



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Celebrating Lion Handford Clews

Monday, February 1st, early in the evening, Margot called letting us know that Lion Handford Clews had passed away that afternoon. Thus ended his Lions career that lasted a couple of days past 44 years.

Lion Handford joined our club on January 29, 1977 and was sponsored by Lion Frank Ferrera. He was with Arc Electric at the time as Manager of Electrical Supply.

Lion Handford's first chairmanship was for the Calendar Project, a fundraiser only remembered by our oldest members. From there, he climbed the chairs and ranks of club officers until he became President in 1982-83. He continued serving as various chairs until he landed as Treasurer in 1987-88 where he served continuously until June 2017 when he was forced to step down due to poor health.

Lion Handford received too many certificates and awards along the way to be listed here. He achieved 21 years of perfect attendance as of the 1997-98 year, the last recorded in our club records. His record of perfect attendance continued on from there with many more years added to his record.

Lion Handford sponsored 10 new members during his time: Jerome Ennis, Ed Morey, John Madden, Howard Pearson, Dick

Johnson, Les Doran, Larry Ferrell, Ted Wildenrad, Sheriar Irani, and Margine Sako. He received his Membership Key in May 1982. He should have also received the Membership Advancement Key, and Builder Key, but they were not recorded in his record.

Lion Handford has served us, and the community, extremely well. Help keep his spirit alive by doing the same. For the older members who had the privilege of knowing him for years, you know how well he loved and cared for this Club, and feel the deep sense of loss that is shared by each of us. Rest in peace Lion Handford.

The members of the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club send our deepest condolences out to Margot. Service details are not available yet.

Lion Handford Clews came up several times during the meeting on February 3rd. The last 25 minutes of the meeting video include: a bio by Lion Joe Farrah, bulletin preview, website images, and member memories, all about Handford. To view: go to our Youtube Channel, click SHOW MORE in the description, and then click 37:20 to see the portion of video about Lion Handford.



May 1977 - District 4-C4 Convention, El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa - L to R: Ozzie & Elva Buoncristiani (with sign, gypsies, 1960), Handford & Margot Clews (romans, 1961), and Frances Speciacci (french maids, 1962). The Millbrae Lions are in the background dressed as Queen's Guards.



During the 1979-80 year - at Frank & Pat Ferrera's residence, San Bruno - L to R: Bill Cazatt (back to camera), Handford & Margot Clews, and Donna O'Neill, who later married Giulio Francesconi.



May 1980 - District 4-C4 District Convention, El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rose - Serving it up are, L to R: Al Gentile, Mike Spediacci, Handford Clews, Sam San Filippo, and Al Fregosi.



7/25/82 - 32nd Installation of Officers, Olympic Golf & Country Club, San Francisco - Incoming Lion President Handford & Margot Clews.



3/17/83 - Convention Prep, Bottarini residence, San Francisco - L to R: Margot Clews, Eva Bello, Handford Clews, Estelle Bottarini, and Irene Tonelli.



May 1985 - District 4-C4 Convention, El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa - Tail Twister Skit - Their performance as The Andrews Sisters are (L to R) Howard Pearson, Handford Clews, and Les Doran.



May 1986 - District 4-C4 Convention, El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa - Barbershop Quartet - L to R: Sam San Filippo, Mike Castagnetto, Mike Spediacci, Handford Clews, Art Holl, and Charlie Bottarini.



May 1991 - Santa Rosa area golf course - Golf Tournament - L to R: Handford Clews, Ron Faina, Charlie Bottarini, and Dick Johnson.



May 1995 - El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa - Costume Parade - L to R: Lyle Workman (1967), Handford Clews (1983), Pauline (1964) & Bob (1960) Dobbins, Donna Francesconi (1960), Linnie Faina (1968), Irene Tonelli (1982), and Ted Zagorewicz. Year following name is when each costume appeared in the District Convention.



12/8/04 - Club Christmas Party, Ristorante Mar, Pacifica - Members and guests singing Christmas carols, led by Handford Clews (standing). From left: Ted Wildenratt, and a guest. Opposite side, center is Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto, Estelle & Charlie Bottarini. Behind Handford is Ward & Diane Donnelly.



2/23/2008 - 26th Annual Crab Feed, Janet Pomery Center for the Handicapped, San Francisco - George Salet, left, and Handford Clews doing paperwork for the Crab Feed. George was the chairman, and Handford was working on the tickets and seating.



7/18/12 - 61st Installation of Officers and New Member Induction, Italian American Social Club, San Francisco - PDG Eugene Chan, installing officer, Margine Sako, and sponsor Handford Clews just after Margine was installed as a new Lion.



2/18/17 - 32nd Annual Crab Feed, Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club, San Francisco - L to R: Handford Clews, looking a little surprised while doing ticket accounting, Viela du Pont, taking a break from kitchen duties, and Margot Clews, playing Soduku and relaxing.



8/16/17 - 68th Installation of Officers, Sharp Park Restaurant, Pacifica; Honoring Lion Handford Clews for 40 Years of Service and 30 years as Club Treasurer - Certificate presented to Lion Handford Clews.

Meeting Digest 2/3/21

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Lion Joe Farrah. The invocation was given by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Introductions were done by Lion Steve Martin. 9 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Steve Martin, George Salet, Viela du Pont, and Paul Corvi.

Correspondence

- Thank you letter from the Lions Eye Foundation for our monthly donation to patient care.
- City of Hope Year-end letter.

During the Meeting

Also touched on in the meeting:

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- minutes of the meeting video include: a bio by Lion Joe Farrah, bulletin preview, website images, and member memories, all about Handford. To view: go to our Youtube Channel, click SHOW MORE in the description, and then click 37:20 to see the comments about Lion Handford.
- Nominations of Officers, and Past Presidents Night, will take place at the February 17th meeting.
- A Zoom meeting visitation to the Park Presidio Sunset Lions is planned for April.

Before & After

Before the meeting chatter:

- Weariness with staying home during Covid.
- The state of customer service during Covid times.

- The Great Highway in San Francisco closed to traffic.
- The Cliff House may reopen, their sign, and its usage, and the Clampers plaque on the building.
- Restaurants in the Presidio are closed down.

After the meeting blab and short subjects:

- A little S. F. and CA politics.
- Covid shots: who has gotten them, where, and which one.
- Genovese and back seat equity.
- San Francisco General Hospital history.
- How to, or not to, drink discretely directly from a bottle.
- Berkeley Ski Club Lodge in Tahoe City.

The before and after discussions have been edited from the meeting video on Youtube to protect the innocent.

Board Meeting

During the meeting:

- Roll and quorum established.
- Minutes of the previous meeting where read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report presented and approved.
- Discussion of our bank, Paypal, and Venmo accounts and transfers to admin and activities accounts.
- Donation in honor of Lion Handford Clews was deferred for more info.

View recordings of our meetings at:



**Geneva-Excelsior
Lions Youtube
Channel**



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Everything is on hold until groups start turning in their tickets. Letters have been sent to all groups so any potential problems can be handled in advance. Ticket books are still available in case you have an idea on moving a few more.

Lions Football



Game 20 Super Bowl winners: 1st: Ward Donnelly, 2nd: Christine Fecchi, 3rd and F: Joe Farrah, and F: Marie Reinertson.

That's it, the final game has been played. Congrats to all the winners! For those who did not win, there's always next year. We made a total of \$2,000.00 for the year and look forward to playing again next year.

Student Speaker Contest

Discussed was:

- We currently have no student speakers.
- Date is still March 3rd.
- Will be held via Zoom.
- The Zoom meeting, on January 30, with close to 200 attendees.
- Timers and tellers: four members volunteered to help; forms were emailed to each for review.
- Judges needed.

Additional pre-contest meetings will take place; to be announced.

Etcetera

We received a request via our website to help a gentleman looking for assistance in getting cataract surgery. An email was sent requesting he contact us directly. He has called back and a referral to the Lions Eye Foundation is being worked on. This will be updated when more info is available.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/13 Happy Birthday to Lorraine Castagnetto!

Coming Events

2/14 Happy Valentine's Day!

2/15 President's Day.

2/17 Past Presidents Night and Nomination of Officers.

2/20 Foster City Bair Island Lions BBQ Lunch & Food Collection.

February is Black History Month.

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, contact me and let me know what you're interested in. They'll be available for a short time.

From the Las Vegas Host Lions Club:

- Lion Don Watson forwarded the January Newsletter which includes three pages of Club happenings. Anyone interested in reading it, please let the editor know.

From LionsVirtual.org:

- Diversity & Inclusion Symposium via Zoom, Saturday, February 16th, 11 AM to 1:15 PM EST. Register online.

From Lions Int'l: The Club Digest including:

- New Childhood Cancer Resources.
- Connect with Your Cause: New Resources from LCIF.
- It's LION Digital Magazine Season.
- Video: Lions Fight Hunger During COVID-19.
- Check Out the New Lions Press Center.
- LCIF: Leveraging the Reach of Facebook.

From the far reaches of the web:

- Lockdown cabin fever? 56 tried, tested and terrific ways to beat the boredom.
- Tee Time is a Walk and a Wager; about Calista Shea, wife of passed member Bill Shea from Lion Joe Farrah.
- Why You Should Never 'Unsubscribe' From Illicit Spam Emails and Texts.
- Tony Bennett's Battle With Alzheimer's.

