



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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34th Annual Castagnetto / Spediacci Memorial Crab Feed

The day started before 9 a.m. as Lions filtered in to help set things up. Chairman Lion Bob Fenech had coffee already made to help the workers get going. Early helpers were Lions Ward Donnelly, Bill Graziano, Steve Martin, George Salet, and Lyle Workman. The initial setup of tables, chairs, and table settings was done before 11 o'clock.

Arriving a while later was Lion Al Gentile who had picked up rolls at Bakers of Paris and dessert at Dianda's, helped by Arline Thomas. The rolls were put in place with the crab bibs on top, and the setup job was done.

After setup was complete, Lions were treated to lunch. Shortly after, Lion Sharon Eberhardt arrived and brought snacks which were put out for guests to enjoy before and during dinner.

Guests and members starting arriving about 5:30 p.m., and the usual pandemonium broke out, but was under control. Many enjoyed no host cocktails prior to eating.

Lion Bob Lawhon, with guest Susie Moy, sold raffle tickets before, during and after dinner with great skill and success. Prizes were determined by Lion Bob by the amount of cash received during sales. This year there was a \$100 prize, along with four \$25 prizes. Instead of trying to announce prizes to the loud room, Lion Bob drew the tickets and posted the winning numbers for guests to

check; it seemed to work well. Prizes were claimed in due course by the winners.

Dinner was served in courses, as usual, of salad, pasta, and then crab. Members helped serve their guests with help from other guests. Wine was donated for the tables through Lion Al Gentile (think that's right.) Everyone was hungry because very little was left at the end.

The cleanup commenced following dinner as guest filtered out. The same crew that helped setup did most of the cleanup, along with several others.

The numbers: we had a total of 93 members and guests who polished off about 15 lbs. of salad, 20 lbs. of cooked pasta pesto, and 200 lbs. of crab, along with all the amenities. All the dollars are not together yet, but we made \$225 from sponsorships, \$500 from the raffle, \$70 from left-over food sales, and \$3000 from everything else, for a total of about \$3800. Great job, Lion Bob, and all those who helped make it an excellent event.





The setup crew after work had been done. L to R: Lions Bob Fenech, President George Salet, Ward Donnelly, Bill Graziano, and Stephen Martin, with Lyle Workman behind the camera.



Crew placing rolls in bowls shortly after Lion Al Gentile and Arline Thomas brought them in. L to R: Arline Thomas, Lions Bill Graziano, and Ward Donnelly.



Putting on the finishing touch, the crab bibs, are L to R: Lions Bill Graziano, President George Salet, and chairman Bob Fenech.



Lion Bob Fenech stirring the crab marinade before pouring over the crab.



Lions Steve Martin and Bob Fenech mixing, and distributing the marinade, by pouring from one container to another. Good to the last drop.



Dynamo guest Rose Ann Harris preparing the pesto sauce with Lion Bob Fenech.



Lion Al Gentile with friend Arline Thomas arriving at the feed. From Roxanne Gentile via Facebook.



Members and guest enjoying themselves after eating; includes parts of the Fenech, Martin, Eberhardt, Salet, and Workman groups. From Roxanne Gentile via Facebook.



Guest Susie Moy, with Lion Bob Lawhon, both of whom sold the raffle tickets, displaying the few tickets left and the winning numbers.

Meeting Digest 2-20-19

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Bob Fenech and

invocation was offered by Lion Sharon Eberhardt. Introductions were handled by Lion Tail Twister Bob Fenech. A total of 7 Lions attended along with 2 guests.

The treasurer's report, delayed by a computer problem, was available at the meeting.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Lion Maryah Tucker, 4-C4 Advisor to the Lions Eye Foundation, talked before dinner was served. Accompanying Lion Maryah was Past District Governor and Past Executive Director of the Foundation, Lion Don Stanaway, who looked great.

Lion Maryah Tucker talked about the history of the foundation, which our Club helped start in 1959. The Foundation started as a club project which quickly became a district project, and then its own foundation. The history she presented was an expanded version than that on the foundation website prepared by past member Lion Galdo Pavini.

Lion Maryah had said before the meeting that she was not skilled at speaking off the cuff, but proved she was by offering many details about the foundation operations following the history presentation. All in all, a great and info filled presentation.

Student Speaker Contest

The next level of the Student Speaker Contest for our winner is the Region 3, Zone 1 contest. It will be held this Saturday, March 2nd at the North Peninsula Food Pantry, 31 Bepler St., Daly City. Clubs competing in the contest with us are Daly City Host and Pacifica. Lion Paul Corvi has forwarded the info to Michael Gray so he can prepare and be ready. Please put this contest on your calendar and make an effort to show up and support our contestant.

MD4 Convention

At the recent MD4 Convention, District 4-C4's own Lion Ken Ibarra was voted as the endorsed candidate for International Director by a margin of two votes. In true California

political fashion, there have been recounts, and may be more.

Youth & Community Raffle



Member sales: 17 of our 22 members have participated by purchasing ticket books or sponsoring and advertising towards the prize and expense fund. That's very good participation - there are still a couple more that may purchase ticket books. Let's hear from you.

Ticket books have been coming in from group sales. There are still quite a few still to come, soon I hope.

Flag Day

Flag Day presentation is in the planning stage by Lion Bob Lawhon. A gross of small U.S. flags have been ordered. Details to follow.

From the Inbox

If any Lion, or other person, wants to see the emails this info came from, email me and let me know what you're interested in. They'll be available for a short time.

From International President Gudrun

Yngvadottir: An email about Lions service inspiring so many women to become the change they want to see in the world. The message tied into the New Voices Initiative campaign, where you can read more.

From Lions International: An email about Leos gaining traction as a membership pathway. Read more online.

From Lions International: The latest issue of LION Magazine is out. See the digital magazine on the Lions International webpage.

From the District 4-C4 Weekly

Announcements: District 4-C4 Rise Against Hunger Project call for donations. See the video on YouTube.

From my personal inbox: I receive emails about articles from a service named Pocket. Within a recent email was a link to an article titled “The Science of Better Meetings” mostly about meetings at work, but there might be something in it for us.

Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion

Attendance Raffle and Mystery Lion were not called upon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/1 Happy Birthday to Lion Emily Palmer!

Coming Events

3/2 Zone Student Speakers Contest

3/6 Lions Business & Board Meeting with Nomination of Officers too!

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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