



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CLUB



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February 2nd Meeting

President Bre Jones called the meeting to order. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Riordan High School alumnus Handford Clews delivered a good Marianist invocation. Introductions were conducted by Al Gentile. A total of 13 members plus Emily Farrah were in attendance. Visiting was Bayview-Hunters Point Lion Gwen Strain in pursuit of her Long Tail award. President Bre announced the S.F. Council will be holding its annual Police & Firefighters Awards Night at Patio Espanol April 23rd. The club agreed to participate, and Bob Fenech will ask the Ingelside Precinct captain to select an officer to be recognized. Bre reported speakers from Mission and Washington High Schools have been lined up for the next meeting's Student Speaker contest. The topic is "Enforcing our Borders: State versus Federal Rights." This is a Ladies Night meeting. Bre also announced Teen Challenge will be holding an open house Feb. 22nd from 6 to 8 P.M. They are also having a crab feed April 3rd.

Secretary Ward Donnelly reported letters of gratitude were received from Teen Challenge, Riordan High School, Balboa High School, Clinic By the Bay and Lions Eye Foundation.

Committee Reports

Y & C A Chairman Bill Graziano stated "It is that time of year again."

Crab Feed Chairman Mike Castagnetto said he will need help for the February 19th event at 10 A.M. The traditional lunch will be laid out. Don't forget to bring hors d'ouvres. Ticket cost is \$55 per person. Capacity is limited to 250 people so get your check in to Handford Clews to secure your reservation. George Salet again agreed to conduct the raffle with all prizes being in the form of cash.

This being Past Presidents Night, the club hosted all of the past presidents to dinner and they were invited to talk about their respective year(s) as club leader. A couple of them blanked out.

Mystery Lion David DeMartini had no victims. With \$136 at stake in the Convention Raffle pot, Ward Donnelly came up with only a \$3 winning golf ball. Absent Emily Powell missed out on \$3 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of January was 65%.

Bre has been in touch with some locals who are possible recruiting candidates. A lunch meeting would suit some of them so the board discussed adding a lunch meeting to the club's schedule.

Bre also stimulated interest in the upcoming district convention. She would like to see the club participate in the amateur show and Tail Twister competition.

The board voted to contribute \$100 to City of Hope in support of Lion Sandy Ige's walk.

February 16th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre. A total of 15 members and 4 ladies were in attendance. Announcements of coming events and district convention registration forms were distributed.

This being the occasion of the Student Speaker Contest, Bre turned the meeting over to contest chairman Paul Corvi. The three students who spoke on the topic "Enforcing Our Borders: State versus Federal Rights" were Jason Wu from Washington High School, and Catherine Suen and Stephanie Sin from Lowell High School. Winner Stephanie Sin was awarded \$75 and the other two were each awarded \$25. Accompanying the speakers were Washington speech coach John Propster and Catherine's father Terence Abad. Also in attendance was Zone 2 Chairman Bill Stipinovich from the Nikkei L.C., who announced the Zone 2 runoff will take place March 10th and that Stephanie Sin will be the automatic winner as no other clubs from this zone participated in Student Speakers. Judging the contest were Ric Micheli, Frank Geline and John Paul. Miche li and Paul are retired educators, Geline is a Distinguished Toastmaster.

Emily Powell presented to the club a "We Appreciate You" award from the Balboa Student Association and the Balboa Alumni Association. Used eyeglasses collected by Balboa students were turned in to the club.

February 18th Flag Day

Bob Quinn and Bre Jones distributed 60 miniature American flags to students in six classrooms grades K to 5 at the Mission Educational Center. Well done, Bob and Bre.

February 19th Crab Feed

The club's annual Crab Feed took place at the I.A.S.C. Lions showed up beginning at 10 A.M. to help unload the sacks of crab. The rewarding traditional cold cuts and beverages lunch was laid out at noon. 231 tickets were sold for the



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event. Ladies sold raffle tickets for the cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100. The club is grateful to Chairman Mike Castagnetto and his crew for the work they put in. Thanks, also, to Handford Clews for ticket sales, George Salet and Ward Donnelly for working the raffle, and Lyle Workman for signage and photos. And thanks to our wonderful ladies who brought pre-dinner hors d'ouvres and sold raffle tickets.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

2/16 Student Speaker Contest; 2/18 Flag Day at M.E.C.; 2/19 Crab Feed, 3rd Cabinet Meeting, 2/22 Teen Challenge Open House; 3/10 Clinic By The Bay Open House; 4/23 S.F. Council Police & Firefighters; 5/19 - 21 District Convention

SHORTS

Dick Johnson is halfway through his radiation treatment for lung cancer. Chemotherapy will follow. The club wishes Dick a positive benefit from the treatments and a return to good health.

The club extends its sympathy to the Foster City Lions Club on the recent passing of their long-time member Tim Collins at the age of 56.