



GENEVA EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB



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December 3rd meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Viela duPont. Pledge to the flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. Tail-twister Bob Fenech conducted introductions. A total of 12 members and 1 lady were in attendance. Thoughtful May Wong brought oatmeal cookies from Safeway.

Committee Reports

Viela duPont reported 232 Charity Raffle tickets had been sold/purchased to date. This is more than last year's sales. Viela announced a Youth & Community Activities Raffle Ticket workshop is to be held the following Saturday, December 6th. The raffle's First Prize will be \$10,000. All ticket stubs must be submitted by March 27th, and the drawing will take place April 10th.

More discussion took place about reviving the club's Crab Feed. Tentatively, cooking would be done by Mike Spediacci, Jr., and Al Gentile volunteered to shop for the Feed.

Absent Ed Damonte missed out on \$17 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion identified his or her self.

Board meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews read and distributed copies of his monthly report. One member is delinquent in his dues.

An application for club membership from Edward Marchese was submitted to the Board and was accepted. He is the son of Viela duPont.

The Board approved a grant of \$1,076 to M. H. Tobias School in Daly City. The Daly City Host L. C. doesn't have funds to help the needy school.

Members were reminded to be at Mission Educational Center at 9:30 A.M. for their annual Christmas Party and to bring an unwrapped toy to the club's December 17th holiday dinner.

December 17th Holiday Dinner

The club's holiday dinner-meeting was held at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant. A total of 46 were in attendance. District Governor Jack Van Etten and members of his cabinet made their annual club visit on this occasion. He inducted into Lionism the following new members: Edward Marchese sponsored by Viela duPont, Rebecca Chen and John Duong sponsored by May Wong and Stephen Martin sponsored by Robert Fenech. Welcome to Lionism. He presented to Emily Powell, Gerald Lowe and Ernie Braun 10-year service chevrons.

Cabinet officers were Vice-District Governor Macy Mak Chan, 2nd Vice D.G. Ron Mercado and Zone Chairperson Sandra Ige. PDG Emil Kantola was also in attendance. Visiting was retired S.F. firefighter Leo Martinez. He picked up unwrapped toys brought by attendees for the Firefighters Toy Program. Emily Powell brought a sack full of used eyeglasses collected by Balboa students.

December 19th M.E.C. Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the kindergarten thru 5th grade students at Mission Educational Center was held. Three Los Bomberos (Spanish speaking) firefighters were on hand to distribute toys to the children. They were Les Lesavoy, Ramon Bareta from Truck 15 as Santa Claus and David Crespin from Station 3. Bob Lawhon presented the Los Bomberos a certificate of gratitude from this club. Each grade of children sang a Christmas song to Santa Claus. Viela duPont, Bob Lawhon, Joe Farrah and Aaron Straus represented the Lions. Does anybody know where the nice Santa Claus suit the club purchased a couple of years ago is located? Bob Lawhon thinks it may be tucked away at Ingelside Police Station.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

COMING EVENTS

1/7 Board meeting; 1/21 Student Speakers Contest