



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Meeting Digest 6/17/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet. Introductions were handled by stand-in Tail Twister Sharon Eberhardt. 8 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Steve Martin, and Sharon Eberhardt. Our guest for the meeting was Lion PDG Mario Benavente.

## Correspondence

From Lion Secretary Joe Farrah:

- Two Thank You notes were received: first, the Balboa Alumni Association for our donation to them, and secondly, from the Lions Eye Foundation for our continued support. Also included from the LEF was an explanation of how they're helping patients and how that might be handled in the future.

## California Lions Foundation

Lion PDG Mario Benavente was called on to talk about the California Lions Foundation. In his talk he covered:

- They started in 2016.
- Spent first 3 years raising funds.
- The Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Their Vision & Mission as a 501(c)3 foundation.
- Matching Grant opportunities; starting at \$500.00.
- All donations to them stay in California.
- Examples of grants given to date.

- Types of grants.
- Grant application & approval process.
- Where their funding comes from.
- Designated funding.
- How to donate and recognition opportunities.
- Amounts of grants given by District.
- Some of their donors.
- [calionsfoundation.org](http://calionsfoundation.org)



Lion Mario's presentation is available for viewing on our Geneva-Excelsior Lions Youtube Channel. Two videos are available: his presentation only, and his presentation with member questions and comments.

## During the Meeting

Also touched on in the meeting:

**MD-4 Youth Protection Policy** - covered was:

- Appendix F form has been sent out.
- We must adapt the guidelines and add them to our Standing Rules.

- Do our members need to be certified since what we do takes place in a school setting?
- The flow of certification.

**Budgets: Administration & Activities** - covered was:

- Proposed budgets were emailed to those members with email addresses. Samples were not mailed out.
- **Administration:** income and expenses were gone over with little comment and no changes.
- **Activities:** Fund raising was talked about in that there may be less opportunities this coming year. All line items were gone over with no changes made.
- Both were accepted by those present; both need to be approved at the next Board Meeting.
- Possible 501(c)3 donation passthrough via the California Lions Foundation.

## Venmo

A new payment method is being tested by the Treasurer, Venmo. This allows for the acceptance of electronic payments from members and those attending and participating in our fund raisers. Google “how to use venmo” or watch the video, “How to Use Venmo” on the web.

To date, two Lions have paid their dues using the app, Lions Steve Martin and George Salet. Ask them for comments on using the app, but on our end, the money was transferred to our bank with no problems or delays. A Venmo QR code has been added to our invoices, and will be used later in fund raising. The future is here, hopefully with no problems. There will be some complaints at some point, I think.

# “Stay Safe, and Be Well”

## Student Speaker Contest

The Student Speaker Contest is set to continue. Each participant will now record their presentation and send it in to the appropriate person. Our speaker, Michael Gray from Riordan High School, will walk away unopposed with the Region Contest and move into the District Contest. Details will be available and published. Last year Michael made it all the way to the Area Contest. Support him if possible.

## Etcetera

**From Lion Ward Donnelly:** Lion Ward’s long delayed surgery was completed on 5/18 and he is back on his feet. He is looking forward to attending a “live meeting” very soon.

**From Lion Steve Martin:** Lion Steve Martin was recently in Redding and talked briefly about the town and some of the attractions of the area. Although brief, Lion Steve had an affinity for the area and recommends a visit when possible.

**From Lion Bob Lawhon:** A story in the California Sun titled “San Francisco’s Last Working Class Neighborhood” and includes 25 contemporary photos about the Excelsior neighborhood.

## From Our Outgoing President

**From Lion George Salet:** “As my term nears its conclusion, I would like to thank all the Geneva Excelsior Lions who helped make this a successful year. I would also like to thank Lion Bob Lawhon for stepping up to be president and all the members who make our Lions Club such a great place to serve.”



6/23/20 - Incoming President Robert Lawhon in his office with a small portion of his train collection.

**From Lion Bob Lawhon:** “We will have changes in raising money for our events. I think that we will lose the football pool because the games will not be played or a shorter season. What are other Lions Clubs doing to raise \$\$\$\$ ?? I want to know what each active member can do to help with this issue. What clubs should we contact and ask them what is their best fund raiser? Also, do what you can, or who can do it, to get my new email LionBob2020@gmail.com.”

## Technical Issues

Members are still having technical issues with our Zoom meetings. Examples are:

- **System sound levels:** How to adjust system sound levels: Windows 10 or Mac. You can also google “system sound levels” for your operating system.

During a meeting, please pay attention to the

speakers so you’ll know what we’re talking about, and when we’ve changed to a new subject. Stay on target if possible.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**7/8** Happy Anniversary to Milli Gaw & Lion Ernie Braun!

**7/9** Happy Birthday to Lion Bob Lawhon!

**7/14** Happy Birthday to Lion Viela du Pont!

**7/18** Happy Birthday to Bobbi Damonte!

## Coming Events

**7/1** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

**7/3** Virtual Cabinet Installation via Go to Meeting; r.s.v.p. required.

**7/4** Independence Day!

**7/15** Regular 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. If you don’t have an email address, get one.

## Nostalgia



From Facebook - After the Chuck Wagon was sold, we met at Val’s for a couple of months, and ended up at Castle Lanes. This was our meeting place until it closed and we moved to the Granada Cafe in the mid-1980s.

## 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 District 4-C4:

- A complete list of the new 2020-21 Cabinet Officers including all officers, Regional Chairs, Zone Chairs, and clubs they cover.
- An open invitation to the Cabinet Installation to be via Go to Meeting. R.s.v.p. required to lions4service@gmail.com.

## From International President Jung-Yul Choi:

- A Youtube video about "More than 200 Million Served."
- LCI honors Dr. Lee Gil Ya with Humanitarian Award.
- How to Connect with Local Media.

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