

# **Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club**

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## **Student Speaker Contest**



Student Xiomara Larkin delivering her speach during the contest.



Student Michael Gray delivering his speach during the contest.



L to R: Student speaker Michael Gray, Lion Chairman Paul Corvi, Noriz and Henry Larkin, and student speaker Xiomara Larkin.



Lion Chairman Paul Corvi with student speaker Michael Gray showing off his winner's certificate.



Student speaker Xiomara Larkin proudly posing with Lion Chairman Paul Corvi while accepting her first runner up certificate. Guest judge John Paul on left.



Members, guests, parents,contestant, and judges quietly listening to one of our speakers deliver an address.

Lion Paul Corvi began the contest right after the meeting started. The subject this year was timely as always; "Homelessness in California: What is the Solution?" Members stood in as timers and tellers. We had two student speakers this year.

First up was Xiomara Larkin from Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep who used her 10

minutes very well and delivered a great talk. She was accompanied by her parents Noriz and Henry Larkin.

Second up was Michael Gray, who was also our entrant last year, from Archbishop Riordan High School, delivered a well rounded talk. He was accompanied by his mother Elizabeth Crudo and speech coach Joey Klobas.

Both speakers were commended for their efforts, but we could only put forward one winner, and that was Michael Gray from Riordan High School.

The next steps for our winner will be the Zone Contest, Regional Contest, and so forth. Info will be published and forwarded to him as soon as available. We're having a little trouble getting in contact with our Zone Chairman, but it will get straightened out.

Our judges this year included:

- John Paul, teacher, has a Masters in Special Education, and won the MD4 Student Speaker Contest as a high school student.
- Ellen Paul, teacher, has a Masters in Special Education, and, with husband John, raised a marine engineer and a Marine Corps Captain.
- Kevin Chan, realtor, contractor, investment advisor, and Law School graduate.

## **Meeting Digest 1-15-2020**

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet. The pledge was led by Lion Lyle Workman, and the invocation was handled by Lion Joe Farrah. There were 8 members and 11 guests in attendance.



**Group Sales:** Group sales are going to come to a close next month. Nothing new to report, and hopefully, no problems.

**Member Sales:** Emails have gone out to members who ordered books, which were

ignored as usual. Phone calls will be made instead.

**Friends & Family:** This revenue avenue is just about complete. Returns may trickle in and will be taken care of quickly.



Discussed at this meeting were various aspects of the crab feed. There are numerous emails flying back and forth about setup, drinks, wine, clean up, and a bunch of last minute details. Lions Bob Fenech and Bob Lawhon are very hard at work on getting last minute details set. If you can help, let them know.

Reservations are still available. Reserve online via our website or give Lion Lyle Workman a call. 650-400-5739

#### **Lions Football**



Winners in the divisional playoff on 1/11were Aaron Straus, Paul Annuzzi, Roxanne & Al Gentile, and Jilda Gumina. Winners in the 1/19 NFC championship game were Amanda Conceicao, Sharon Eberhardt, and Jerry Schreier & Al Gentile. Only the Super Bowl remains.

#### 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 L.C.I.F:** They have set up a Text to Donate service. Here are the ways you can text-to-donate:

- Text LCIF to 243725.
- Make a donation online at LCIF.

If every Lion in CA I donated \$5, we would fund more:

- Lions Quest programs for classrooms.
- Immediate relief to victims of natural disaster.
- Diabetes screenings.
- Equipment for young cancer patients.
- Access to food for chronically hungry people.
- Access to clean water.

### **Attendance Raffle & Mystery Lion**

Neither was called upon.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**2/13** Happy Birthday to Lorraine Castagnetto!

## **Coming Events**

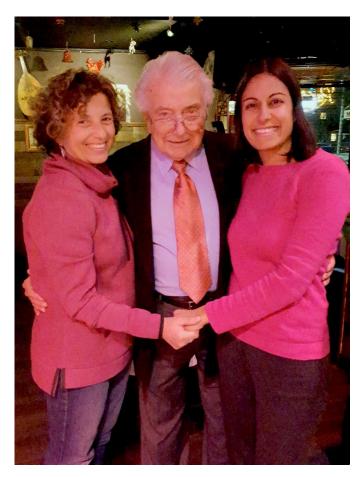
2/1 Third Cabinet Meeting in Foster City2/5 Lions Business & Board Meeting2/8 35th Annual Crab Feed2/19 Past Presidents Night and Nomination of Officers

2/21 MD4 Convention in Visalia

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.



In Seattle via Facebook - Theresa Farrah and her father, Lion Joe Farrah, at Theresa's surprise birthday party at a Mediterranean restaurant in Seattle. Joe's 91st birthday was the day before. Photo on right cake is of Joe and Emily Farrah looking down on baby Theresa.



In Seattle via Facebook - Theresa Farrah, Lion Joe Farrah, and Zarina Parpia, a housemate of Theresa's who, with another housemate, organized their joint birthday party.

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