



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Installation Digest 8/20/22

The Installation was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Lyle Workman. The invocation was given by Lion Joe Farrah. 9 of our Lions were in attendance: Iliana Escadero, Joe Farrah, Bob Fenech, Bill Graziano, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Steve Martin, George Salet, and Lyle Workman. Guests for the event included Mario & Rose Benavente, Jack Mak, Bill Stipinovich, Bill & Eleanor Britter, and JP & Mrs. Vervosa, guests of the Lawhons.

Correspondence

Received, but not announced, were:

- Newsletter from SF-Marin Food Bank.

- Thank you letter from Wilderness Camp for the Deaf for us having sponsored a child to camp.

Overheard

Overheard during the beginning and dinner:

- Talk about Castle Lanes and former meeting places.
- Living where snow falls, and dealing with it.
- Discussion about hair, and the humor surrounding the 1993-94 installation of Dick Johnson.
- Beach Blanket Babalon.
- Working at Lowe's.
- Divers licenses, and renewing them.

73rd Annual installation of Officers

Lion President Bob Lawhon began the installation in the usual manner, with the pledge and invocation. He proceeded with introducing each of those present, and each in turn, talked about themselves and their Lions' experience. There were some very experienced, long standing, and outstanding Lions present.

Following dinner, Lion PDG Mario Benavente took the reins to perform his duties as Installing Officer. Our incoming officers each received their charge from Lion Mario as he gave a short description and responsibilities of their office they were accepting. Each responded they would accept their charge and perform their duties.

Next on Lion Mario's agenda was the swearing in of our newest Lion, Iliana Escadero. He explained who the Lions are, some of what we do, and some about the Lions International organization and membership, while inducting her. He presented her with her Certificate of Membership, and explained that her sponsor, Viela du Poet, could not be present.

Last on Lion Mario's agenda was a special presentation. Shortly after he started to exalt the

record of the Lion in question, nearly everyone present knew who he was talking about. Lion Joe Farrah's record included having served as Deputy District Governor, Zone Chairman, twice as President, twice as Vice President, 16 terms as Secretary, 16 terms as a Director, and 47 plus terms as chairman of various committees. Lion Mario presented Lion Joe with a Certificate of Appreciation from our club for his service. It may seem like a small reward, but it comes packed with the Club's admiration, respect, and thanks.

After Lion Mario completed his tasks, Lion Joe Farrah presented Lion Bob Lawhon with two scrap books, the first presented since 1992. One was of prints, with captions, of all the photographs available from his 2021-22 year. The second was a complete set of the club bulletins from his 2021-22 year.

Following Lion Joe's presentation, Lion Bob closed the event with an emotional talk referring to books written by Gail Sheehy, focusing on the book "Passages." His remarks were spot on, closing the event with a touch of class.



L to R, left table, far side: George Salet, Bob Fenech, Bill Stipinovich, and Joe Farrah; near side: Steve Martin, and Bill Graziano; right table, far side: Mrs. Vervosa, Jack Mak, Zenaida Lawhon, and Rose Benavente; right side: JP Vervosa, Iliana Escadero, and Sharon Eberhardt; head table, L to R: Bill & Eleanor Britter, Bob Lawhon, and Mario Benavente.



Standing, L to R: Mario Benavente, Lyle Workman, Joe Farrah, Bob Fenech, Bill Graziano, and Bob & Zenaida Lawhon; seated: near side: Steve Martin; far side: Sharon Eberhardt.



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Mario Benavente installing Iliana Escadero as a new Lion while informing her, and the audience, about Lionism.



Mario Benavente and Iliana Escadero displaying her new member certificate.



Bob Lawhon presenting newly installed member Iliana Escadero with a club banner.



Certificate of Membership presented to Iliana Escadero as a newly installed Lion.



Certificate of Sponsor for Viela du Pont for her having sponsored Iliana Escadero.



L to R: Bill Stipinovich, Joe Farrah, Mario Benavente, Bill Britter, and Bill Graziano. Mario Benavente presenting, and congratulating, Joe Farrah on 52 years of service to the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club.



Certificate presented to Joe Farrah for his 52 years of service and his many years of service as Club Secretary.



Bob Lawhon brings one of his books out of the bag as Bill Graziano, Bill & Eleanor Britter, on right, and Zenaida Lawhon, and Rose & Mario Benavente look on.



Certificate presented to Mario Benavente for being Installing Officer.



Our 32nd Annual Lions Football is well under way. Spots are \$105.00; same as last year. To date, 81 spots have been paid for with 19 more to come in. Sheets will go out when all spots are paid, or before the first game on September 11th.



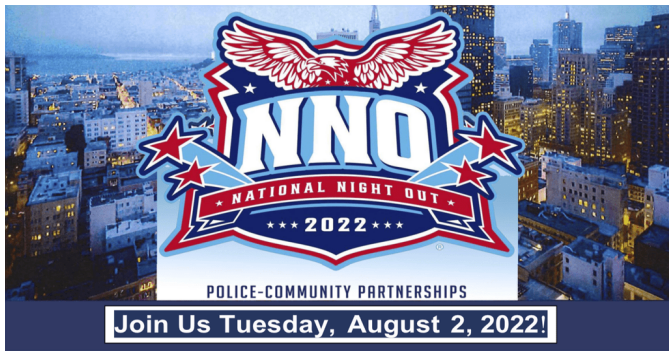
Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Ads & Sponsors and Members: We've reached our fund raising goal, much to the chairman's surprise. Thank you to all those having sponsored and placed display ads on the tickets and books. Some additional sponsorships may come in.

Selling Groups: Groups have been slow in responding. Phone calls will be made to those we have not heard from yet. The ticket books have been ordered.



Members: Responses have come in from 13 of our 19 members; hopefully we'll hear from the rest soon. Members who have responded have been extra generous this year.



Club publicity on this event: *S.F. Chronicle* article by Kevin Fisher-Paulson “On a foggy playground, a night out with S.F. heroes.”



Facebook post from local teacher requesting support for her class for the school year. In quick action by the Board, support was approved via email for \$100.00. In the end, our total donation was \$98.49.

Our Coming Events

9/5 Labor Day

9/7 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

9/21 Live Regular Meeting @ the IASC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1 Happy Birthday to Rosalinda Corvi!

9/2 Happy Birthday to Diane Johnson!

9/18 Happy Birthday to Al Fregosi!

9/20 Happy Birthday to Millie Gaw (Brahn)!

Etcetera

From Lion Bob Lawhon:

- Take a ride on the Embarcadero Freeway - video from 1984.
- Published in *Ingleside Light*: “A Brief History Of The Excelsior And Outer Mission Districts.”
- Published in the *S.F. Chronicle*: “Lost Landmarks of the Bay Area.”



8-13-22 - From Facebook - “Have a wonderful Saturday from the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office. We are hiring Sheriff’s Cadets. Come join us! Cadet Khan, Cadet Gin, Deputy Martin, and Deputy DeJesus.”

Around the District

August 2022

Saturday, August 20

District 4-C4 Service at SF-Marin Food Bank

Sunday, August 21

Foster City Bair Island Cyber: **Foster City Rubber Ducky Races NEW**

Monday, August 22

SF Host: Installation

Wednesday, August 24

Peninsula & SF Coordinating Councils of Lions Clubs Installation

Saturday, August 27

District 4-C4 Beach Cleanup **UPDATED**

District 4-C4 Service at SF-Marin Food Bank

SF Dynamic: 3rd Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 25

San Carlos: Installation

Sunday, August 28

BASO/Peninsula Veterans/Menlo Atherton

Leo: Installation

September 2022

Friday, September 2

Peninsula Special Interest: Installation **NEW**

Saturday, September 3

District 4-C4 Service at San Francisco-Marin Food Bank **NEW**

Saturday, September 10

District 4-C4 1st District

Meeting **UPDATED**

Multi Clubs Installation **NEW**

Sunday, September 11

Silicon Valley: Set the date: Installation

So SF Golden Gate: Installation

Thursday, September 15 - Saturday, September 17

46th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Friday, September 16

Daly City Host: Pasta Bingo **UPDATED**

From the Inbox



From Lions International including:

- **From Brian Sheehan, Intl. President:** Giving Is An Everyday Thing. Read it online.

From the far corners of the web:

- How to Estimate Distance Using Just Your Thumb.
- What the 'golden age' of flying was really like.
- Why you should really stop charging your phone overnight.
- Life hacks from India on how to stay cool (without an air conditioner).
- People Are Sharing Underrated Destinations To Consider In Place Of Popular Vacation Spots.
- 3 Basic Compass Skills Everyone Should Learn.