



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Meeting Digest 7-2-25

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Stephen Martin. Pledge was led, and invocation offered, by Lion President Stephen. Introductions were skipped. Our Lions in attendance were: Stephen Martin, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Sharon Eberhardt, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, and George Leeds (business meeting). Guest for the business meeting was Lion Aaron Straus with Daly City Host Lions.

## Business Meeting

Covered in the meeting:

- Officer Training; see below.
- Why do we follow a fiscal year?
- People from Clinic by the Bay may show at our next meeting.
- A bunch of topics were discussed but jumped back and forth from one to another.
- MEC Thanksgiving and Christmas with Santa and Los Bomberos.
- Possible guest speaker.
- Changing club meetings, time and place.
- Club officers changing positions.

## Board Meeting

In a very talkative meeting:

- Roll call and quorum.
- Minutes of the previous meeting.

- Treasurer: report; lowlights of last year's budget; budget for this year.
- National Night Out donation.

## Correspondence

Thank you letters have been received from these organizations for end-of-year donations:

- 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.
- Balboa Alumni Association
- City of Hope
- Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children, Inc.
- California Lions Foundation

If any member wants a copy of any correspondence emailed to them, let the secretary or editor know.

## Before and After

Touched on before the meeting:

- Cell phone plans; Zoom via wifi on your phone.
- Cleaning your web camera and things in Bob Lawhon's office.
- Jeremiah O'Brien happenings; George Leeds is the young guy aboard ship.

Touched on after the meeting:

- George Salet's recent vacation.
- Grocery stores and their apps and data.

- Fixing things in a rental home.
- Current economy & business climate.
- CA train to nowhere & government contracts.
- Immigration, immigrants adapting, etc.



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Work has begun on this year's Lion Youth & Community Activities Raffle:

- **Ads & Sponsors:** Letters have gone out to outside sponsors, including those who have not sponsored recently.
- **Groups:** Letters have gone out to active and inactive groups selling tickets.
- **Members:** Letters have gone out to our membership about purchasing books and ads and sponsorships. If you're not participating, please think about doing so.
- **Friends & Family:** Think about adding some new friends and family to our mailing list. We need to grow this segment!
- **Marketing:** Facebook posts began on July 7th and will continue twice per day and twice weekly through November 28th looking for new groups to participate. If you see the post please share it to your Facebook feed.

If you don't know about any of this, have forgotten, or are interested - just ask!



Lion Paul Corvi, who has worked on our contests since 2004, has let it be known that he will not be available to run the contest this year. We need someone to step up and take control; Lion Paul will assist and help along the way.

## Food for Thought

District 20W

STOP THE DROP!

Keep Our Lions Strong –  
Keep Our Members Engaged



WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion, hands, and heart for our service. Let's act now to **STOP the DROP!**

★ 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!

 **Connect Personally**  
Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.

 **Ask & Listen**  
Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.

 **Make Meetings Meaningful**  
Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient. Celebrate service, not just business.

 **Engage Everyone**  
Assign small roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about.

 **Recognize and Appreciate**  
Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, *achievements*). Say "Thank You" often and sincerely.

 **Have More Fun!**  
Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories together –

 **REMEMBER:** Retention isn't just about staying – It's about belonging. Strong Clubs – Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!

Found on Facebook.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

7/18 Happy Birthday to Bobbi Damonte!

8/1 Happy Birthday to Lion Bill Mayta!

## Officer Training

Stephen Martin and Zenaida Lawhon gave an excellent report on the Officer training which took place on June 28th. Numerous aspects of the training were covered by them, with Zenaida detailing the Secretaries Training, and Stephen covering the President's. Stephen was interested in the vision screening using the District's screening machines. Could we do something like that?



6-28-25 - Office Training @ Decima Allen Elementary School, San Bruno - Photo from Zenaida Lawhon - Stephen Martin with an unnamed Lion.



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## Our Coming Events

7/16 Regular Lions Meeting @ IASC.

8/6 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

## Around the District

July 2025

Sunday - Thursday, July 13-17

Lions International Convention

Sunday, July 20

District 4-C4: Rise Against Hunger



## Friday, July 25

Save the date: Bay Area Global Outreach:  
**Panda Express Fundraiser – Texas Flood Victims NEW**

## Saturday, July 26

SF Friends Cyber: **Installation**

## Sunday, July 27

SF Chinatown: **Installation**

SF Korean American: **Installation**

## Wednesday, July 30

District 4-C4: **Certified Guiding Lion Training NEW**

## August 2025

### Sunday, August 3

SF Unified: **Get Your Rear in Gear**

### Saturday, August 9

Millbrae: **Lobster Feed NEW**

### Friday, August 15

SF Unified: **Installation NEW**

### Friday, August 22

SF Dynamic, SF Healthcare Providers Cyber,

SF Host: **Joint Installation**

### Sunday, August 24

District 4-C4: **Cabinet Installation**

## September 2025

### Thursday, September 4

District 4-C4: **2025 Chartered Organization**

**Summit NEW**

### Saturday, September 6

SF Cosmopolitan: **A Date with Stage of Destiny NEW**

**Thursday - Saturday, September 18-20**  
**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

### Saturday, September 27

Save the date: **District 4-C4 1st Cabinet Meeting**

Save the date: Silicon Valley: **10th Anniversary Event**

## October 2025

### Sunday, October 19

SF Latinos Unidios: **Health Fair**

### Saturday, October 25

Save the date: Bay Area Global Outreach: **5th Anniversary Celebration & Installation**

## Etcetera

Viela du Pont says “Hello” to all, and says she’ll attend the next Zoom meeting. Sounds great!

Roxanne Gentile sends “Congratulations on 75 years of the Geneva Excelsior Lions Club.” Thanks Roxanne!



7-9-25 - Garden Club Restaurant & Bar, South San Francisco - Posted by Nick Farrah - Joe (on left) and Nick Farrah enjoying good, old-school family-style Italian food. Linguine and meatballs for Dad; chicken parmigiana for me.

## From the Inbox

**About Lions International** including:

- **LCIF:** Historic flooding devastates Central Texas. Give online.

**About District 4-C4** including:

- Upcoming District Installation. Available online.
- District 4-C4 Polo shirts are available online.
- Two new Clubs in the District will be chartered at the upcoming District Installation.