parking privileges next to fire hydrants.

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Charlie Bottarini led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. Aaron Straus conducted introductions. A total of 9 Lions, 10 ladies and 2 guests were in attendance. Visiting from the So. S.F. Lions was Sandy Ige (pronounced Igay). Sandy is pursuing her fifth Long Tail Award. This award is earned when a Lion visits every club in the district during an administrative year.

## **Committee Reports**

Aaron Straus called for a turn-in of Y & C A tickets still in the hands of club members. He also called for a show of hands of members who will be helping out at Friday's M.E.C. party.

The meeting was turned over to SongMaster Handford Clews. Handford circulated song sheets of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," "Silver Bells," and "Deck The Halls." Handford traditionally does a good job here.

Surplus apples and oranges were given to those in attendance.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

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



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## COMING EVENTS

1/7 Board meeting; 1/21 Program meeting; 2/18 Student Speaker Contest

## SHORTS

Grace San Filippo, widow of Past-President Sam San Filippo, passed away December 9th at the age of 87. Grace had worked as a supervisor at Wells Fargo Bank for 20 years. She is survived by three children, twelve grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Services were held for Grace December 13th followed by a reception at the I.A.S.C., where Sam had been a past-president.

Aaron Straus is transferring his membership to another Lions Club in the district. Aaron was a long-time member of the Mission Lions Club, and became a member of this club when the two clubs merged. This club's loss and the other club's gain.