



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Student Speaker Contest

This year's Student Speaker Contest was, again, chaired by Lion Paul Corvi, who did his usual outstanding job. The contest, held via Zoom, was a new venue for the contest and presented more than a few challenges which were overcome.

Lion Paul began the contest by reading the purposes and rules associated with the contest including one related to the Covid pandemic. The new rule stated that the contest could be ended at any time by the foundation due to the pandemic without having to pay out the various scholarships. We sincerely hope this does not happen.

This year's subject for the contest is "Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons?" and we had two speakers, both from Lowell High School. The speakers spoke in random order.

First to speak was freshman Dylan Louie. He spoke at a measured pace with a serious

manner. His talk was well thought out and he delivered an excellent speech.



Jason Fong, winner of this year's contest.



Dylan Louie, finalist in this year's contest.

Second to speak, and also a freshman, was Jason Fong. He delivered his talk in a more jovial manner, throwing in humor along the way. His talk was more about his own experience with online learning. Although very

different than Dylan's talk, it too, was an excellent talk.

An unfortunate aspect of any contest is there can be only one winner. As everyone nervously waited for the announcement, it finally came in with Jason Fong being announced as the winner. Info from the judges told us it was a very close race.

After the announcement and congratulations to the winner, Lion Paul Corvi introduced the

four judges. They were John Paul, Ellen Paul, Whit Ashley, and Todd Barnfield. Each has many years of experience in different fields from law to education to years working with children. Timers / tellers were Lions Zenaida Lawhon, Stephen Martin, and George Salet.

The next level, the Zone Contest, is slated to be held on Wednesday, February 17th, but that is subject to change.

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**Geneva-Excelsior  
Lions Youtube  
Channel**

### **Meeting Digest 3/3/21**

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Lion Bob Lawhon, even though the flag showed up late. The invocation was given by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Introductions were dispensed with mostly, except those who were introduced during the meeting. 8 of our Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Lyle Workman, Joe Farrah, Steve Martin, George Salet, Paul Corvi, and Sharon Eberhardt.

Guests at the meeting were our four judges, the two speakers and their invited family, Lion Aaron Straus, Lion Ken Ibarra, and a couple of visiting Lions whose names were not recorded.

### **During the Meeting**

A majority of the regular meeting was dedicated to the Student Speaker Contest. Touched on by Lion Bob Lawhon, as filler

while the contest winner was determined was:

- The former Lowell Leo Club and their projects.
- Mission Education Center Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- Mission Education Center Christmas with Santa Luncheon.
- The winner of the contest was calculated very quickly, so Lion Bob had more material he could not get to.

### **Nomination of Officers**

Our nominated slate of officers is:

- President: Lion Bob Lawhon
- Vice President: Lion Zenaida Lawhon
- Secretary: Lion Joe Farrah
- Treasurer: Lion Lyle Workman
- Lion Tamer: Lion Bill Graziano
- Tail Twister: Lion Bob Fenech
- Director: Lion Sharon Eberhardt
- Director: Lion Stephen Martin
- Membership Chair: Lion Bill Graziano
- Immediate Past Pres.: Lion George Salet
- Club Admin: Lion Lyle Workman

Nominations will be open one more time at the February 17th meeting.

## Board Meeting

The short meeting included:

- Roll call and establishment of a quorum.
- Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
- Treasurer's report including final report on football and update on the raffle.

## Approved Donations

Approved at the Board meeting were:

- \$100.00 for memorial donation to LEF in honor of Lion Handford Clews.
- \$100.00 to purchase raffle tickets from Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence.
- \$250.00 to City of Hope for childhood cancer.
- \$1,000.00 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- \$1,000.00 to the SF-Marin Food Bank to help local people needing food.

## Help Wanted - upcoming Student Speaker Contests

**There are two upcoming contests where our help will be needed, if possible:**

Zone Chair Lion Jeny Kwak Weber is scheduling her Zone contest where our winner, Jason Fong, will be speaking. It could be that we will be hosting the contest at our March 17th meeting, or at another day and time. Please be aware of her need for help and be ready to lend a hand. Keep an eye out for info.

Our own Lion Sharon Eberhardt is our Regional Chair and is scheduling her contest on April 9th, subject to change. She too is looking for our help with the contest. There could be two, or more, clubs sending their

winners to the contest. Keep in mind the date and lend a hand in that contest when the time comes. Look for updates.



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Two groups, out of 13, have turned in their books they have sold. So far, perfect, every book sold. The rest of the groups will be sending in their books in the next week or so.

## Etcetera

Lion Joe Farrah reports that he talked a bit with Lion Al Gentile but was interrupted by a visiting nurse. Al has been staying in mostly and is currently using a wheelchair to get around his apartment. His daughter Roxanne is staying with him.

**Visitation:** An upcoming visitation to the Sunset Park Presidio Lions is partly scheduled for April 7th. It has not been decided if we're going to visit them at 4 PM, or they will visit us at 6:30 PM. More info to follow?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**3/22** Happy Birthday to Lion Paul Corvi!

## Coming Events

**3/14** Daylight Saving Time starts.

**3/17** St. Patrick's Day.

**3/17** Regular Club meeting and possibly hosting the Zone Student Speaker Contest.

**3/27** District 4-C4 Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection.

**May 12-16** District 4-C4 Convention, Redding.

A ton of events around the District are shown in the District 4-C4 Weekly Thread email, and linked under Posts on the District website. If

you don't have an email address, get one. If you have a new one, let us know.



### 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 Lions Int'l. The Club Digest including:

- Lions Quest U.S. Edition Now Available Online.
- Check Out the New Diabetes Global Cause Webpage.
- Apply for the 2020-2021 Club Excellence Award.
- LCIF Invests in Safe Drinking Water in India video.
- Explore New Ways to Serve.

### From Gudrun Yngvadottie, LCIF Chairperson including:

- Sign up for LCIF text alerts to your phone.
- The 2019-20 Annual Report is available.
- Stopping Measles Outbreaks in Brazil.

### From Lion Donald Watson:

- The Las Vegas Host Lions Club February Newsletter; contact the editor if you want it forwarded.

**From the City of Hope:** their newsletter including:

- Diabetes researcher hunts down disease's earliest traces.
- Visalia Pride Lions Club in District 4-A2 hosts virtual race fundraiser.
- March 28th will be the 63rd Annual Lions Tribute Day.

### From the far corners of the web:

- The Right Thing to Do.
- Stanford study into "Zoom Fatigue" explains why video chats are so tiring.
- Let there be lighting.
- Be My Eyes app - Bringing Sight to Blind and Low Vision People video.
- Email is Making Us Miserable.
- "This sauce will change your life!" 30 brilliant condiments to transform your tired lockdown dishes.
- How to Delete Your Old Online Accounts (and Why You Should).