



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Mission Education Christmas with Santa



Steve Martin and Bob Lawhon (second and third from left) pose with members of Los Bomberos Firefighters, including Santa.



Zenaida Lawhon with Santa.



Children pose with Santa and Los Bomberos Firefighters, their teachers, and Steve Martin (last standing on right) after receiving their gifts.

On a chilly Friday, December 10th, Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, and Steve Martin took time to participate with the Los Bomberos Firefighters and visit the Mission Education Center with Santa. There were approximately 60 children, mostly pre-school age, there to receive presents from Santa.

*From Lion Bob Lawhon:* "Imagine, you are 5 years old, living in poverty in Mexico with only one meal a day, exposed to many dangers. Then 2 months later after a long scary walk, sleeping by the side of a road and crossing a river, you are now standing in front of Santa Claus in San Francisco. You are now

with new friends and sleeping in a bed. Santa speaks Spanish and knows your name. There are new people who give you a Christmas present and call themselves Lions and Los Bomberos. What a good place."

*From Los Bomberos member Raymond R. Isola:* "What a joy to join hands with the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club, SFFD and the SF Sheriff's Department to spread the holiday cheer to some of the most vulnerable students and families in San Francisco."

Additional photos are on our website; take a look (bottom of the page.)

## Meeting Digest 12/15/21

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Lion Lyle Workman. The invocation was given by Lion Steve Martin. Our Tail Twister Bob Fenech led the introductions. 8 of our Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob Lawhon, Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Steve Martin, Bob Fenech, and Sharon Eberhardt.

## During the Meeting

Also discussed was:

- It was mostly one of those meetings where the members talked among themselves and enjoyed each others company. Nice to have one every now and then. Not much business took place.

## Correspondence

Received was:

- A Thank You card from the North Peninsula Food Pantry for our recent \$500 donation.

## Overheard

Member discussions during the meeting:

- Reno's Barber Shop meetings and how they were back then.
- Crime being everywhere.
- More than notes could be taken.

View recordings of our Zoom meetings at:



**Geneva-Excelsior  
Lions Youtube  
Channel**



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

We're on cruise control for now. Current stats to date:

- **Groups:** 1682 books out. 1 group has returned sold tickets to date.
- **Members:** purchased 87 books.
- **Friends & Family:** purchased 388 books.
- **Sponsors:** \$3,890.00 sponsored.



**Game 12 Winners:** 1st quarter: Arnie Sambel; 2nd quarter: Kleinbach & Bottarini (donated back to our Club in honor of Al Kleinbach & Charlie Bottarini); 3rd quarter & Final: Dennis Columbo; Reverse: Bob Fenech.

**Game 13 Winners:** 1st quarter: Viela du Pont; 2nd quarter: Dean Smith; 3rd quarter: Bob Fenech; Final: Andy Stoeppelwerth; Reverse: Diane Annuzzi.

**Game 14 Winners:** 1st quarter: Andy Stoeppelwerth; 2nd quarter: Mike Keys; 3rd quarter & Final: Art Galla; Reverse: Aaron Straus.

## Student Speaker Contest

Lion Paul Corvi has set the date for our contest as Wednesday, February 16th at our membership meeting at the Italian American Social Club. The topic this year is *"How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?"* Reserve this date on your calendars.



## Crab Feed

Covid-19 and the Omicron variant may be a fly in the ointment. Government mandates after the new year, or even before the end of the year, may interfere greatly with our event. Something to keep in mind.

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36th Annual Marinated  
**CRAB FEED**  
**Saturday, February 12, 2022**  
No Host Cocktails 6:00 PM    Dinner served at 7:00 PM  
**St. Philip the Apostle Church**  
725 Diamond Street, San Francisco  
see map on reverse  
Free Parking in the school playground;  
entrance on Elizabeth Street  
**\$65.00 per person**  
Dinner includes salad, pasta & marinated crab,  
and also includes bread & butter, coffee & dessert  
Chicken available with 24 hour advance notice  
All remittances to:  
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Lion Lyle Workman  
1039 Santa Lucia Dr.  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
For tickets contact a GE Lions member or  
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## Etcetera

**From Our Website:** A request to furnish an

eye glasses collection box from the Mission Neighborhood Health Center. It is being handled by a couple of members. Websites do work to help our neighbors!

**From Lion Donald Watson:** Lion Donald forwarded the Las Vegas Host Lions newsletter for our pleasure. Read it here.

## Attendance Raffle

Not held.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**12/29** Happy Birthday to Lion Sharon Eberhardt!

**12/30** Happy Birthday to Lion Rebecca Chen!

**1/4** Happy Birthday to Lion George Salet!



## Coming Events

### On our calendar:

**12/25** Merry Christmas!

**1/1** Happy New Year!

**1/5** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

**1/19** Regular Meeting at the IASC; Past Presidents Night and Nominations of Officers for the coming year.

**2/12** Our Crab Feed.

## Around the District

### JANUARY 2022

**Sat, Jan 8**

San Francisco Keystone Lions Club 1st Anniversary Celebration **NEW**

Silicon Valley Lions Club Top Golf Event

**UPDATED**

**Sat, Jan 15**

San Francisco Healthcare Providers Cyber Lions Club Casino Trip

**Sun, Jan 16**

Half Moon Bay Lions Club 75th Anniversary

**Sun, Jan 23**

Rise Against Hunger

**Mon, Jan 24**

Save the date: Peninsula Council of Lions Club Meeting

**Wed, Jan 26**

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

**Sat, Jan 29 - Mon, Jan 31**

California Lions Regional Lions Leadership Institute - Santa Rosa

**Sat, Jan 29**

San Carlos Lions Crab Feed

## From the Inbox

### From Lions International including:

- The December Club Digest; read it online.
- LCIF request for funds to help the December 10th tornado victims in the midwest and south. Read it online.
- Int'l. President's message: Service from the heart with International President, Douglas X. Alexander. Read it online.
- Announcing the 44th Annual Lions Day with the U.N. Read the announcement online.



Registration for LCIcon 2022 is now open.

### From the far corners of the web:

- The ingenious living bridges of India.
- Half a Billion in Bitcoin, Lost in the Dump.
- Winning the War on Ransomware.
- 'Napping Is Not What Lazy People Do:' How to Take a Proper Nap.
- 10 Famous Book Hoarders.
- The American Addiction to Speeding.

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