



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 11-16-16

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Sharon Eberhardt. The pledge was led by Lion Sharon and the invocation was given by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Everyone also stood and sang "God Bless America" as a departure from our norm. Introductions were led by stand-in Lion Tail Twister Ward Donnelly(?) There were a total of 11 members present plus members of the District Cabinet, and Robert Chiacco, guest of Lion Al Gentile.

District Governor's Visit

Cabinet members present were Lions Zone Chair Clayton Jolly, Region Chair Kevin Guess, 2nd VDG Cindy Smith, 1st VDG Mario Benevente, DG Rod Mercado, with Oriye Seyler, Secretary, and PDG Ester Lee. Just about everyone talked a bit.

DG Rod's talking points were:

1. Happenings and goals for the District.
2. Membership: District goal of 10%, 140 members, this year; 222 to date with 300 by year's end; 4 new Clubs to date with 6 or 7 by the end of the year.
3. Using International's stats, each member of our Club has served 75 people since our founding in 1951.
4. Collaboration with other Clubs to maximize resources increasing membership and projects.
5. Making up a Leo District with Leo Clubs in the District.
6. Lions 100 Year Anniversary.
7. District 4C4 3rd Cabinet Meeting, Convention, and District happenings..

1st VDG Mario's talking points were:

1. He's a local boy.
2. Increasing membership through new ideas which brings in new ideas.
3. How members serve and how they make a difference.
4. International resources on membership and for new and seasoned members.

5. Raising local awareness of our Club with signs and brochures.

6. Local grants from LCIF.

2nd VDG Cindy's talking points were:

1. Leadership and the upcoming Advanced Leadership Seminar in Houston.
2. Advanced Leadership Seminar coming to Sacramento in January which includes two days of intense training. District 4C4 will help with tuition.
3. Guiding Lions.

Region Chair Kevin's talking points were:

1. Centennial Celebration on March 25, 2017 in San Mateo with 3 Districts attending.
2. Lions Legacy Projects and leaving a lasting legacy in our area. Our Kenny Alley Projects was mentioned.

Zone Chair Clayton's talking points were:

1. About getting help with anything we need.
2. Membership ideas and inviting perspective members to service projects.

PDG Ester Lee's talking points as LCIF Coordinator were:

1. Starting a 100% Club campaign with \$20, \$50, and \$100 donation levels.
2. Getting 100% of Clubs to participate.
3. Melvin Jones Fellowships and detailed donations to LCIF.
4. Matching funds from the Gates Foundation.
5. \$487,000 in grants from LCIF to our District.



Lion President Sharon Eberhardt presenting our Club banner to District officers.

Lions Years of Service Awards

DG Rod Mercado surprised us by awarding the following Years of Service certificates:

25 Years of Service to Lions Ward Donnelly and George Salet; 40 Years of Service to Lion Handford Clews; and 60 Years of Service to Lion Al Gentile. Congratulations to each of our fellow Lions for their dedication and service.



Lion Al Gentile with District 4C4 officers after receiving his 60 Years of Service certificate.



Lion Ward Donnelly receiving his 25 Years of Service certificate.



Lion George Salet receiving his 25 Years of Service certificate.

Following the talks and awards, the floor was open for questions. Lion Bob Lawhon expressed his outrage at an occurrence at Bertolucci's Restaurant involving another Lions Club. Lion Rod expressed his thanks for bringing the matter up and said he'd look into the matter.

On November 18th, Lion Bob wrote and said the matter had been cleared up. "After further discussion and review I can report that Bertolucci's is now open to all Lions Clubs at all times. What started out as a comment got out of hand." Problem solved.

Y & C Raffle

Lion Viela du Pont announced that the tickets are here and will be processed on Sunday the 20th. Many Lions have

been assigned a group to contact and deliver the tickets to. Check in with Lion Viela about this process and get the tickets to the various groups.

MEC Thanksgiving Luncheon

The MEC Thanksgiving Luncheon took place on Friday, November 18th. Lion Bob Lawhon reports there were 210 students that enjoyed their first Thanksgiving meal. Lions Bob and Zenaida Lawhon, Joe Farrah, Bill Graziano, Al Gentile, Viela du Pont, and Sharon Eberhardt were present to assist with the luncheon.



Lions serving the Mission Education Center Thanksgiving Luncheon. Photos courtesy of Lion Bob Lawhon.

Lion Bob Lawhon has announced the MEC Christmas with Los Bomberos. More details to follow.

Club Christmas Party

Lions Viela du Pont has made up a flyer for our Club Christmas Party which was emailed out. It will be at the Basque Cultural Center on Thursday, December 15th. \$55.00 per person. Checks to Lion Handford.

Etcetera

Lion Ernie Braun, decorator extradanaire, brought 2 dozen cupcakes for dessert at the meeting. Great decor Lion Ernie!

Football

The latest winners were Jim Mahon, Ward Donnelly III, Tom Funke, Ray Reinertson, Lyle Workman, Kathryn Hammarstedt, Linda Workman, Karl Bettencourt, Al Gentile, and Cindy Reinertson. More winners soon.

Crab Feed

Lion Bob Fenech has decided to keep the Crab Feed the same as last year and has reserved the Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club for February 18th. The price is set at \$65 per person and will be limited to 100 seats. Mike Spediacci, Jr. will be our guest chef again. Flyers and tickets will ready after a few details are set - this will sell out super fast again this year.

Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion

Attendance Raffle and Mystery Lion were skipped over due to time constraints.

Forwarded

Have any photos pertaining to the Club? Forward them to us with the details! Lions May Wong and Bob Lawhon have shared.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/13 Lion Ernie Braun

12/18 Lions Zenaida & Bob Lawhon

Coming Events

12/7 Business & Board Meeting

12/15 Club Christmas Party

12/21 Regular Meeting (may be cancelled)

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