



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## January 7th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and David DeMartini gave the invocation. Wine was hosted by David DeMartini. Bob Lawhon was sporting a cap and jacket with SFPD patches. It seems that Bob and one of his neighbors on several occasions reported to the police department that graffiti was painted on the A T & T transformer boxes in their neighborhood and on walls and fences. The police department gave Bob the telephone number to call for cleanup, and since Bob was doing this on a regular basis, presented him the cap and jacket. Bob is now an official "graffiti cop" for civil action.

Certificates of Membership were presented to recently inducted members David Padilla and David DeMartini.

Letters to the club were read from the Millbrae Lions Club endorsing Mike Simonini as a candidate for 1st Vice-District Governor and from the Brisbane Lions Club endorsing Bob Wilson as a candidate for 2nd Vice-District Governor.

An announcement was made that the S.F. Bayview L.C. will be hosting the Jan.28th meeting of the S.F. Council at the I.A.S.C. Dinner cost is \$25. Another announcement was for a fund-raising dinner supporting Bob Smith for International Director from 4-C4. This will take place at the Foster City Recreation Center Feb. 20th. \$37.50. For tickets call PDG Ray Rosenthal at (650) 345-7773.

## Committee Reports

Screening Chairman Bill Graziano told of a referral in need of an eye examination. Dr. June Chun concluded the patient needed the services of an ophthalmologist. She waived her charge for the preliminary examination.

Lion Galdo Pavini won \$1 in the Convention Raffle. Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## Board Meeting

Discussion took place regarding a member recruiting drive and a fund-raising casino night to make up for the income shortfall by not having a Crab Feed this year.

Nominations of 2009-10 club officers will be held next month. George Salet and Dick Johnson went on record they will not be available for the presidency.

George Salet will contact Aaron Straus regarding the continuation of the programs at Mission Educational Center. Geneva-Mission will continue with the programs if D.C. Host Lions declines. Charlie Bottarini will contact Aaron Straus and will work with him for Entertainment Books for this club.

## January 21st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the flag was led by Al Gentile, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of eight members plus some wives and guests were in attendance. Al Gentile hosted for wine.

Visiting from the So. San Francisco Lions Club were Patricia Mayer, Helen Olsen and Theresa Garcia. "Terry" Garcia took photos. They informed everybody of their upcoming February 17th 63rd Anniversary, Membership, Valentine's Day & Favorite Holiday Celebration taking place at Oyster Point Yacht Club, 911 Marina Blvd., So. S.F. \$35 per person. Contact Lion Chuck Elliott at 650-873-2776.

Student Speaker Chairman Joe Farrah reports Mercy High School and Bridgemont High School on Brotherhood Way have students who will be competing at the February 18th event. Hopefully we will be hearing from more schools by then.

## Program

Speaking on behalf of United Way was Rocky Beach, who has been with the organization for six years. Rocky handed out a newsletter and a purse/wallet card to all present. The card informs that a phone call to "211" will access the caller to thousands of local community services available through United Way. It's free, it's confidential, it's available 24 hours a day in over 150 languages. Some of these get help services are: Locate child care for your children; Find care for an elderly parent; Find out where to get flu shots; Find help in times of disaster; Find food, shelter, counseling. The speaker also told of various ways to donate to United Way and to volunteer.



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## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

1/20 Ted Wildenradt; 1/27 Larry Farrell; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah; 2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto; 2/16 Chas Bottarini, Chas. Stuhr, Dick Johnson

## **COMING EVENTS**

1/28 S.F. Council Meeting at I.A.S.C.; 2/4 Board meeting; 2/18 Student Speaker Contest

## **SHORTS**

The club extends its sympathy to Diane Johnson and her family on the December 26th passing of Diane's mother, Alice Wilson, at the age of 97. A long-time Excelsior District resident, Alice was a graduate of Mission High School and an outstanding athlete who competed in the 1928 Olympic trials in track and field.