



GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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December 5th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Quinn. Pledge to the flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by David DeMartini. A total of 15 members and 3 ladies were in attendance. Bob Fenech conducted introductions. Barry Pearl delivered to the club a bag containing 15 to 20 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Committee Reports

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman announced, "If you didn't receive a check, it is too bad."

Mike Castagnetto reported because of the increased price of crab the club will probably be charging \$65 for attendance to the Crab Feed.

Charity Raffle Chairperson Viela duPont reported 225 tickets have been sold/purchased to date.

With \$130 at stake, Bob Fenech came up with only a \$1 winning Titelist golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Joe Farrah won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly gave Zenaida Lawhon a pass because she waved hello.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews distributed copies of his monthly report. He informed the club an overpayment of \$350 was recovered from Bertolucci's Restaurant from 49er Night.

A \$300 Christmas gift to waitress Leila was approved.

Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of October was 53%.

Bob Lawhon reported a work party will take place at the club's Dec. 19th Christmas Dinner in preparation of the Mission Educational Center's Christmas Party. Bob informed the club the recently chartered Leo Club now has 14 members and has had two meetings.

Viela duPont reported the Charity Raffle earned a net profit of under \$5,000.

Membership Chairman Al Gentile reported he received an application for membership and check from Sharon Eberhardt and an application from Eban Cambridge. The Board accepted these applicants into club membership.

December 19th Christmas Dinner

The club's annual Christmas Dinner took place at the Basque Cultural Center. Entree choices were salmon or rack of lamb. In attendance were a total of 41 members and guests including Lion Sandy Ige from the So.S.F. Club. Sandy is the perennial earner of Lionism's "Long Tail Award." Some of the members were recruited to assist May Wong in bagging gifts for the upcoming M.E.C. party. Emily Powell delivered a bag of used eyeglasses collected by Balboa High students. Emily also recited *When My Ship Comes In*. Bob & Zenaida Lawhon presented personal gifts to attendees. Viela duPont is to be praised for handling all of the arrangements for the dinner.

December 21st M.E.C. Christmas Party

May Wong and Zenaida Lawhon shopped and purchased the gifts to be presented to the 60 students at the Mission Educational Center. Bob Lawhon arranged for Santa Claus (Ramon Barretto) with four firefighters to arrive in fire Trusck # 26 with siren and lights. Each class came in and sang *Jingle Bells* to Santa and received their gifts. Santa asked each one in Spanish their name and if they had been good. There were some younger sisters and brothers there with their Moms and Santa gave them gifts also. Many photos were taken. The club is grateful to Los Bomberos and the members of the S.F.F.D. Representing Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club were Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Bob Quinn, May Wong and another lady Lion.

Leo Club

The Leos had a Toy Drive after school December 19th at Epiphany School's gym from 4:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. and delivered the collected toys to the Moscow Street fire station.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri, 1/14 Joe Farrah, 1/15 Ward Donnelly

COMING EVENTS

1/2 Board meeting; 1/16 Program meeting 2/2/13 Cabinet meeting; 3/2/13 Crab Feed

Have a Happy New Year!