



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Meeting Digest 8/19/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion George Salet; the invocation was given by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Introductions were started by Lion Joe Farrah, and then on an individual basis. 7 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Steve Martin, and Al Gentile (by phone). Also attending were 3 guests: Lion Aaron Straus from Daly City Host Lions, and our guest speakers Michael Ramirez and Barry Pearl.

## Correspondence

From Lion Secretary Joe Farrah:

- Thank you from the Lions Eye Foundation for our monthly donation towards patient care.
- SF-Marin Food Bank's lengthy Fall 2020 newsletter "Food Matters."

## Guest Speakers

Our guest speakers from the Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals presented shortly after the meeting began. Presenting was Michael Ramirez, with CCMP since 1986, and has held many different positions. She is currently in charge of food pickup and distribution, and Barry Pearl, with them for several years and is a retired San Francisco City Planner with 30 years service to San Francisco. They talked to us about:

- They last visited us in 2009 after which we donated \$300 to them.
- Medical care and our national position on the world stage.
- Access to medical care by low income workers and unemployed people.
- Why people come to them for help.
- That the organization was founded in 1976 and is made up of a broad spectrum of volunteers.
- Their advocates help find the best outcome for their clients' conditions.
- Started the pandemic with phone contact and have progressed to some in person contact.
- Cited several examples of those they have helped.
- Have increased weekly food support to 3 tons of food in San Francisco and 6 tons in the East Bay.
- After care support.
- Their support for the United Nations' 2030 Agenda.
- They are looking for support and volunteers including financial support, a newer van, and office supplies. They need \$5000 in support each month.
- Looking for support from individuals or from Lions Clubs like ours.

**“Stay Safe,  
and Be Well”**

## Meeting Recordings

Recordings of our meetings since April 1, 2020, when we started doing Zoom meetings, are available on our Youtube Channel and can be viewed by anyone. Comments are appreciated; be gentle.



## During the Meeting

Also touched on in the meeting:

- Where has **Lion Bob Fenech** gone?
- **Lion Steve Martin** just returned from a hiking trip to the Eastern Sierras. He had a great time and break but his group ran out of food on the last day. Wasn't a big problem, according to him.
- Fundraising: a drawing for gift cards was brought up again, as well as raising funds through Amazon.com's Smile program. A deeper look is needed.
- What are members currently reading and give a report at the next meeting.
- A recap of our Youtube Channel.
- Lion Aaron Straus displayed a Geneva-Mission Lions Club banner.

## Student Speaker Contest

The subject for this year's contest has been announced:

- "Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons."



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

We're still on hold waiting to hear back from selling groups. If forms are not received shortly, phone call will be made.

In the very near future, members will be contacted to renew their individual support for the raffle which is much appreciated. If you haven't support this project, please think about doing so this year.

A Facebook campaign has also been started. Each Tuesday, until November, a post will be sent out asking for community groups to participate. If you see the post in your feed, please share it so we can get as much exposure as possible.

## Lions Football



The **Go** button has been pushed and participants are sending in their funds. We'll see how things go, but for now, it's great. We're about 50% there.

## Before & After

Each Zoom meeting is started a little early to allow members to sign in and get adjusted. Here are some of the things talked about before the meeting:

- Spam emails about purchasing gift cards.
- Rich Gerardi, former manager at the IASC.
- Van's Restaurant in Belmont is closing for good.

## Etcetera

**Lion Aaron Straus** attended our meeting, not only to just visit, but he did not received notification that his club's meeting had been changed from noon today to 1:30 PM.

**Lion Joe Farrah** stopped by the S.F. home of Vicki Hackett to pick up a sack of used eye glasses collected at Balboa High School; he added these to a bag from **Lion Emily Powell** and delivered them to **Lion Ward Donnelly's** office. Lion Ward looked and sounded well. Lion Joe advised him to follow prompts and attend a Zoom meeting.

## Trivia

Lion President Bob stole the idea of asking trivia questions from the SF Council meeting. Asked about San Francisco was:

- How many hills in San Francisco?
- Who were the Sidney Ducks?
- What is the figure in the center of the City seal?
- What explorer is credited with discovering San Francisco?
- What does Yerba Buena mean?
- Why was Treasurer Island built, and what happened to it?
- What is the oldest teaching establishment in the City started in 1856?
- What is the last building in San Francisco from the 1915 Pan Pacific Exposition?
- What is the oldest moving historical monument in San Francisco?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**9/1** Happy Birthday to Rosalinda Corvi!

**9/2** Happy Birthday to Diane Johnson!

**9/11** Happy Birthday to Al Fregosi!

## Coming Events

**8/29** 1st Cabinet Meeting. Register by email lions4service@gmail.com before 8/28.

**8/29 @ 1 PM:** District 4-C4 Technology, Social Media, & Website Committee's First Workshop.

**9/2** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

**9/16** 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. If you don't have an email address, get one.

## 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.

Emails have been received from the **California Lions Foundation** asking for donations to help with California's wildfires. Anyone can donate to this cause online.

### From District 4-C4:

- 20-21 Club Contest rules.
- Weekly Thread emails.

### From PID Jerome Thompson, GAT Area 1 Leader:

- Five Tips for Serving Safely in Your Community.
- Just Ask! New member recruitment guide.
- New Member Orientation Guide.