



GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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February 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the flag was led by David Demartini, and the invocation was given by Mike Castagnetto. A total of 11 members and 2 ladies were in attendance. Mike Castagnetto conducted introductions.

Handford Clews had as his guest Marjean Sako, Executive Director of St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. She lives in the St. Mary's Park district. Handford is sponsoring Marjean as a new club member.

Visiting the club was Geneva-Mission Past President Robert Lawhon, presently a member of the Daly City Host L.C. Bob circulated copies of the Daly City Club's meeting agenda and bulletin to give Geneva-Excelsior an insight. His wife Zenaida was in Manila attending a high school reunion.

Committee Reports

As of one week ago, no students have responded to participate in next week's Student Speaker Contest. At his recent 60th anniversary high school reunion, Handford Clews spoke to a Riordan High faculty member in an attempt to have representation from that school. Contest judges have been lined up.

Handford Clews reminded members to send in their receipts and stubs on the Y & C A raffle tickets distributed to them. He informed the club that an additional 950 books of tickets have been ordered to be sold by ROTC students throughout the city. The club now has a total of 3,150 books outstanding.

Mike Castagnetto reported the club's March 3rd Crab Feed is all set to go. Cost is \$60. Obtain your tickets for this event from Handford Clews. Urge your ticket buyers to bring their tickets with them to the feed to facilitate seating.

Lions Eye Foundation Trustee Galdo Pavini gave the club an informative "State Of The Foundation" report.

Board Meeting

Ward Donnelly reported January attendance was 47%. He read the slate of new club officer nominees and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Since there weren't any floor nominations, a motion that nominations be closed was passed.

The club received a letter of gratitude from Riordan High School for the club's support of their 2011 Golf Tournament.

A request from the Partners In Service Committee for a \$45 contribution was approved. This is for the champagne luncheon for wives at the district convention. Payment of an invoice from C. M. Amos Printing for Crab Feed tickets was also approved.

Treasurer Handford Clews circulated copies of his report and noted a dues check for the last half of 2011 was received from Ernest Ayala. Ayala must pay the current period's dues before being reinstated to club membership.

February 15th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the flag was led by Al Gentile, and the invocation was given by Ward Donnelly. A total of 14 members and 3 ladies were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman Mike Castagnetto stated help will be needed the morning of the March 3rd event to unload the crab. Helpers will be rewarded with the traditional cold cut and beverage lunch. Mike informed the club ladies will not have to bring hors d'oeuvres this year as they will be provided by the I.A.S.C. George Salet will again conduct the raffle.

Lyle Workman gave a season-ending report on the football pool. Joe Farrah held the winning final score numbers in the Super Bowl game.

Student Speaker Contest

This was the night scheduled for the club's annual Student Speaker Contest. The topic was "What Could the America of Yesterday Teach the America of Tomorrow?" Because contest chairman Paul Corvi was running late due to bridge traffic, the contest took place after dinner instead of the reverse. The three excellent competing speakers were Eduardo Valencia from St. Ignatius, Alice Chu from Washington and Ruby Francis from Mercy. Valencia was voted the winner by judges Enrico Micheli, Frank Gelini and John Paul. The next level zone contest was held February 29th. Eduardo Valencia unanimously defeated Steven Zhang from Washington High School in the zone contest and will be competing in the Region 1 contest March 21st, 6:30 P.M. at Mercy High School.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/4 Galdo & Patricia Pavini; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah; 2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto; 2/16 Chas. Bottarini, Chas. Stuhr; 2/19 Dorothy Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte

COMING EVENTS

3/3 Crab Feed; 5/17 - 5/20 District Convention at Woodlake Hotel, Sacramento

SHORTS

Burlingame Lions Club has endorsed their member Jack Van Etten as a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor