



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 8/18/21

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Joe Farrah. The invocation was given by Lion Ward Donnelly. Introductions were skipped. 7 of our Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob Lawhon, Lyle Workman, Sharon Eberhardt, George Salet, Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly, and Joe Farrah.

Correspondence

- A thank you note from the Lions Eye Foundation for our continuing support.
- Fall 2021 Newsletter from the SF-Marin Food Bank.
- An email from Rise Against Hunger asking us to partner with them.

During the Meeting

Lions business discussed and mentioned was:

- Insurance surrounding the Crab Feed.
- Lion Bob Lawhon is trying to get a representative from the SFPD to our next live meeting to talk about what's going on.

Also During the Meeting

Non-Lion things talked about:

- Lion Bob Lawhon showed the backpack he obtained as swag at the National Night Out with the SFPD.

- Movies.
- Valenti Marini Perata development.
- Doing construction projects if San Francisco and difficulties encountered.
- Historic buildings and business.
- Where members were born in San Francisco.

View recordings of our Zoom meetings at:



**Geneva-Excelsior
Lions Youtube
Channel**

Visit to Lion Al Gentile's

On August 19th, Lion Bob Lawhon took time out of his schedule to visit Lion Gentile at his home in San Mateo. His report follows.

"We first talked about the insurance business - he began with New York Life and stayed with them for 75 years. I saw an award he received for those years from NYL.

We talked about the Lions of the past from Charlie Bottarini to Handford Clews. I presented his certificate for having served the Geneva-Excelsior Lions for 64 years.

Then I asked him where he was on February 20, 1945 and he responded that he and his platoon were in the third day's landing at Iwo Jima. He ran wire from a position to HQ. He told me about how the Japanese were really dug into the mountain and how the pill boxes

had control of the beach where they were. I gave him a medal plaque of the picture of the Flag Raising by SF Chronicle's Joe Rosenthal, and a coin that has the picture of the flag raising on one side and a rendering of a marine with a flame thrower going after a pill box on the other. That man was one of eight that were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions.

He told me that at one of his unit's reunions, they went to DC and went to Arlington

National Cemetery to locate a buddy's grave who got killed on Iwo Jima. They also went to the memorial of the Raising of the Flag. On a wall he has pictures of every reunion they had from 1980 to 2019.

In another a group of pictures of him fishing and showing many of the fish that he caught over the years.

So Al has lead a life of 'Service' to his country and the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club."



Lion Al Gentile holds his Certificate of Service while Lion Bob Lawhon gives him some additional details.



Bob Lawhon, left, and Al Gentile talking about the insurance business, the Geneva-Excelsior Lions' members who have come and gone by, and Iwo Jima during World War II.



Lion Al Gentile proudly holds his Certificate of Service for 64 years of service while posing with Lion Bob Lawhon.



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Marketing:

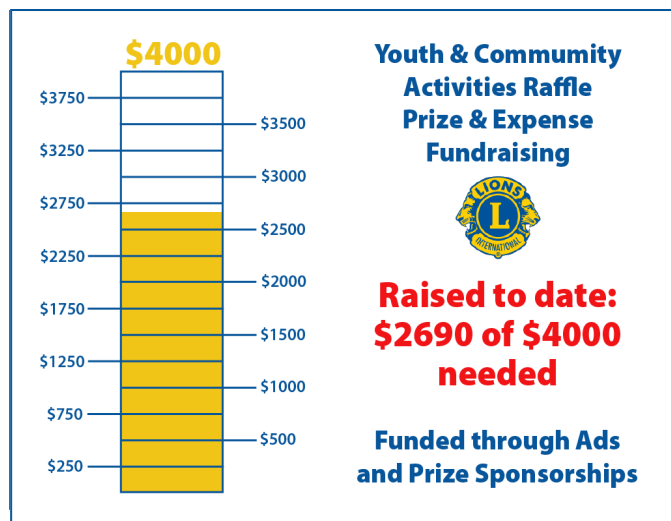
- Lion Bob Lawhon is making up some marketing material so he can spread the word around the district.
- An email has gone out to all members about renewing and adding to our Friends & Family list. Please make an effort to help expand the list.

Selling Groups:

- Returns are coming in slowly.
- Other Lions clubs don't seem to be interested.

Members:

- Member returns are coming in and, as usual, are very generous. If you have not replied, please do so.
- Looking for ideas on how to get more ads and prize sponsorships from outside our Club. Ideas?



Ads & Sponsors:

- Tickets will be ordered in the next few weeks; if you intend to place an ad, please follow through.
- Lion Peter Lam, Past President of the SF Council, has sponsored a \$100 prize. Thank You!



Lions Football: All but 13 spots have been paid for. Are you looking for a spot? Let the chairman, Lion Lyle Workman, know @ 650-400-5739. First covered game on Sept. 12th.

Etcetera

Our club bell: At the Zoom meeting on August 4th, there was some discussion of where our bell came from. With a quick check, we found the following engraved: SF Visiting Team. This must be who got the bell originally; it was passed down to us; no info is available about the SF Visiting Team.

Also engraved on the bell is: Borrowed by Pacifica Lions Club 9-26-76 or 1978. Once again, no info is available on this borrowing.

On the inside of the bell is scratched: Chuck Bottarini, President 1963-64. Only a guess, but this could be when we received the bell from someone.

Origins of our club bell remains unsolved.

Sharon Eberhardt will not be around until perhaps October. Reason: she will be under going cataract surgery, on both eyes, during the month of September. We all wish her well and success.

From Sharon Eberhardt: The City of San Francisco is proposing to purchase the Mission Inn at 5630 Mission Street in District 11 for use as Permanent Supportive Housing with up to 52 rooms. The building will provide affordable homes with onsite social services to help tenants gain and maintain housing and stability. The Mission Inn will have professional property management and onsite support services.

Mark your calendar and hope you can attend the first community stakeholder meeting: Wed., August 25 @ 5:30 pm. The ZOOM link will be posted prior to the meeting at the following site: <https://hsh.sfgov.org/get-involved/notices/>



8/18/21 - Current state of the construction taking place in the old Valente, Marini, Perata, Funeral Directors lot. Rumors are, a housing development is going in the space.

Coming Events

On our calendar:

9/1 Business & Board meeting via Zoom.

From the Thread - AUGUST 2021

Mon, Aug 23

Save the date: Peninsula Council of Lions Club Virtual Meeting NEW

Wed, Aug 25

Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club Virtual Bingo

Save the date: San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs Meeting

Thu, Aug 26

San Carlos Lions Club Installation



Sat, Aug 28

District 4-C4 2021-22 1st Cabinet Meeting

Sun, Aug 29

Foster City Lions Club Installation UPDATED

Peninsula Veterans Lions Club Installation

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sat, Sep 4

Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club Installation

Sun, Sep 5

Peninsula Council and San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs Joint Installation

Thu, Sep 9 - Sat, Sep 11

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Mon, Sep 13

Millbrae Lions Club 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Thu, Sep 16

Half Moon Bay Lions Club Poker Night

Sat, Sep 18

San Carlos Lions Club Maine Lobster Feed

Sat, Sep 25

San Bruno Lions Club Bruno Bingo

Mon, Sep 27

Save the date: Peninsula Council of Lions Club Meeting

Wed, Sep 29

Save the date: San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs Meeting

Attendance Raffle

Non-winner was Lion Zenaida Lawhon who missed out on \$600.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1 Happy Birthday to Rosalinda Corvi!

9/2 Happy Birthday to Diane Johnson!

9/11 Happy Birthday to Al Fregosi!

From the Inbox

From Lions International including:

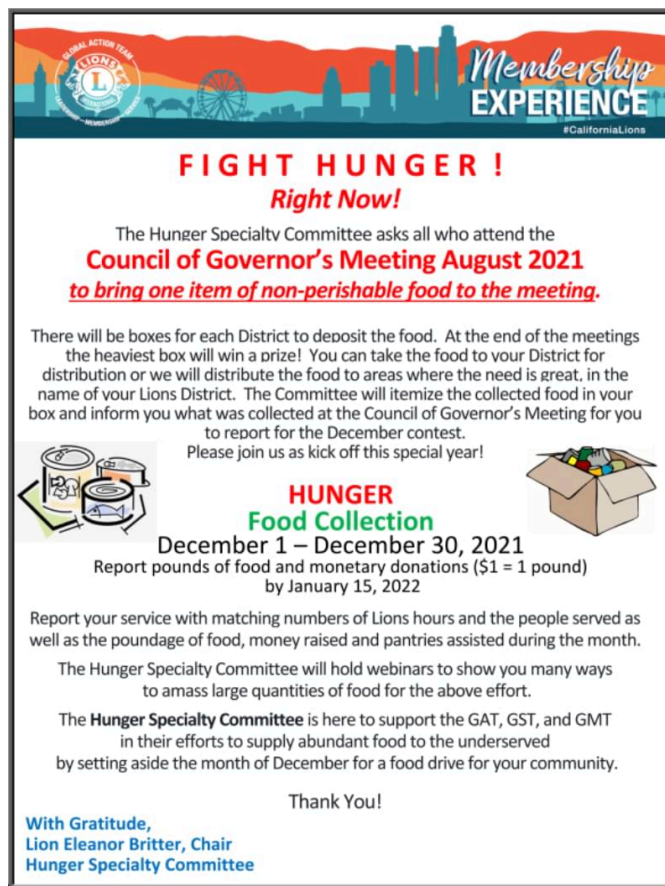
- Service Reporting.
- Specialty Clubs Appeal to Young Lions and Student Members.
- See the entire August Club Digest.
- President Douglas Alexander's message.

From Jerome Thomas, GAT Area 1 Leader including:

- Membership Growth Event Toolbox.
- Review his entire message online.

From the far corners of the web:

- What I Learned From Watching Every Sport At The Tokyo Olympics.
- How the 10-Second Rule Can Dramatically Change Your Conversations and Make You a Better Leader.
- FAQ: Why inflation is rising and whether you should worry.
- 50 Favorite Sci-Fi And Fantasy Books Of The Past Decade.



FIGHT HUNGER !
Right Now!

The Hunger Specialty Committee asks all who attend the
Council of Governor's Meeting August 2021
to bring one item of non-perishable food to the meeting.

There will be boxes for each District to deposit the food. At the end of the meetings the heaviest box will win a prize! You can take the food to your District for distribution or we will distribute the food to areas where the need is great, in the name of your Lions District. The Committee will itemize the collected food in your box and inform you what was collected at the Council of Governor's Meeting for you to report for the December contest.
Please join us as kick off this special year!

HUNGER
Food Collection
December 1 – December 30, 2021
Report pounds of food and monetary donations (\$1 = 1 pound)
by January 15, 2022

Report your service with matching numbers of Lions hours and the people served as well as the poundage of food, money raised and pantries assisted during the month.

The Hunger Specialty Committee will hold webinars to show you many ways to amass large quantities of food for the above effort.

The **Hunger Specialty Committee** is here to support the GAT, GST, and GMT in their efforts to supply abundant food to the underserved by setting aside the month of December for a food drive for your community.

Thank You!

With Gratitude,
Lion Eleanor Britter, Chair
Hunger Specialty Committee



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