



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Meeting Digest 9/16/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. Before the Pledge of Allegiance, recited by Lion Steve Martin with everyone else reciting silently, Lion Bob offered a few comments remembering the 9/11 attacks while an image honoring the Twin Towers was displayed. The invocation was given by Lion Joe Farrah. Introductions were done by Lion Lyle Workman, who introduced each Lion, including the date they joined the club and their sponsor, and guests in turn. 6 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Joe Farrah, and Steve Martin. Also attending were 3 guests: Lion Aaron Straus from Daly City Host Lions, and Lions Donald & Gloria Watson from the Las Vegas Host Lions.



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## Our Guest Speaker

Our surprise guest speaker was Lion Donald Watson, with his wife Lion Gloria Watson, from the Las Vegas Host Lions.

Bio: Lion Donald & Gloria have been friends with Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon for 40+ years. Lion Donald joined the Union City Lions in 1991 and started the Golden State Lions of Union City in 1994. They bought their Las Vegas home in 2002 and retired there in

2014 after commuting back and forth from Fremont to Las Vegas. He has served in all offices, and is a former Zone Chair.

Reporting as a LEF Trustee, Lion Donald let us know that, due to Covid-19, the trustees have not been able to meet in person but have been meeting with some success via Zoom. He also touched on:

- The 60th Anniversary Celebration has been postponed until October 2021.
- Eye center report: only 2 surgeries per week, down from 10; less revenue is coming in; the new center cannot open due to Covid-19; and that \$1 in donations gets \$9 in services.

On his club, Las Vegas Host, Lion Donald let us know:

- The Club was founded in 1938.
- Meets weekly, in person, at the Ahern Hotel and is the first, of 14 Las Vegas clubs, to meet in person. They have about 20 at a meeting, social distance, and wear PPE during their meetings. Their current president is a cowboy.
- Their community services and fundraising have been put off, for now.
- They hosted a Virtual Dog Fest, with the Reno Host Lions, to benefit LPCCI. Hopefully they can do a live one next year.
- They support the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, which serves 300 meals twice

- daily, once a month. They have not been able to do so, so they held an online giving event and donated \$5,000.00 to a local food bank.
- Their biggest fundraiser is a Golf Tournament which raises \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Lion President Bob presented Lion Donald with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation. He invited all to any meeting on Tuesdays for lunch.

## Correspondence

From Lion Secretary Joe Farrah:

- Letter from the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence thanking us for the donation in honor of Lion George Habeeb.

## Daytime Meeting

There has been a request floated that we hold some meetings during the daytime. Lion Handford Clews let us know that a Saturday noon meeting would work well. We just need to let him know the day and time.

## During the Meeting

Also touched on in the meeting:

- New location still needed for the Crab Feed.
- Club Administrator report: This year to date we've served 7, completed 5 service activities, served for 3 hours, and donated \$1,010.00. These figures can be seen by setting up an account on Lions International website and logging in to the MyLion app.
- Lion Steve Picchi inquired about passed Lion Jacob Ratinoff's info; reply has been sent.

- Blood Drive: an email from our website from Vitallant has invited us to set up a blood drive. More info to follow.
- Community Diaper Drive; followup from a facebook post was discussed. It is unclear as to the outcome, more may follow.

# “Stay Safe, and Be Well”



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

All but one group has replied; the total number of books for groups stands at 1380; roughly about the same as last year.

Letters have gone out to the membership. Please reply ASAP and sponsor a prize, or place an ad on the tickets.

## Lions Football



**Game 1 winners:** 1st: Jean Annuzzi; 2nd & 3rd: Lyle Workman; final: Pat Bell; reverse: Mary Gebhardt.

**Game 2 winners:** 1st: Chris Ramezzano; 2nd & final: Joe Espillac; 3rd: Mike Soracco; reverse: Bobbi Damonte.

## Etcetera

**Lion Steve Martin** was in Dublin for training

for several days just before the 16th meeting. He was so worn out from training, he could barely remember the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Lion Lyle Workman** spoke briefly to **Al Fregosi** who was calling to make sure his spot in football was taken care of. He sounded great and said “Hi!” to all.

The **Lion Bob Fenech** watch continues with sightings reported at the “Yacht Club” where the food is good, and no one owns a boat or yacht, or so it’s reported.

## Condolences

Our Club condolences to Lion Viela du Pont on the passing of her husband on September 14th. He was buried in the Islamic tradition on September 15th. May he rest in peace.

## 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:

- There was only a small amount of before the meeting chitchat.

- Hollywood stars of yesteryear.
- Speakers and programs: if you think of something, or someone, let us know.
- The 49er game.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**10/1** Happy Anniversary to Kathy & Lion George Salet!

**10/10** Happy Birthday to Donna Francesconi!

## Coming Events

**9/23** SF Council Virtual Meeting.

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

**10/7** Business & Bored Meeting via Zoom.

**10/12** Columbus Day, but apparently no longer celebrated in California.

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.

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## 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.

## Lions International; September Club Digest:

- Let the Club Excellence Award Be Your Roadmap to Greatness.
- Discover Ways to Serve Safely.
- Model Clubs: Leading Campaign 100 by Example.
- Serving with Kindness.

## From Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Campaign 100 Chairperson:

- Continuing to Answer the Call video.
- Extending Our Campaign pdf.
- Foundation Friday’s webinars.
- Creative Fundraising Ideas:
  - Virtual Concert
  - LCIF Facebook Fundraisers
  - Amazon Smile

## Around the Net:

- Beyond Zoom Etiquette: 21 Rules for Using Tech Now.

#### 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 Int'l. President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi:

- Service Reporting and a video.
- International convention LCIcon 2021 Montréal will have Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai who will share her incredible story of courage and hope that inspired the world.

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#### From Jerome Thompson, Area 1 G.A.T. Leader; 2020-21 Goals for our Area 1:

- **New Clubs** - 200 (20 chartered in July and August)
- **New Members into existing Clubs** - 44,000 (4,081 have been added YTD)
- **Retention of existing members** - Drop less than 43,000 (5,403 have been dropped YTD)
- **Service** - Impact 25,000,000 lives (YTD we have impacted 2.9 million)
- **Service Reporting** - Goal 75% of clubs report at least one service project (YTD 21% have reported at least one service activity)
- The data reveals that we have survived the first 16.67% of the year and reached approximately 10% of our goals. Hence, we have a little catching up to do.

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