

May 1st meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by David DeMartini and the invocation was given by Viela duPont. A total of 9 members and 3 ladies were in attendance.

Charles Bottarini conducted introductions. Secretary Joe Farrah reported letters and certificates of gratitude were received from St. Mary's Clinic and Balboa High School.

Handford Clews won one-half of the \$385 that was in the Convention Raffle. Mike Castagnetto won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion George Salet had no victims.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews distributed copies of his monthly report and read same. He informed the club a \$15.93 refund was received from the state. One member is delinquent in his payment of dues.

Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of April was 54%

May Wong announced the Excelsior Festival will take place the last Sunday in September.

May 15th meeting

Ward Donnelly took bulletin notes at this meeting but the notes did not get through to the bulletin editor because his fax machine wasn't turned on.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/10 Bill & Calista Shea; Margot Clews; Mike Castagnetto; 6/16 Chas. & Marcy Stuhr;

COMING EVENTS

6/19 Program meeting; 7/3 Board meeting; 7/17 Installation of officers

SHORTS

Incoming Region 1 Chairperson is Yvonne Kantola and incoming Zone 1 Chairperson is Helen Marte

Naples St. resident Teri Garcia is transferring from the So. S.F. Lions Club to this club. Glad to have you
Ward Donnelly took bulletin notes at this aboard, Teri.

June 5th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, - and the invocation was given by Galdo Pavini. A total of 14 members and 2 ladies were in attendance. Bill Graziano conducted introductions.

May Wong informed the club the I.A.S.C. will be closed on July 17th so the location of the club's

Installation of Officers on that date has been changed to Bertolucci's Restaurant in So. S.F. Menu selections are grilled breast of chicken, salmon picatta or N.Y. steak. Dinner will include wine.

Reservation checks of \$50 per person must be received no later than July 12th and should be mailed to Handford Clews at 141 Elm St., # 4, San Mateo CA 94401. Indicate menu choices.

Ward Donnelly gave a report of his views of the district convention he attended.

Galdo Pavini reported he attended the recent Lions Eye Foundation trustees meeting. He reported this club had referred 9 patients to the L.E.F. and over the years and has donated between \$68,000 and \$70,000 to the L.E.F. He circulated *brochures with* information on the fund-raising Capital Campaign. .

Nearing the end of the administrative year, final drawings were made to determine the winner of the remaining \$192 in the Convention Raffle. After

17 unsuccessful tries by others, Joe Farrah came up with the winning golf ball.

Absent Paul Corvi missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. The Mystery Lion was a mystery.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews distributed copies of his monthly report and read same. One member continues to be delinquent in his dues.

Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of May was 40%

May Wong confirmed the appointments of committee chairs for the coming year. She reported she spent \$70 to purchase pizza for the Leo Club members. The Board acted to reimburse May the \$70 and to

reimburse Ward Donnelly \$199 for representing the club at the convention. Ward is donating the \$199 to the Lions Eye Foundation. The Board also acted to donate \$100 to the Oklahoma tornado disaster relief

June 19th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and the invocation was given by Handford Clews. Introductions were conducted by Bob Fenech. A total of 10 members and 1 lady were in attendance.

Visiting was a guest of May Wong, Angie Minkin who lives at Moscow & Russia. Her magician husband is known as "Magic Dan." Angie is chairperson of the advisory board of Excelsior Action Group. EAG was established in 2002. She informed the club the 11th annual Excelsior Festival will take place September 19th. Angie fielded questions and comments about the festival.

President May informed the club Viela duPont was at the Castro Lions Club to receive a grant check to Clinic by the Bay.

Sharon Eberhardt won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion appeared.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri; 7/9 Robert Lawhon

COMING EVENTS

7/3 Board meeting; 7/17 Installation of officers; 7/21 Cabinet installation

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July 4, 2013

July 3rd meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and the invocation was given by Al Gentile. Introductions were conducted by George Salet. A total of 14 members and 3 ladies were in attendance.

President May read an announcement of the August 4th S.F. Council installation of officers at the Basque Cultural Center, and she reminded members to get their reservation checks to Handford Clews for this club's July 17th installation of officers. May also informed the club the school principal, alumni association president and other school hierarchy will be attending the September 18th Balboa Night club meeting. The Balboa color guard may also be present.

Absent Eban Cambridge missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion appeared.

Board Meeting

Minutes of the June 5th board meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Handford Clews circulated copies of his monthly report and read same. He is in receipt of 11 reservation checks for the upcoming installation of officers. He informed the club he will be spending the 4th of July holiday preparing and submitting lengthy and complex reports to both state and federal agencies. Fees will accompany these reports. Invoices for semi-annual dues went out. These dues are now payable. One member continues to be delinquent in dues payment. Sponsor Robert Lawhon will again contact him.

Ward Donnelly reported club attendance during June was 56%.

Several pending projects and topics were brought up for discussion. President May asked what the club has been doing about the Peace Poster contest. Former member Aaron Straus is going to be asked for input. Re the Crab Feed: Bill Graziano is going to ask Millbrae Lion Mike Gianni if he still wants to undertake this project. Al Gentile reported receiving a request for eyeglasses from needy Jeannette Brown, a former Lion. He referred this to Galdo Pavini who in turn asked L.E.F. administrator Mark Paskvan for help. Bob Lawhon knows a Valencia St. optometrist who will offer to do a free examination. Charlie Bottarini asked if the club wants to continue charging \$5 for Convention Raffle tickets. The board acted on a motion to change the price to \$1 per ticket. Screening Chairman Ward Donnelly recommended the club approve of a \$400 Wilderness Camp for Deaf children grant and a \$100 grant to Knights of Columbus/Daly City Host Lions Fun Day. Payment of \$18 to engrave Bob Quinn's name on the Past Presidents' plaque was approved.

Bill Graziano told the club how he was impressed at the Castro Lions installation he recently attended by the presence there and the presentations made of representatives of the several organizations the Castro Club assists. The Castro Club makes its yearly grants to these beneficiaries at one time on this occasion.

Bill recommends this club considers doing its grants in the same or similar manner instead of on a monthly basis. President May is going to learn more about the organizations this club supports and is going to ask representatives of these organizations to come to the club and talk about the work they are doing.

July 17th Installation of Officers

The club held its 64th Installation of Officers dinner at Bertolucci's Restaurant. A total of 39 members, wives, family and friends were in attendance. Recently installed District Governor Steve Picchi officiated as installing officer. Among those in attendance was 1st Vice District Governor Jack Van Etten from Burlingame. The incoming officers are President May Wong, 1st V-P Viela duPont, 2nd V-P Robert Lawhon, Secretary Joe Farrah, Treasurer Handford Clews, Tail-Twister David Demartini, Lion Tamer George Salet and Membership Chairman Al Gentile. One year Board of Directors are Bob Fenech, Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly; Two year Board of Directors are Charles Bottarini, Mike Castagnetto, Zenaida Lawhon.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

7/18 Bobbi Damonte; 7/28 Calista Shea; 8/1 Bill Mayta; 8/3 Handford & Margot Clews

COMING EVENTS

7/17 Installation of officers; 7/21 Cabinet installation; 8/4 S. F. Council installation; 8/7 Board meeting; 8/15 Program meeting; 9/18 Balboa night

The club extends its sympathy to Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto on the untimely passing of their son Michael III. May he rest in peace.

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August 9, 2013

August 7th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by May and the invocation was given by Bob Lawhon. Introductions were conducted by Al Gentile. A total of 14 members and 2 ladies were in attendance.

Zenaida Lawhon brought packets of Planters trail mix for all to enjoy and a birthday gift for Bob Fenech. President May announced that the speaker at the next meeting will be Kathryn Ayres. Her topic will be "A Literary Love Affair with San Francisco." She also announced that Lyle Workman produced new telephone and e mail rosters, which she has.

Lyle Workman has e mailed to participants this coming season's football pool sheets. He is looking for \$100 checks. Try to make his job a little easier.

Viela duPont has a running start on the club's annual Charity Raffle. She distributed to those present the listings of raffle ticket purchasers. Review your list and make any corrections and/or deletions that may be called for. Letters will be going out soon. The date of the drawing/dinner is November 29th.

Zenaida Lawhon came up with only a \$2 Titelist golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Golf balls will have to be returned in future drawings to hold down expense. Absent Galdo Pavini missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. The Mystery Lion will have to get back on track.

Board Meeting

Minutes of the July 3rd board meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Handford Clews circulated copies of his monthly report and read same. He noted Eban Cambridge still had not paid delinquent dues. Robert Lawhon attempted to contact Eban with no response so the Board voted to drop Eban as a member.

May Wong informed the club she is giving a Peace Poster kit to Mission Educational Center for their participation. She is also going to talk to I.A.S.C. manager Julie Clima about Julie and her father running the club's Crab Feed. May announced Paul Corvi has agreed to chair the Student Speaker contest. May

presented to Robert Lawhon a membership development award sent to the club from Lions International. The same award was sent on behalf of Handford Clews and given to May. She is going to search for it. Good job, guys.

May reported the club has sent letters to five of the recipients of monthly grant checks from the club putting them on notice that the club will be reviewing the amounts of these grants and will be presenting the checks at a one-time annual instead of monthly basis. This will be done towards the end of the calendar year when representatives of the respective organizations will be invited to attend a club meeting and give the club members an overview of what the organization does for this community. The Board approved a grant of \$150 to Canine Companions. The Board also approved a grant of \$1,000 to Monroe School in response to a request from Frank La, who will be coaching a newly organized soccer team there. They presently have ten players. The \$1,000 is to cover a team fee of \$580 and to purchase uniform jerseys for the players costing \$25 to \$35 each depending on the quality.

August 21st meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by George Salet, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members plus 1 lady were in attendance. David Demartini conducted introductions.

May announced there will be a street sign unveiling at the Excelsior Library on Sept. 7th and that the Excelsior Festival will take place September 29th.

Galdo Pavini sent in a bag of used eyeglasses.

Ninette Mendoza from the Hispanic Lions Club and a past-president of the S.F. Council presented a plaque to Bob Lawhon as gratitude for his assistance at the Council's Police & Firefighters Awards Night. She also presented to May Wong and Joe Farrah Certificates of Appreciation from District Governor Bob Wilson for their services as club secretary and president.

Committee Reports

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman stated "I need money."

Charity Raffle Chairwoman Viela duPont reported she was in receipt of over \$2,000 for ticket purchases to date.

Bob Lawhon announced the club's 49ers Night will be held November 6th at Harding Park. Master of Ceremonies will be 30-year field announcer Bob Sarlatte. Gold Rush Cheerleaders will also be present. Joe Farrah expressed he didn't think the club should be spending \$175 on the appearance of each of the Gold Rush girls. Cost of buffet dinner is \$55.49 per person. RSVP to Bob at 415-519-3972. Bill Graziano reported his group contacts have made commitments for up to 2,000 books of Y & C A raffle tickets.

Program

Lorri Ungareppi presented an interesting slide show and talk on the history of the Sunset District. She has written a book on the topic.

Viela duPont won \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Bob Lawhon had no victims.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

8/7 Bob Fenech; 8/13 Bre Jones; 8/30 Marilyn Squeri; 9/1 Rosalinda Corvi; 8/2 Diane Johnson

COMING EVENTS

8/15 Program meeting; 8/24 Cabinet meeting; 9/4 Board meeting; 9/18 Balboa night, Early Bird drawing; 11/24 Charity Raffle drawing

A hard copy of this edition of the club bulletin is being mailed to all internet users because new 2013 - 2014 information is on the roster page. Information includes club and cabinet officers, committee chair people and club members. This copy should be retained all year for reference purposes.

The new cabinet secretary is Lydia Taylor-Bellinger. Her e mail is lat6264@comcast.net.

February 5th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Pledge to the flag was led by May and Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 13 club members plus 3 ladies were in attendance. David Demartini conducted introductions. Making campaign visits were 1st Vice-District Governor Jack Van Etten from the Burlingame L.C., 2nd Vice-District Governor Macy Mak Chan from the Chinatown L.C. and Michael Chan from the San Mateo L.C. Jack urged members to attend the *district* convention to be held at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento May 16th to 18th. Ward Donnelly said he will be attending.

A letter of gratitude was received from Teen Challenge.

May reminded members the Student Speakers contest will take place at the next February 19th meeting.

Committee Reports

Viela duPont reported the Charity Raffle earned a net profit of \$4,750.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman gave a season report including the fact the Ward Donnellys were the biggest cash winners. The pool earned a net profit of \$1,922. Many thanks to Lyle for undertaking this time-consuming project every year.

Bob Lawhon asked members to assist at the February 21st Flag Day at Mission Educational Center from 10 A.M. to noon. The Hispanic Club has ordered the flags and will be represented there..

Charlie Bottarini conducted the Convention Raffle. Al Gentile came up with only a \$2-winning golf ball. In a secondary drawing, Ward Donnelly won chocolate brought from Preston's by Jack Van Etten. Absent Galdo Pavini missed out on \$12 in the Attendance Drawing.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews read his report and informed the club seven members had not yet paid their current dues.

May Wong announced the annual nomination of officers will take place prior to the upcoming February 19th meeting. All past-presidents act as the nomination committee and are asked to be at the J.A.S.C. at 5:30. Viela duPont suggested forming a new club fund-raising committee.

February 19th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President May Wong. Al Gentile led in the pledge to the flag, and Emily Powell gave the invocation. Emily also brought in a bag of used eyeglasses from Balboa High School and sent the club a letter of gratitude from the Balboa Alumni Ass'n. The club also received a "thank you" letter from the S.F. Fire Dept. David Demartini conducted introductions. A total of 13 Lions and 3 ladies were in attendance.

President May reminded members nomination of officers will take place prior to the upcoming March 5th meeting. All past presidents act as a nominating committee and are asked to be at the I.A.S.C. at 5:30 P.M.

Bob Lawhon reminded members Flag Day at Mission Educational Center would be taking place Friday, Feb. 21st. 122 students will be presented with flags.

Absent Bill Welch missed out on \$14 in the Attendance Drawing.

The meeting, dedicated to Charles Stuhr, was turned over to Student Speaker Contest Chairman Paul Corvi, who conducted the annual competition. This year's topic is "Community Sen/ice: What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?" The five speakers were Eduardo Valencia, a senior from St. Ignatius; Julianna Morales, a sophomore from Mercy S.F.; Carmen Luk, senior and Ella Zahn, junior from Washington; and Jessica Gao, a junior from Lowell. Eduardo Valencia was the winner. Accompanying students were Washington coach John Propster, Mercy coach Nicole Wong and S.I. coach Sandeep Bhuta. The repeat judges were John Paul, Enrico Micheli and Frank Gentile.

Zone 1 Chairperson Helen Marte announced the next level zone contest was going to be held March 6th, 6 P.M. at the Koret Auditorium of the S.F. Main Library.

February 21st Flag Day

Bob Lawhon, Aaron Straus, and four members of the Hispanic Lions Club met with 6 classes and distributed 135 flags to the students from kindergarten to the 5th grades. Each class told them about the flags and what the colors and stars stood for. All knew that California was the 36th star. This is the 41st year that the Lion Clubs have been participating with the Mission Ed Center. Aaron is putting together an article and history of this activity so if anybody has any photos or history they would be appreciated.

Past-President Charles Stuhr (1960-61) passed away in Vacaville February 9th at the age of 90. He

chaired the Student Speaker Contest for many years and was an active member. Charlie was a Marine Corps veteran and respected lawyer practicing at 5012 Mission St. He enjoyed golf and playing pedro. In fact, he authored a book entitled *Pedro (According to Granada Café Rules.)* He is survived by his wife of 63 years Marcella, 4 daughters, a son and 10 grandchildren.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/23 Ed Damonte; 3/1 Emily Powell; 3/22 Paul Corvi

COMING EVENTS

3/5 Board meeting, nomination of officers; 3/6 Zone Student Speaker Contest; 3/19 Program meeting; 4/12 S.F. Council Awards Night at Patio Espanol; 5/16 - 5/18 District convention

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May 6th meeting

A total of 14 members and 3 ladies were in attendance. Viela duPont called the meeting to order. Pledge to the flag was led by Viela, and Bill Graziano gave the Invocation. Bob Fenech conducted introductions. Viela informed the club that she, Sharon Eberhardt and May Wong attended the S.F. Council Awards Night

Bob Fenech acknowledged he will chair the proposed Crab Feed. There was a discussion about admission price to the Crab Feed and the accompanying raffle.

This being the club's last meeting prior to the district convention, all of the remaining money in the convention raffle was raffled off. Ward Donnelly won \$43 and donated same back to the club. Ed Marchese also won \$43. Charlie Bottarini won \$3, and George Salet drew a blank.

Absent Ed Damonte missed out on \$15 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Bob Fenech had no victims.

Board meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews distributed copies of and read his monthly report. All members are current with their dues.

Attendance for the month of April was 37%.

Clinic by The Bay will be represented at the June meeting. Viela stated she will contact other grant recipients.

An announcement was made that new officers training would be taking place at Parkside Middle School in San Bruno on May 30th.

May 20th meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Viela duPont. Pledge to the flag was led by Viela, and Ed Marchese gave the invocation. Ward Donnelly conducted introductions. A total of eight members were in attendance.

President Viela reminded members that Installation of Officers will be July 15th and the tentative new date for a Crab Feed is March 5, 2016.

May Wong reported proceeds from the Y & C A drawing was \$4,333. The Grand Prize winning ticket came from the S.F. Host Lions Club.

All grant recipients except Fox Vocational Center have presented to the club their appeal.

Thanks to Ward Donnelly for taking bulletin notes.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 Emily Farrah; 6/10 Bill & Calista Shea; 6/10 Margot Clews

COMING EVENTS

6/3 Board meeting; 6/17 Program meeting; 7/15 Installation of Officers