

Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Celebrating Ward Donnelly

As all should have heard by now, Lion Ward Donnelly passed away on the evening of November 16th.

Lion Ward joined our club in June of 1992 and was sponsored by Lion Paul Corvi. He was an agent of Farmers Insurance when he joined, and stayed with them during his entire membership.

Lion Ward's service to our club includes: President 1995-96, 1997-98, 2000-01, and 2011-12. Other offices held include: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Vice President, Secretary (7 terms), Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, Membership Chairman, and Director (multiple terms).

Lion Ward additionally served on multiple committees totaling 36+ one year terms.

As if all that is not enough, Lion Ward was constantly helping out at every function, fundraiser, and event. He was everywhere.

Lion Ward has served us, and the community, extremely well. Help keep his spirit alive by doing the same. For the older members who had the privilege of knowing him for years, and in many cases, doing business with him, you know how well he loved and cared for this Club, and feel the deep sense of loss that is shared by each of us. Rest in peace Ward.



2/26/05 - Recreation Center For the Handicapped, San Francisco - 23rd Annual Crab Feed - 429 attending - Ward & Diane Donnelly getting ready to draw tickets.



7/21/10 - General Meeting - Italian American Social Club, San Francisco - Outgoing President Lyle Workman "handing off" the gavel to incoming President Bre Jones. On the left edge is Joe Farrah and on the right is Ward Donnelly, Secretary.



12/20/17 - Geneva-Excelsior Lions Christmas Party, Basque Cultural Center - Lions Stephen Martin and Ward Donnelly.



2/23/19 - 34th Annual Crab Feed - The setup crew after work had been done. L to R: Lions Bob Fenech (chairman), President George Salet, Ward Donnelly, Bill Graziano, and Stephen Martin, with Lyle Workman behind the camera.



7-19-23 - Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco - 74th Installation of Officers - Left is Ward Donnelly with CJ Reeves, President, S. F. Veterans Lions Club.



Meeting Digest 11-19-25

In this meeting, we acted as hosts for the San Francisco Council of Lions Clubs, who ran the meeting. We started the meeting and immediately turned it over to SFCCLC President Clinton Zuraek. Lion District Governor Cindy Zheng was a special guest.

Lion Clinton had an agenda, and followed it through to the end.

Our members present were Lions Stephen Martin, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, George Salet, and Bob & Zenaida Lawhon.

As this was not our meeting, notes were not taken. Photos are courtesy of a visiting Lion.



Guests with Lions Zenaida & Bob Lawhon, on the right.



The head table with Lion Stephen Martin sneaking in.



District Governor Cindy Zheng speaking.



One of three tables with Lions Zenaida & Bob Lawhon on the left end, and Lions Lyle Workman and Bill Graziano on the right end.

Our Coming Events

12/3 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.12/17 Regular meeting at the IASC.

12/25 Merry Christmas!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/7 Happy Birthday to Lion Stephen Martin!12/18 Happy Anniversary to Lions Zenaida & Bob Lawhon!

12/19 Happy Birthday to Jackie Lowe!

Etcetera



Lion Sharon Eberhardt made a donation the the Lions Eye Foundation in honor of Lion Ward Donnelly.

Around the District

December 2025

Saturday, December 6

Explore Leadership Training Opportunities

POSTPONED

Monday, December 8

New Club Development **POSTPONED**

Friday, December 12

SF Bay Area Educators Cyber: Charter Event

DATE CHANGE TO 12/19/25

Saturday, December 13

District 4-C4 Region 2: Diabetes Awareness

Foster City: Blood Drive NEW

Sunday, December 14

SF Latinos Unidos: Holiday Buffett Brunch

NEW

Friday, December 19

Save the date: SF Bay Area Educators Cyber:

Charter Event NEW DATE

January 2026

Saturday, January 3– Sunday, January 11 LCI Week of Service - Hunger: CA Lions

Service Challenge

From the Inbox

About Lions International including:

Your November LCIF News.

About Multi District MD-4 including:

- MD-4 100 Day Movement Challenge.
- MD-4 Environmental Photo Contest.
- MD-4 Stop the Drop & Every Lion Counts info.
- Lions Float Online Auction.

From the far corners of the web including:

- The 10 Pie Recipes Our Readers Love Most.
- The Fad Toy Everyone Wanted the Year You Were Born.
- The 10 Soup Recipes Our Readers Love Most, from Chicken Noodle to Chowder.