

Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 5-3-17

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Sharon Eberhardt, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Bill Graziano gave the invocation. There were a total of 8 members present. Stand-in Tail Twister Lion Bill Graziano led the introductions.

Student Speaker Contest

The fate of our contestant has finally been revealed in a note to our fearless leader:

Good Afternoon, Lion Sharon:

Frances Sutton, a senior at San Francisco Lowell High School won both the Region 4 and District 4C4 Student Speaker Contest. She was sponsored by the San Francisco New Century Lions Club. The Region Contest was spirited and scoring was very close. All three Speakers were outstanding. Best regards, Lion Kevin Guess Region 4 Chairman

A photo was available of the winner, but is not published for obvious reasons.

Y & C Raffle

Lion George Salet had received some late arriving tickets that will be given to Lion Viela; the general consensus was that they were late and should be returned since they are already accounted for in our returns.

Installation of Officers

The new officers' fate is sealed and they can't run; details on the installation will follow soon. The installation was discussed briefly; a low-key affair, maybe at the Sharp Park Restaurant was suggested.

Get Well

Lion May Wong has been in the hospital suffering from an undisclosed ailment. A Get-Well card was passed around

and signed by all. Get well, Lion May, we need your participation.

Lion Handford Clews has had his ups and downs; he was stuck in his home while the elevator was under repair. He says "Hi!" to everyone.



Forwarded

The following two photos have been submitted by Lion Joe Farrah. The Night at the Races photo is the only image we have to date of that event which was held for many years from the 1960s to the 1980s.



Members of the GE Lions dressed as Jockeys for a District Convention at Hobergs in the 1960s



Bay Meadows Race Track, San Mateo, California Friday, June 14, 1968

The Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club Purse won by Riot Maker, 3rd Race Left to right: The following three men from the Lions Club - Patrick Martin, President-Elect, of San Francisco; Ronald Faina, President, of San Francisco; and Joseph A. Farrah, of Millbrae, who was Chairman of the Night at the Races - Denny McCarley; Danny Mitchell; next man unidentified; boys Vincent and Vernon Strauss, sons of the owner and trainer; Mrs. Robert Strauss; Owner-Trainer Robert Strauss; Jockey William Strauss; Willie Nethers.

Have any photos pertaining to the Club? Forward them to us with the details!

District 4-C4 Convention

Lion Ward Donnelly will be attending the District 4-C4 convention in Redding. His main purpose in going is to pick up memorial flowers honoring our members that have passed away. He takes the plants and places them on a hill near his home. Reports are that they thrive there.

Meeting Place, aka IASC

The word is, we are OK at the IASC until at least September; an exception may be the restaurant. More to follow when available.

Development of the parking lot is proceeding. Word is there will be a 24,000 sq ft building with 1 commercial unit and 8 condos. Parking will include 11 spots with 4 of those being via lifts. Someone is going to spend \$\$\$.

Etcetera

With the new Lions year approaching, the reports from the treasurer were discussed and samples shown. More to come.

Last month we received an email via our website asking if we offered any scholarships. We did at one time have a scholarship program; if our records are correct, it was last run by Lion Bob Dobbins, with a co-chair, in 1990-91. Seems like last year, but a bit longer.

Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion

Attendance Raffle winner, who missed out on \$1,800, was Lion Bill Mayta. The Mystery Lion was asked for with none reporting. The Lion Tail Twister needs to get after this and get it going.

Coming Events

5/17 Regular Lions Meeting5/18 to 20 District 4-C4 Convention6/10 District 4-C4 On-going Workshop

A ton of events around the District are shown in the District 4-C4 Weekly Announcements email which is forwarded to all members with email addresses. If you don't have an email address, get one.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/22 Anne Benetti's Birthday
5/26 Bobbi & Ed Damonte's Anniversary
5/28 Linnie Faina's Birthday
6/1 Rosalinda & Paul Corvi's Anniversary
6/10 Margot Clews' Birthday

Condolences

Leila and Lion Joe Farrah have let us know that Marion Fecchi has passed away.

Marion was the senior waitress at the Granada Cafe for decades. She participated and promoted all of our raffles and pools. Her husband Archie tended bar there for many years. The Club's condolences go out to her family.



