



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 9/2/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Lion Joe Farrah with everyone else reciting silently; the invocation was given by Lion Viela du Pont. Introductions were presented by Lions George Salet, who introduced each Lion and guest in turn. 8 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Sharon Eberhardt, and Viela du Pont. Also attending were 2 guests: Lion Aaron Straus from Daly City Host Lions, and Linda Wells, who found us online and wanted to learn more about us and Lions Clubs.

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. In future bulletins, only the logo below will be shown to remind you about our channel, and is a link to it.



**Geneva-Excelsior
Lions Youtube
Channel**

Correspondence

From Lion Secretary Joe Farrah:

- Letter from the California Lions

- Foundation for donations to help with California's wildfires.
- An appeal from SF-Marin Food Bank for additional funding for their outreach (forwarded to screening).
- A thank you letter from the Lions Eye Foundation for our ongoing support of patient care.

From Lion Viela du Pont:

- A thank you card from Debra Benedict thanking us for "giving her the ability to see with new glasses." She is the senior we purchased new glasses for in the last couple of weeks. She lives on Dore Street in the South of Market area and was very appreciative of our efforts.

Daytime Meetings

There has been a request floated that we hold some meetings during the daytime. Lion Handford Clews likes the idea and says that any week day around noon would work well. Suggestions?

**“Stay Safe,
and Be Well”**

Student Speaker Contest

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

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

The packet for this year's contest has been ordered and District fees sent out. Lion Paul Corvi will keep us informed on the schedule.

During the Meeting

Also touched on in the meeting:

- From our last meeting: Where has Lion Bob Fenech gone? Seems the Mariposa-Hunters Point Yacht Club is open on Wednesdays for dinner - that's where he's hanging these days.
- Comments from Lion President Bob Lawhon about V-J Day (9/2/1945) - it being the 75th Anniversary - while displaying a photo of the signing of the surrender aboard the USS Missouri.
- Minutes of the previous Bored meeting.
- New location still needed for the Crab Feed.
- Used glasses and where to drop them off was again discussed. A list of possible spots is on our website, but access may be a problem, so check in advance.
- Lion Sharon Eberhardt reported on the 1st Cabinet meeting, S. F. Council Installation, and the Police, Fire, and Sheriff Awards. The last is slated for April 24, 2021.
- Lion Lyle Workman referred to the Tech Open House Zoom meeting which took place on 8/29 several times during the meeting. Recording is available on the District 4-C4 Youtube page.
- Lion Sharon Eberhardt brought up the Youth Protection Policy and noted that

- the Appendix F form should be sent in very soon. It was noted that the form had been sent in 2-3 weeks ago.

Our Guest

Linda Wells, who found us online, gave us a little background. Born in San Jose, she moved to San Francisco in 1979. She worked as a high school teacher and in administration for the SFUSD, ending up writing grant applications. After some health issues, she is currently self-employed, working from home on Delano Street in the Mission Terrace neighborhood. She may be attending more of our meetings and could be a new member in the future.



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

We're still waiting for replies from selling groups. The pandemic is screwing up everything.

Have you been thinking about an ad or sponsorship? If you haven't, start.

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



A majority of players have sent in their funds; a few more may have to be called. Games start this coming weekend.

Etcetera

Lion Ward Donnelly was visited by **Lion Joe Farrah** a couple of weeks ago. Lion Ward is trying to minimize traffic coming into his office during the pandemic, thereby minimizing risk to those in his office.

Board Meeting

Board meeting happenings:

- Roll call and establishment of a quorum.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report was presented and approved, and included:
 - Balance sheet numbers.
 - Accounts receivable report.
 - Impact of Paypal fees and Venmo fees.
- Facebook posts about the Y & C Raffle.
- Appointment of a Club Administrator to facilitate reporting of Service Activities and approval by the Board.
- Consideration of a donation to CCMP who spoke to us at our last meeting.
- Book suggestions reported by several members during the meetings.
- Target date and time for daytime meetings (not set, look for updates).

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, and after, the meeting:

- Introductions of Linda Wells to various members.
- S. F. Water Dept. presentation about our City sewers.
- 49er memorabilia and history being cleaned up in Lion Bill Graziano's house.
- Restaurants - who owned which

- and when.
- Dentist recommendations.
- Book suggestions:
 - A Matter of Honor by James Hanley
 - FAKE by Robert Kiyosaki
 - Unfreedom of the Press by Mark Levin
 - This is San Francisco by Robert O'Brien
- What's being watched on TV and other suggestions:
 - Chocolate
 - My Dear Friends
 - Watch the Heart Guy
 - Bentley Place (PBS)
 - 1940s French music and songs
 - DNC & RNC on Youtube and who watched
- San Francisco's Silver Tree Day Camp, Blackberry Farm, Playland at the Beach, and how far a dime used to go.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/11 Happy Birthday to Al Fregosi!

9/20 Happy Birthday to Millie Gaw (Braun)!

Coming Events

9/16 Regular Lions Meeting via Zoom.

9/23 SF Council Virtual Meeting.

9/25 - 9/27 USA/Canada Forum (see notes below).

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 Posts 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.

4-C4 Thread: USA/Canada Forum:

- This year's event will be held online September 25th thru 27th. More info online at lionsforum.org. Registration is only \$20.00 for the three day event.

From Gudrun Yngvadottir, LCIF Chairperson:

- LCIF Helps Lions Reconnect Families During Pandemic
- Foundation Fridays - A New Normal - Getting Back to Business Webinar
- Hospital in Suriname Receives Support for COVID-19 Patients
- Lions and UNODC: Partners in Prevention

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