



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Another year is in the record books, well almost. We'd like to thank our display advertisers on the ticket books, the prize sponsors, the groups who worked very hard selling tickets books, and lastly, our members who also worked hard on the raffle.

The drawing for winners took place via a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 15th. Attending the meeting were Lions George Salet, Lyle Workman, and Bob & Zenaida Lawhon. Guests were Lion Peter Carey of the San Bruno Lions Club and, for part of the festivities, Yvonne White with the Lincoln University Alumni, plus a mystery guest who did not display video or their name.

The actual drawing took a little less than 20 minutes; how easy it is to give away \$3,500.00, and fast. The grand prize winner was Otis Burgie of Oakland. He purchased his ticket from the Lincoln University Alumni. Among the winners were 2 of our members, Lion Bob Fenech who won \$500, and Lion Steve Martin, who received \$100. The complete list of winners can be seen on our website at [genevaexcelsiorlions.com](http://genevaexcelsiorlions.com). Additionally, the drawing meeting was recorded and is available for viewing at the link below on our Youtube channel.

The bottom line for the raffle has not been figured yet, but stands at \$7,500 for now. Where those funds go will be determined at our next two Board meetings. A complete list of our donations from last year is available on our website, and this year's donations will be available in July.

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### Meeting Digest 4/15/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet, who, through a screen share, and with waving flag and Pledge, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were also handled by Lion President George by calling on each of us in turn. In Attendance were Lions Bob Lawhon, Lyle Workman, Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Viela du Pont, and Joe Farrah. Guests were Lions Ken Ibarra and Amy Fink. Lion

John Hui, candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor, was to attend but was held up at work.

### LCIF Coordinator

District 4-C4 LCIF Coordinator Amy Fink popped into the meeting for a quick update. Known to a few in our Club, each donation made to LCIF accumulates an equal amount of credit toward Melvin Jones Fellowships. Each Fellowship is available for \$1,000 in donations. Over the years, we have what

amounts to just short of 11 awards available. All of these are available to our Club for presentation. Interestingly, Lion Amy suggested we grant one of the Fellowships to Lion Sharon Eberhardt for her work within the District the last two years.

Lion Amy Fink also remarked that LCIF is giving out grants where needed. There is an application process, which she said was very easy. District 4-C4 has received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF to help with rehabilitation of Seton Medical Center into secondary help with the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Lion Ken Ibarra

Lion Ken Ibarra, candidate for International Director, spoke on:

- The International Convention, set to be held in Singapore, and the backup city Chicago, have been cancelled. The first such cancellation since 1945.
- He and Lion Amy Fink were in New York for Lions UN Day, their last trip before shelter in place.
- International Officers will stay in office until the 2021 Convention in Montreal, where he will still be a candidate.
- District and Club Officers will change this year where elections are held.
- His desire for us to become a stronger Club again.
- His leadership as director of the unofficial District Facebook page, The Lions of California and Beyond, for the last 10 years.
- Hopes to see us all in Montreal.

## Correspondence

From Lion Secretary Joe Farrah

- A thank you note from the Stanaway family thanking us for the donation to

- the Lions Eye Foundation in memory of Lion Don Stanaway.

From Lion President George Salet:

- A flyer about upcoming Certified Guiding Lion Training on May 2nd. District info available and Lions International info available.
- Ballot information for the Vote by Mail District Election in May 2020. Candidate info, ballot info, and sample ballot available.



Although the 4/15/20 online meeting was cut short due to Zoom limitations, a slightly edited video is available on our Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club Youtube Channel. Give it a look.

# “Stay Safe, and Be Well”

## Etcetera

Just for fun, and to help us understand what's available on our website, Lion President George shared his desktop and reviewed the various photos that are available for viewing for the year 2019-20 at [genevaexcelsiorlions.com](http://genevaexcelsiorlions.com).

## 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 LCIF Chairperson Gudrun

**Yngvadottir:** The Foundation eNewsletter including:

- "It's a Dream Come True" video.
- School is in session after devastating earthquake: LCIF Empowering Service: Nepal video.
- Wendi's Story: LCIF: Leading the Charge with Leader Dogs for the Blind video.
- Lions Quest Gives Students "Something to Work Toward Together" video.
- Lions: Notice a trend in this newsletter? Online videos.

**From Lion Bob Fenech:** Safety Tips for Zoom Meetings.

### From International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi:

- Five Ways to Stay Ready to Serve blog.
- Stay Connected with International by:
  - Sharing Your Service
  - Reporting Your Service
  - Get Creative with Peace Poster Project
- Catch Up on LION Magazine

**From Lion Sharon Eberhardt:** A webinar, which took place this past Monday, April 20th titled Your Club, Your Way. The Facebook post was shared a little late for us to get it to everyone. The webinar was recorded and will be available as a Youtube video at some point, we hope. For now, you can review the webinar materials as a pdf.

## Condolences



Our club condolences to Lion Helen Habeeb and Family. PDG George Habeeb passed April 19th at the age of 102. PDG George joined Lions in 1961 serving as District Governor from 1978-79. Condolences may be sent to Lion Helen Habeeb and Family, 490 Barcelona Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions to: Lions Project For Canine Companions For Independence, P.O. Box 3896, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-3896.

Lion Joe Farrah knew Lion George for many years and remarked "George's mother purchased her shoes from me. I had the honor of attending her 100th birthday party."

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**4/25** Happy Birthday to Lion Bill Graziano!

## Coming Events

**5/5** Cinco de Mayo

**5/6** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom

**5/10** Mother's Day

**5/20** Regular Lions Meeting via Zoom

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.

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The April 16th meeting was called to order by President Ted. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Lion Giulio Francesconi, and the invocation was given by Lion Galdo Pavini.

Tickets to the May 18th Hors D' Oeuvres Extravaganza were distributed by Lion Frank Ferrera. He announced several neighboring Lion Clubs have expressed an interest in attending the event.

Regional Youth Exchange Ch'mn. Bob Woodall reported 10 Japanese exchange youths are in need of host homes between July 19th and Aug. 10th.

By the time all of the Wednesday evening backgammon and pedro games broke up, a sizable turnout assembled at the meeting to provide a respectable audience for the program speaker. Program Chairman Charles Grisenti presented Thomas Cahill, former S.F. Chief of Police. Mr. Cahill is now a robust 70 years of age, and has been retired from the S.F. Police Dept. 10 years. He first talked about the S.F.P.D. and the confidence he has in Chief Con Murphy. Mr. Cahill then described the 15 member S.F. Charter Revision Committee, on which he sits, and the task assigned it. He traced the origins of the S.F. Charter and the changes in its composition over the years. It is voluminous and complex. The committee is attempting to update and streamline the charter. Either a revised total charter or revisions in segments will be submitted to the voters for acceptance or rejection next November.

### RAFFLE

1st Prize, Korbel Brandy, Ron Faina

2nd Prize, \$2, Fred Melchiori

3rd Prize, \$1, Joe Farrah

Mystery Raffle, \$6, Ed Damonte (absent)

A vandal or vandals set fire to and destroyed the wooden shack at the Mission St. & Russia Ave. site for the club's paper collection project. The sign and emblem above the shack were also destroyed. Fire Dept. records indicate they responded to the alarm about 1:30 A.M., Monday, April 14th. The now well used shack was constructed in the workshop of Lion Pete Bello at a considerable cost of time and material. The Paper Drive Committee, through Public Relations Chairman. Ed Damonte, is informing the public the project will continue. Plans for replacing the shack are pending.

A productive convention meeting was held at the Pete Bello residence Thursday, April 17th. About 17 couples gathered for a briefing and coordination of assignments and activities by Ch'mn. Ron Faina. Costumes were modeled, and the ladies compared notes on their experiences with needle and thread. Items of apparel were fitted. A tendency to discard smalls for mediums, and mediums for larges was evident. As usual, Pete and Eva were gracious hosts.

The following members participated in the West o' Twin Peaks L.C. Golf Tournament on Friday, April 18th: Giulio Francesconi, Bill Cazatt, Charlie Stuhr, Handford Clews, Bill



Tonelli, Frank Ferrera and Bob Woodall. At press time it appeared as though it was a close race between Bill Tonelli and Giulio Francesconi for low score. The ladies joined the golfers for a banquet that night at the San Francisco Golf Club.

Nine G.-E. Lions van pooled to Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica Tuesday night for a campaign visit to the Pacifica L. C. The Pacifica Lions were spirited. "Ellie," Chuck Stuhr's secretary and newly elected mayor of Pacifica, came in and took a bow. An interesting slide show on the discovery of S.F. Bay by Capt. Gaspar de Portola in 1769 was presented by one of the Pacifica Lions.

This week's campaign visitations are as follows:

- Tuesday, lunch, Palo Alto Host L.C, Ricky's Hyatt House, 4219 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.
- Tuesday, dinner, Foster City L.C, Black Angus Restaurant, 477 Ninth Ave., San Mateo.
- Wednesday, breakfast (7:15 A.M.) Redwood City Sunrise L.C, Ampex Cafeteria, 401 Broadway St., R.C.
- Wednesday, lunch, San Mateo Host L.C, Villa Chartier, 4060 So. El Camino Real, San Mateo.

When is the last time you invited a guest to your Lions Club meeting? Don't be selfish. Share the fellowship of Lionism by inviting your neighbor, associate, customer, client, patient or relative to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 7th.

April birthday greetings to Bill Shea, 4/25; and Ozzie Buoncristiani, 4/27.

Happy wedding anniversaries to Tom & Rose O'Connell and Charles & Aldine Grisenti on April 22nd.

#### COMING EVENTS

- April 21 Talent Show Rehearsal.
- April 23 Board Meeting at Frank Ferrera's.
- April 26 Brisbane L.C. Mexican Dinner at Brisbane Inn, 8 P.M.
- April 29 District Student Speakers Contest, Brentwood Lodge, So. S.F.
- May 7 Business Meeting and induction of new members by visiting Past District Governor.
- May 14 Father/Son & Daughter Night. Speaker will be Sister Mary Jo Wise, Director of Shelter Home For Abused Children.
- May 18 Hors D' Oeuvres Extravaganza.
- May 28-June 1 District Convention.
- June 7 G.-E. Installation of Officers Banquet at Olympic Golf & Country Club.

