



# GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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## 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 consider 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.