



GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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November 7th 49er Night

A total of 38 members and guests were in attendance at Bertolucci's Restaurant for 49ers Night as arranged by Bob Lawhon. Handford Clews was missed because he was being treated at Peninsula Hospital for an infected toe. Al Gentile was down with the flu. All of the women in attendance were asked to tell what high school they attended. Because they are so strongly in demand, no Gold Rush girls were available to be at this event. Bob Lawhon is already working on their presence at next year's 49er Night. Principle speaker was 49er field announcer Bob Sarlatte, a St. Ignatius alumnus. He told amusing stories of his career as an announcer and stand-up comic.

November 16th Lunch at M.E.C.

The annual Thanksgiving lunch at Mission Educational Center was a success. Enrollment there of Kindergarten to 5th graders is down to 60 pupils. Lions who did the serving were Bob Quinn, Bob Lawhon, Aaron Straus, May Wong, Lyle Workman and Joe & Emily Farrah. May Wong put out an extra effort by purchasing and bringing plates, whipped cream, onion rings, sweet potato puffs, cranberry sauce and Thanksgiving decorations. Lyle took photos. After the pupils entertained with songs like "Hello Bonjour," "Turkeys Live On the Farm" and "Give Thanks," they feasted on their first American Thanksgiving meal of turkey, string beans, macaroni & cheese, corn bread, stuffing, milk, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie. Some assistant school superintendents and other school personnel were in attendance.

November 21st meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Quinn. Tail-Twisters Mike Castagnetto and Robert Fenech will have to levy a fine upon the president for forgetting his meeting agenda. Pledge to the flag was led by Lyle Workman, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members and 2 ladies were in attendance. May Wong brought guest Sharon Eberhardt who resides at 314 Foote Ave. May is sponsoring Sharon to become a member of the club. Al Gentile conducted introductions. The president extended gratitude to May Wong and all of the members who were at the Mission Educational Center on November 16th.

Committee Reports

Viela duPont reported 210 Charity Raffle tickets have been purchased/sold to date. Viela also urged members to get to her their checks for the club's annual Christmas dinner taking place at the Basque Cultural Center on December 19th. Price per person is \$47 for a choice of rack of lamb or salmon. Make your check payable to the G. - E. Lions and mail same to Viela at 327 Lisbon St., S.F. 94112. Indicate your menu choices.

Bill Graziano informed the club the state of California is not allowing the district to conduct the sale of Youth & Community Activities raffle tickets this year. This turn of events is going to adversely effect the club's fund-raising and the fund raising of cooperating groups.

Charlie Bottarini and Al Gentile conducted the Convention Raffle. Handford Clews missed out on a possible \$125 by coming up with only a \$3 winning Titelist golf ball. Al Gentile won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion appeared.

Board Meeting

Handford Clews gave the treasurer's report. The club owes the Franchise Tax Board \$763.48 interest for late payments. Handford, speaking as a responsible treasurer, urged members who chair club events to monitor expenses as though they were spending their own money. Two members are past due in their semi-annual dues. The club directed the secretary to send the two delinquents an ultimatum letter.

May Wong reminded the board that the Mission Educational Center Christmas party is set for Friday, December 21st at 11 A.M. Bob Lawhon is to chair the event.

The board agreed to grant \$1,000 to victims of the Sandy Beach hurricane. This will be done through Lions Clubs International. Other grants are \$100 to the Salvation Army and \$100 to Lions Camp at Teresita Pines.

November 25th Charity Raffle

The 34th annual Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle drawing and spaghetti & meatball feed took place at the I.A.S.C. Champagne was served and an accordionist entertained. Past-District Governors Habeeb, Stanaway and Pignati were acknowledged. Viela duPont did a great job chairing the event. Informational folders listing beneficiaries of the club's fund-raising were placed at tables. A total of 225 tickets were sold/purchased.



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The winners were:

\$12,000 Joyce Gargano
1,000 Bob & Kathy Wrinkle
500 Cathleen Lagomarsino
250 Lyle Workman
100 Virginia Francis
100 Ron & Nan Giuffre
100 Bob Fenech
100 Andy Stoeppelwerth
100 Nancy Caton
50 Al & Joe Sangiacomo
50 Tess Garibaldi

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/22 Bob Quinn; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

12/5 Board meeting; 12/19 Christmas party; 12/21 M.E.C. Christmas party; 2/2/13 Cabinet meeting; 3/2/13 Crab Feed