



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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December 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle Workman, who led in the pledge to the flag. Bill Graziano gave the invocation. Al Gentile conducted introductions. Handford Clews hosted for everybody's cocktails and wine in celebration of Margot's big Charity Raffle win. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Visiting Lions were Connie Bridgewater and Jacqueline Sowers from the Ocean-Ingleside Club. Connie is club president and secretary, and is seeking a Long Tail Award this year. Jacqueline is a new member.

Lyle distributed copies of the meeting agenda and district announcements. He brought the club up to speed on the upcoming Monday, December 14th Christmas party to be put on for the students at Mission Educational Center. A prepared guide detailing procedure and what must be purchased was distributed. Lyle offered to do the acquisition of gift items. Bob Fenech will contact Police officer Nacho Martinez to be Santa Claus. Members are needed to help distribute the gift bags to the students.

Handford Clews stressed the importance for members to pay up front for the club's December 17th Christmas Dinner at Sharp Park. Because of this Thursday dinner, there will be no meeting Wednesday, December 16th.

Zone Chairperson Bre Jones proposed the club holds a retreat sometime in March to evaluate in what direction the club is going. Bre suggests this be a couples overnight event at a hotel/motel/spa in the Healdsburg region. She would line up a qualified Lion to act as moderator and motivational speaker.

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano asks all members to turn in their raffle ticket stubs and receipts. He reported Emily Powell requested 50 additional books for Balboa High students to sell.

Dick Johnson reported the Charity Raffle earned a net profit of about \$7,500. There was a productive question and answer session about how to fine tune the project.

Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of November was 75%.

Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims. The Attendance Drawing was won by Handford Clews but there was no award money because a convention raffle didn't take place.

December 17th Holiday Dinner

Eleven G. M. Lions, Sandra Ige from the So. S.F. Lions plus seventeen wives, ladies and guests were in attendance at the annual dinner at the Sharp Park Golf Course. Handford Clews did his usual stellar job of handling reservations and conducting the songfest that followed dinner. A total of 139 pounds of canned food was brought by the diners to be donated to a food bank for the needy. A good time was had by all.

December 18th Mission Ed Christmas Party

Spanish-speaking police officer Natcho Martinez again donned his Santa Claus suit to present gift bags to 111 students at this annual event. Assisting Santa were Al Gentile, Aaron Straus, George & Cathy Salet, Dick & Dianne Johnson and Lyle Workman. Lyle selectively purchased all of the gift items to conform with the ages of the recipients. He also photographed each child with Santa. Cost of this event to the club was \$822.93.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri; 12/26 Ben Spiteri; 1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri; 1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly; 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



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COMING EVENTS

- 12/2 Board Meeting
- 12/14 Mission Educational Center Christmas Party
- 12/17 Club Christmas Party at Sharp Park
- 1/6 Board Meeting
- 1/20 Program meeting
- 2/3 Board meeting
- 2/17 Student Speakers Contest
- 2/19 Flag Day at M.E.C.
- 2/20 Crab Feed

SHORTS