



GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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December 4th meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Viela DuPont. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 10 club members plus 3 ladies were in attendance. David Demartini conducted introductions.

Committee Reports

Viela brought up the topic of the club's annual Christmas party at Mission Education Center. It was set for December 20th with Bob Lawhon in charge.

Absent Ben Spiteri missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman had no victims.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews read his report and stated all dues are paid up. He is still awaiting a response from the state. After more discussion, the Board voted to give up on the club's Crab Feed for now.

The Board also voted to give waitress Leila an annual gratuity of \$250.

December 20th M.E.C. Christmas Party

Keeping alive a 40-year tradition started by the Mission Lions and Aaron Straus, club members Bob and Zenaida Lawhon assisted the members of the Los Bombaros—the Hispanic members of the S.F. Fire Department, firefighters Ramon Barreto (St. 15) and Doug Calderon (St. 43). Barreto was Santa Claus. Lt. Lester Lesavoy (St. 19) and Daniel Lesavoy assisted with the distribution of presents at the Mission Educational Center. The children from Kindergarten to the 5th grade, a total of 107 met Santa, sang songs and enjoyed seeing Santa. For many of these children, this was their first year in the U.S. and San Francisco, and Santa made them feel at home.

December 18th Holiday Dinner

41 members, friends and guests attended the club's annual Holiday dinner at the Basque Cultural Center. Entrees were rack of lamb and salmon. Another Viela DuPont successful event.

Former member Tom O'Connell passed away December 17th at the age of 84. He had a 40-year career as a real estate broker in the Outer Mission area of the city. Tom joined the Army National guard retiring as a Major. He was sponsored into the G. – E. Club by Bill Tonelli in 1970 and resigned in 1983. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Mary Rose, three children and a grandson.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

COMING EVENTS

1/8 Board meeting; 1/22 Program meeting; 2/19 Student Speakers night