



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Zoom Meeting Digest 8-6-25

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Stephen Martin. Pledge was led, and invocation offered, by Lion President Stephen. Introductions were handled by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Our Lions in attendance were: Stephen Martin, Lyle Workman, Viela du Pont, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, and George Leeds.

## Business Meeting

Covered in the meeting:

- The tour of Clinic by the Bay before the July 16th meeting was discussed.
- The donation from Cratus Construction and how to thank them was discussed.
- The idea of Vision Screening with Mel Phillips and Carol Fung at Clinic by the Bay followed by a very short discussion.
- Used Eye Glasses: Bob Lawhon has some; Stephen Martin has a storage location; more donation boxes are needed.

## Board Meeting

In an unproductive meeting:

- Roll call and quorum not present; business could not be done.
- Bob Lawhon received an offer from Square for their equipment and an account. Not needed at this time.
- Installation of Officers tentatively

- scheduled for September 17th at the IASC. The Basque Cultural Center was discussed, but thought unnecessary.
- Moving one of our Directors to the Vice President's position was discussed; it would not make any difference to how our club is functioning was the outcome.
- Stephen Martin wanted to place a post in the Excelsior Facebook page, but was not able to, about our next meeting and guest speaker.

## Membership

Details will be forthcoming:

- **Cesar Love:** While he has not been presented to the Board, he has been reported to International.
- **Rosa Ziebell:** She applied through our website and her application is pending.
- **Olga,** from Clinic by the Bay, may be applying for membership, although it has not been received.

## Guest Speaker

The guest speaker at our next meeting, August 20th, will be Don Collins, Former Health Commissioner, State of California. The subject will be sandlot baseball, and other subjects related to San Francisco.

## Before, During, & After

Our meetings tend to jump from subject to subject, with miscellaneous stuff thrown in between. In no particular order, discussed was:

- Life in Utah for Viela; missing California; has recovered from quad bypass and cancer through excellent health care.
- Youtube: China's Red Army & Russian cooperation.
- Where are George Salet and Sharon Eberhardt?
- Nevada: weather, locations, and retiring there.

- Discussion of AI and how teachers are reacting to it and its use.
- Organic playing vs. overly organized play; actions and play.
- Joe Farrah is sorely missed.
- Happenings in Bob Lawhon's life.



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

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

- **Ads & Sponsors:** \$3,900 of the \$4,000 needed for expenses has been paid or promised.
- **Groups:** Letters have gone out to active and inactive groups selling tickets. Waiting for 3 or 4 more replies.
- **Members:** 9 of our 19 members have answered the call and have ordered books and/or sponsored prizes. Who's next? It would be great to have 100% participation this year! ***Dream on!***
- **Friends & Family:** Think about adding some new friends and family to our mailing list. We need to grow this segment!
- **Marketing:** Since July 7, when FB post began:

- 67 have engaged, or liked, our posts.
- Our posts have been displayed 7,700 times during this period.
- Our posts have reached 4,660 unique people.
- Most posts are shared only twice, by the chairman. This stat is REALLY bad.
- Requests for more info about the raffle: ZERO.
- Of the 55 emails sent to 4-C4 Clubs, 29 were opened, and 2 clicked through for more info.





Lions Football for this year was launched on August 5th. To date, 70 spots are paid in full, leaving 30 to be paid. Games start on Sunday, September 7th, so funds need to be in before the first game.

For those interested in joining in on the fun, one spot is currently available. Contact the chairman.



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.

## Etcetera



The new Ferrera Building, largest and most modern Mission Street structure from 22nd Street to the County Line.

Ran across a post on the Excelsior District page from SF Heritage from 2020 about the Ferrera Building at Mission and Harrington Streets. Few of our current members know that Frank Ferrera was a member of this club from the 1950s, or 1960s, until his passing in 2009 at the age of 84. A great member! Read the short article online.

From **Ward Donnelly III**: “Just saw my Dad today, he’s still hanging in there. Mind is still sharp, was in good spirits, eating well, he looked good.”

## Our Coming Events

**9/3** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

**9/17** Regular Lions Meeting @ IASC, and possibly Installation of Officers.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**9/1** Happy Birthday to Roselinda Corvi!

**9/2** Happy Birthday to Diane Johnson!

**9/13** Happy Birthday to Lion Coni Binaley!

## Around the District

### August 2025

#### Sunday, August 24

District 4-C4: **Cabinet Installation & New Clubs Charter Event**

#### Wednesday, August 27

SF Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs  
Meeting hosted by SF Cosmopolitan

#### Saturday, August 30

Bay Area Global Outreach: **Casino Bus Trip**

## September 2025

**Thursday, September 4**

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

**Friday, September 5**

Burlingame: **Blood Drive**

**Saturday, September 6**

Pacifica: **75th Anniversary Celebration NEW**

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

**Tuesday, September 16**

Save the date: San Bruno: **Installation 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

**Thursday, October 2**

Save the date: Foster City Bair Island Cyber: **5th Anniversary & Installation NEW**

**Friday, October 3**

Half Moon Bay: **Poker Night NEW**

**Saturday, October 4**

Save the date: San Carlos: **Tri Tip Fundraiser NEW**

**Saturday, October 18**

Bay Area Global Outreach: **"High 5" Fifth Anniversary Celebration**

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## From the Inbox

**About Lions International** including:

- Mission 1.5 Bulletin.
- Club Officers Guide.
- Your August Club Digest.
- **From Intl. President A.P. Singh:**  
Growth is good for Lions.

**About District 4-C4** including:

- Upcoming District Installation.
- District 4-C4 Polo shirts are available.

**From the far corners of the web** including:

- 10 Quick Smoothies That'll Keep You Full Till Noon.
- 5 Ways You Should Be Using Salt (but Probably Aren't).
- See the best night sky images from Capture the Dark 2025.
- Quick, Comforting, and Absolutely Easy: 20 Pastas to Keep on Repeat.

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