



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 4-20-16

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Viela du Pont who also led the pledge. Invocation was given by Lion Bill Graziano. Introductions were conducted by stand-in Lion Tail Twister May Wong. There were 8 Lions in attendance along with our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Ron Mercado presented his platform for District Governor for 2016-17. His key points for next year will be:

1. Youth are the future of Lions.
2. Veteran's Rights.
3. Disaster Preparedness.
4. Fun in Service Projects and Club Partnerships.

Long range, he plans to introduce an idea for a District Headquarters building to be located on the peninsula. A very nice talk followed by numerous questions about the possibility of a District Headquarters.



Y & C Raffle

It was noted at the meeting that the drawing will be held this Friday, April 22nd. Since then, we have received a list of winners and it included nine winners from our Club sales, none of which are a member. More info to follow.

Future Visitations

Lion Mario Benavente, 2nd Vice District Governor, running for 1st Vice, will be visiting on May 4th.

Centennial Service Challenge

Lion May Wong brought up Lions International's Centennial Service Challenge and we're starting to hear more about it. There is Club recognition available with International and lot of resources available on the web. Look here: [Centennial Challenge](http://lionsclubs.org) on lionsclubs.org.

2016-2017 Club Officers

The Installation has been set for Saturday, July 16th at the Basque Cultural Center. Pricing info to follow.

4C4 Convention

This years 4C4 Convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel WoodLake Conference Center, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento. Dates are May 12 - 15 and the theme is "Lions On Broadway." More details can be found at District 4C4 Convention.

Donations - Think About It

We'll be discussing this year's donations at the May 4th meeting and board meeting. Start thinking about who we should give to.

Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion

Attendance Raffle was not held; the Mystery Lion was Lion Bill Graziano and had no victims.

Friends of Kenny Alley Project

As a followup from our visitation on March 2nd, Lion May Wong notified us that the deadline for a possible donation for this project is coming up next Tuesday, April 26th. A bit of a surprise. Engraved stones are available for a donation of \$500, \$250, and \$100. It will be discussed at the next Board Meeting on May 4th.

Student Speaker

The District contest was held April 17th at the Burlingame Lions Hall. Lions May Wong and Sharon Eberhardt attended. Contestant Roman Peregrino from Riordan High School, sponsored by the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club, was one of the 4 finalist during the contest. All 4 students were very good speakers. The winner was from Mercy High School. Although Roman did not win, he is very optimistic and hopes to participate again next year.



In this group picture are: Lion Rich Picchi, Students Speakers Foundation Trustee; Lion Helen Marte, District Student Speaker Chair; Lion Rodger Cayabyab, Region 2, Zone 2 Chair; Lion Helen Ariz Casaclang, Region 2, Zone 1 Chair; Roman Peregrino; his mother, Mrs. Peregrino, and Coach Joey Klobas.

Etcetera

Lion Handford Clews is home and feeling better. Let him know you're thinking of him.

Thanks to Lion May Wong for sharing photos in this bulletin with the editor. Any club photos can be sent to Lion Lyle Workman.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Lion Ed & Bobbi Damonte; 5/28 Linnie Faina

Coming Events

5/4 Lions Business & Board Meeting
5/8 Mother's Day
5/12 - 5/15 District 4C4 Convention
5/18 Regular Lions Meeting
7/16 Installation of Officers
7/30 District 4C4 Installation with Int'l. President as Installing Officer.

Memorializing

Lion Joe Farrah passed along notification that Geneva-Excelsior Lions Past President Ozzie Buoncristiani has passed away. Lion Ozzie was President in 1976-77(?) and was the owner of The Chuck Wagon restaurant on West Portal Avenue where we held our meetings in the 1970s. Ozzie transferred to the Marina-North Beach Lions Club in the 90s. Club records are not immediately available for Lion Ozzie. Although a quiet guy, he'll be missed.

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