



# GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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## February 3rd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle Workman, who led in the pledge to the flag. Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. A guest of Bob Fenech was Bob Quinn. Quinn's mother graduated from Balboa in 1935, but Quinn is a product of Lincoln High. Al Gentile conducted introductions.

The president distributed copies of meeting agendas, district announcements and the district newsletter. He reminded members that February 19th is Flag Day at Mission Educational Center.

President Lyle made the following important announcements: The upcoming February 17th meeting will be a combined Past-Presidents Night and nomination of officers meeting. All Past Presidents are asked to be at the I.A.S.C. at 5:30 to act as a nominating committee. The club's hosting of Past President's dinners on this occasion is being suspended this year due to budget constraints. A student speaker from Mercy High School may be on hand to give a speech at this meeting.

Zone Chairperson Bre Jones announced that her Region 1, North Zone 1 Student Speaker runoff will take place March 7th at Cathay Post in San Francisco. Bre gave more information on the March 25th club retreat at the Dry Creek Inn, Healdsburg. Moderator of the retreat will be prominent Lion Carl Bursson from the Sacramento area. The session will take place between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Ladies will have the option of shopping the antique stores in Healdsburg or visiting nearby Red Rock Casino via tour bus. Attendees will book their rooms directly at the nightly rate of \$89. A conference room charge of \$375 will be pro-rated among the attendees. Bre will be contacting all members directly. Her phone numbers and e-mail address are: R: (415) 472-1941, C: (415) 260-5300, E: [bremartinez@yahoo.com](mailto:bremartinez@yahoo.com)

## Committee Reports

Mike Castagnetto repeated everything is in place for the Feb. 20th Crab Feed at the I.A.S.C. \$55 per person

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano stated all receipts and ticket stubs must be turned in by the next meeting as it is time for him to make his final report.

David Padilla missed out on \$175 in the Convention Raffle by coming up with only a \$1 winning Titelist golf ball. George Salet was present to pick up \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. The same George Salet was Mystery Lion. He had no victims.

## Board Meeting

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of January was 73%.

Responding to an appeal, the Board granted \$100 to the City of Hope.

## February 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle Workman. Pledge to the flag was led by David DeMartini, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 12 members and 5 ladies were in attendance. Bob Fenech again brought Bob Quinn as his guest. Mike Castagnetto conducted introductions.

Secretary Ward Donnelly reported a letter of resignation had been received from the daughter of Ted Wildenradt stating Ted is in delicate health. The secretary read letters of gratitude from beneficiaries of club grants.

President Lyle distributed copies of the meeting agenda, district announcements and an updated phone, fax and e-mail directory. He presented to Handford Clews a Membership Advancement Key from Lions International in recognition of Handford sponsoring five members. Well done, Handford.

## Nomination of Officers

Acting as a nominating committee, the past-presidents assembled at 5:30 to undertake their annual task, which went smoothly. The nominees for the year 2010 - 2011 are President: Bre Jones, 1st V.P.: Bill Graziano, 2nd V.P.: George Salet, Secretary: Ward Donnelly, Treasurer: Handford Clews, Membership Chairman: Al Gentile, Lion Tamer: Mike Castagnetto, Tail-Twister: Dick Johnson, Board of Directors: Bob Fenech, Chas. Bottarini, Joe Farrah, Galdo Pavini, David DeMartini, Dick Johnson. Congratulations to all of the nominees. You demonstrated good club spirit by accepting the nominations. Now you have to be voted into office.



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Mike Castagnetto reported everything is in place for Saturday's Crab Feed. 230 tickets have been paid for to date. There will be a van shuttling people to the Valente-Marini parking lot.

## Past Presidents Night

President Lyle recognized the past-presidents who were in attendance and asked them to each rise and make some observations of their respective administrative years. Handford Clews recalled how he held Dick Johnson to his commitment to join the club when Handford became president. Joe Farrah stated his "claim to presidential fame" was persuading Ed Damonte to be Program Chairman during 1978 - 79 and Golf Chairman in Joe's second 1991 - 92 term.

Emily Farrah held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle. She missed out on \$225 by coming up with only a \$3 winning Titelist golf ball. Joe Farrah won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion George Salet had no victims.

## February 19th Flag Day

Lyle Workman, George Salet and Aaron Straus distributed miniature American flags and talked about the flag to about 120 students in 6 classes at Mission Educational Center. Well done, Lions.

## February 20th Crab Feed

On hand at 10 A.M. to assist Mike Castagnetto and his aides unload sacks of crab into barrels were Lions Dick Johnson, David DeMartini, Ward Donnelly, Bob Fenech, Handford Clews, Al Gentile, Charlie Bottarini, Joe Farrah and Paul Corvi. For the early arrivals who had room for more breakfast, I.A.S.C. manager Richard prepared French toast and sausage. Soft drinks, French rolls, potatoe salad, cold cuts and cheese from Sorrento were spread out at 11:45 for the traditional lunch.

The attendance of 244 was close to the capacity of 248. They were greeted by by an appetizing display of hors d'oeuvres. A roving accordionist entertained. Club ladies sold raffle tickets for chances at the \$500, \$200 and \$100 prizes. The bar appeared quite busy. Everybody feasted on salad, pasta, unlimited cracked crab, French bread, wine, coffee and cream puffs. Earned net profit was \$6,940. Mike Castagnetto and his team are to be congratulated for putting on a successful and enjoyable event.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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; 2/19 Dorothy Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte; 3/1 Emily Powell

## COMING EVENTS

2/3 Board meeting  
2/17 Student Speakers Contest  
2/19 Flag Day at M.E.C.  
2/20 Crab Feed  
2/20 District Assembly Meeting  
3/1 Board Meeting  
3/7 Zone Student Speakers Contest, 2 P.M. at 1524 Powell St.  
3/17 No meeting  
3/25 Club Retreat  
5/20-23 District Convention

## SHORTS