



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 8-15-18

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet. Lion Lyle Workman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was offered by Lion Sharon Eberhardt. A total of 8 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Lion Tail Twister Bob Fenech went to work on

introductions; the question of the day was “Offer a fond remembrance of a Lions event?” Lion Bob, once again, did a badge and pin check. Several Lions were fined for not having such. *Consider yourself warned!* Responses to the question ranged from the Mens Barbecue, back in the 80s and early 90s, to various Crab Feeds, and a bunch of others.

Guest Speakers

We had not one, but two guest speakers for the meeting. Before dinner we had SFFD Battalion Chief Samson Lai speaking, and Lion Denise Kelly with the North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center following dinner. Thanks to Lion Bob Lawhon for the photos.



Guest speaker SFFD Battalion Chief Sam Lai, a 29 year veteran, speaking to the Club about fire safety, retired fire fighters, and local and city wide fire stations.



SFFD Firefighter Maiko Bristol and Battalion Chief Sam Lai being presented a Certificate of Appreciation and club banner by Lion President George Salet following Chief Sam's presentation.



Lion Denise Kelly showing off her Certificate of Appreciation and club banner following her presentation on the North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center in Daly City.

Our first speaker was SFFD Battalion Chief Sam Lai, accompanied by his assistant Maiko Bristol. Chief Lai is a 29 year veteran with the SFFD and has 7 firehouses in our area under his command.

His talk covered fire safety, retired firefighters and the health challenges they face, and the average calls received by the department. He relayed that many retired firefighters have a history of cancer due to older equipment and

that newer firefighters can look forward to longer lives dues to improvements in their equipment. He quoted stats on the 42 stations in the City. Their truck response times run 4 to 5 minutes, and EMTs response times run 7 to 8 minutes. Most calls in our local area concern medical issues, while downtown calls mostly involve homeless issues. He briefly mentioned the Los Bomberos Toy Drive which we support for their help with the Mission Educational Center. He and his assistant did not stay for dinner, but we appreciate their time.

Our second speaker was Lion Denise Kelly from Daly City Host Lions. She was speaking as Executive Director of North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center located at 31 Bepler Street, Daly City.

The organization started in 1989 and served 583 the first year. It has since grown and served 12,000 last year. Between it's pantry and dining, 49% of their efforts go to the pantry portion where they give out 3,000 bags annually; each bag provides a three days' supply of non-perishable foods. The average time between pickups is 3.5 weeks. The other 51% of their efforts are spent in the dining room which will take care of who ever comes in. The dining center operates on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. or until food is distributed. Their budget is \$97,000 per year and they are a 501(c)3 charity. Second Harvest supplies part of their food. What can we do for them? Cash is good, but volunteers are most important. Their website is fooddc.org.

Football Fundraiser



All is well with the fundraiser. 19.5 spots have not been paid for yet; if you haven't sent in your money, please do so. Preseason has begun and the first game is only a short time away. Good luck!

Crab Feed

Lion Bob Fenech will be reserving the Mariposa Yacht Club for the Crab Feed. Funds have been requested and sent to him.

International Director

At the recent reconvening of the District Convention, Lion Ken Ibarra was officially endorsed as a candidate for International Director. We wish him success.

Youth & Community Raffle



We're still in a waiting game with the raffle.

For now, the most important aspect to work on is getting the advertisers to reply about renewing their ads. In addition, one or two new advertisers need to be found. An ad has been placed in the cabinet installation program, as well as the district roster. We'll see what developes; this may also bring in more clubs that want to participate in selling tickets. Still waiting.

Etcetera

From **Lion Helen Casaclang**, 1st VDG:

“Congratulations and Best Wishes to Geneva Excelsior Lions Club President George Salet, all Officers and Members. Thanks for sending copy of your Club Meeting Digest and Club Bulletin. Keep up the Great Job!”

District 4-C4 Installation



Lion Joe Farrah escorting Incoming Zone Chairman Lion Sharon Eberhardt. They are about to be called to enter the Cabinet Installation. They are flanked by Lion PDG Ray Rosenthal of the Foster City Lions.

We were well represented among the 212 attendees at the Installation by Incoming Zone Chairman Lion Sharon Eberhardt, Lion Joe Farrah, and Lion Al Gentile. Lion Al brought back the event's program for everyone to review.

From the Inbox

8/14/18 from Lion Sharon Eberhardt - A flyer about volunteering at St. Anthony Dining Room on the following dates: August 18th-21st, August 25th, and August 27th. She writes: "I am going to volunteer, hope some other members can join me. This is a great service program. I did it last year and had a ball . . . great way to meet other Lion Members." Coordinate with Lion Sharon if interested.

8/15/18 from Lion Emily Palmer - I am a supporter of St. Anthony's. For many years, students at Balboa raised money for St. Anthony's (there was a Father Latito(?) there at the time) and for the Glide Memorial (Cecil

Williams). We had a special assembly with these two fine men as guests, and presented them each with a check and usually gave them a Balboa T-shirt or cap. For some reason, ten years ago, or so, this project was dropped. However, I just wrote to our new principal Freedom Siyam about this, encouraging him and the school to start it again. Everyone seems so busy...but I replanted the seed. Good luck on this. I don't get around much these days, but I always want to know "what's happening." Thanks to my fellow Lions, Emily.

8/16/18 from Lion Joe Farrah - The following message was sent to him via Facebook from ID Salim Moussan. Moussan has been traveling around the world campaigning for his run at Lions International Presidency. Moussan from Beirut, Lebanon knows I am of Lebanese ancestry. "Hello Joseph. My wife and I will be at your MD-4 convention in February (Sacramento). You know I need support for my election in Milano, July 2019."

8/16/18 from Lion Joe Farrah - Today I talked to former Geneva-Excelsior Lions Secretary Harvey Bustichi. We were at the Millbrae funeral of Harvey's brother-in-law who was a lifelong friend of mine. Harvey sends greetings to the Geneva-Excelsior Lions. His Scotts Valley Lions Club has 17 members.

Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion

Attendance Raffle non-winner was Lion Handford Clews who missed out on \$1,000. The Mystery Lion was Lion George Salet who had no victims.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/30 Happy Birthday to Marilyn Squeri!

9/1 Happy Birthday to Rosalinda Corvi!

Coming Events

9/5 Lions Business & Board Meeting

9/8 1st Cabinet Meeting, Belmont Sports Complex, 8:30 a.m.

10/17 District Governor's Official Visitation to our Club

A ton of events around the District are shown in the District 4-C4 Weekly Thread email which is forwarded to all members that want it, and linked under Upcoming Events on the District website. If you don't have an email address, get one.

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