



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 1-7-26

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Stephen Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present. The invocation was offered by Lion President Stephen Martin. Seven of our Lions were in attendance: Lyle Workman, Bob Fenech, Stephen Martin, George Leeds, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, and George Salet. Guest for the meeting was Lion Aaron Straus.

Correspondence

Received was:

- Chevron awards from International.
- Thank you from the SF-Marin Food Bank.
- Announcement for the SFCCLC meeting on January 21st.
- Reminder of the fee for the Partners in Service luncheon fee at the 4-C4 convention.
- Thank you from the MD4 Student Speaker Foundation.

Business Meeting

In addition to other things in this bulletin, discussed was:

- Stephen Martin may be attending the 4-C4 Convention.
- Have we received notification of the District Governor's visitation?

Board Meeting

Covered in a quick meeting:

- Roll call and quorum.
- Minutes of the previous Board meeting.
- Treasurer's report; we have funds and no bills.
- Paid in the past few days:
 - \$45.00 for convention Partners in Service luncheon.
 - \$ 437.50 for International dues.

C & B and Standing Rules Changes

Discussed and approved as of the January 7th meeting:

- **Constitution & Bylaws change:** Change definition of a quorum for Board meetings to 3 board members being present to establish a quorum.
- **Standing Rules change:** Increase Entrance Fee from \$50 to \$75 to account for increased costs.

Copies of the new Constitution and Standing Rules will be emailed to all members with email addresses. Mailed to a few.

Before and After

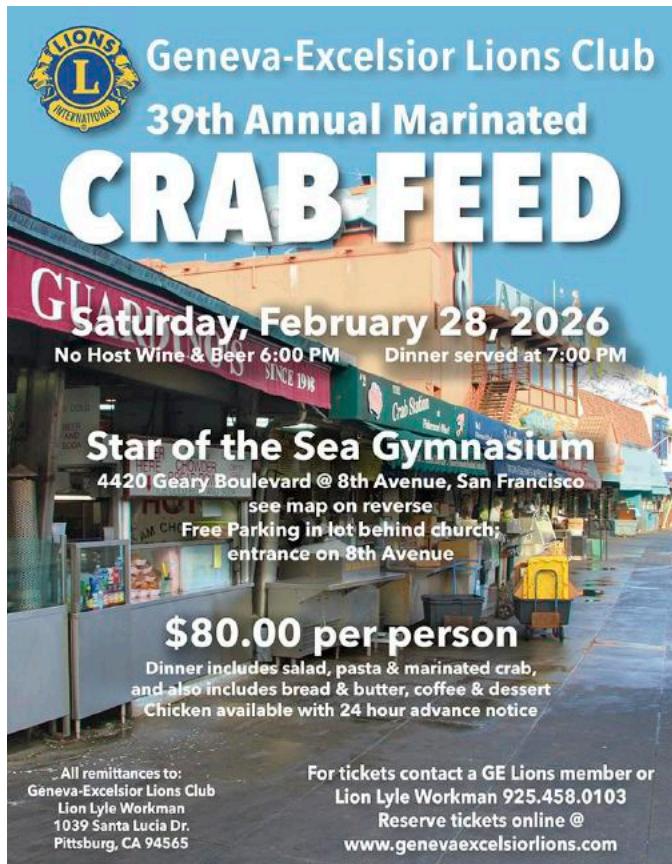
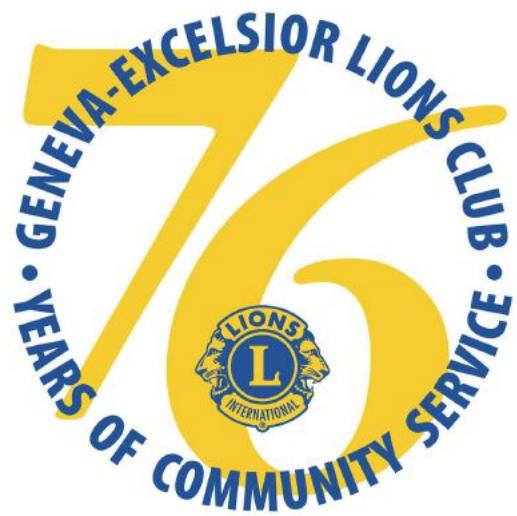
Disussed before the meeting started:

- Bob Fenech's friend Sparky is in SF General and is not expected to live long. Condolences.
- Christmas decorations are still up at some member's houses.

- Bob Fenech's experience at the reopened Clam House on Bayshore. Not inexpensive: \$70 for 1 person.
- George Salet's birthday just passed on January 4th.

After the meeting:

- Caustic drain cleaners.
- SF Historical Society.
- Stephen Martin's ongoing van conversion. See photo below.
- Future, and past trips, to Death Valley.



One of the biggest things now is to get reservations and payment in so we know the numbers and how to plan. Click the flyer above to reserve online. Talk to friends, enemies, and everyone, about attending. Think about helping the day of.

Our Crab Feed came up several times during the meetings. Touched on was:

- Flyer is being passed around.
- Supplier indicating crab will be less than last year; \$11 per pound last year.
- Bob Lawhon is working on details of the hall; contract has been signed and checks delivered.
- Tickets are available. 12 are reserved and paid in full.
- Knights of Columbus may be helping with set up and take down. Covering the floor also?
- What supplies do we have on hand, and what's needed?
- Hall can hold 150, or more.
- Marinade - container for mixing and disposal of used marinade.
- Kitchen - Stephen Martin will be doing another site visit.
- More people attending vs. enough people and members helping.



**Lions
Youth & Community
Activities Raffle**

Game 17 winners: 1st quarter: Russell Gumina; 2nd & 3rd quarters: Aaron Straus; final & reverse final: Honoring Al Gentile; donated back to our club by Roxanne Gentile.

Game 18 winners: 1st quarter: Bob & Madeline Fassett; 2nd quarter: Sherry Schneider; 3rd quarter: Emil Picchi, Jr.; final: Ron Addy; reverse final: Frank Ramezzano.

Game 19 winners: 1st quarter: Chris Ramezzano; 2nd & 3rd quarters: Diane Donnelly; final: Carrie Sambel; reverse final: Brennan Ford.

Work continues on this year's Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle and there is nothing new to report.



Banner patch received for our donation to the MD4 Student Speaker Foundation.

RETENTION OF LIONS IN MD 11, a Job for all Lions

- ❖ **Respect** New Lions for their talents and especially their TIME
- ❖ **Educate** New Lions about Lionism in club, district, state, and International activities
- ❖ **Take** New Lions to club, district, state and international meetings and introduce them to other Lions
- ❖ **Expect** Great outcomes from New Lions while assisting them to accept chairmanships and other leadership roles
- ❖ **Name** a mentor to guide New Lions, it should be a seasoned Lion
- ❖ **Target** club, district, state and international projects that a New Lion may have an interest in based on their profession, education, hobbies and interests
- ❖ **Initiate** New Lions about their responsibilities, financial commitment, and the great world-wide Lions fellowship
- ❖ **Observe** New Lions as they meet Lions, learn, and participate to enhance our Great organization, and offer assistance
- ❖ **Never** give up on New Lions or more seasoned Lions who may not remember why they joined in the first place. Let's lock the back door and keep it locked . Even when Lions transition to their final resting place they will be remembered as Lions forever.

***RETENTION IS EVERY LION'S JOB!**

"A busy Lion is a happy Lion, membership is every Lions business, a good Lion is an informed Lion. Get involved-That's what Lionism is all about. Handle with care-don't drop, Lions are made—not born. The more we are—the more we can do, we lose what we don't use. To get a member-invite them. To keep a member-involve them."

Found on Facebook.

Our Coming Events

1/21 Regular Lions Meeting @ IASC. Bring Christmas spirit!

2/4 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

2/28 39th Annual Castagnetto/Spediacci Crab Feed!

Etcetera

From our website: An inquiry of where to donate used eye glasses. She was referred to the list on our [Projects page](#).

Lion Bob Fenech was wondering how **Lion Bill Graziano** is doing. He hasn't seen him for a while. They have been missing each other, attendance wise.



Lion Stephen Martin with his in progress van conversion.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nothing on the horizon.



Rosalinda & Lion Paul Corvi wishing everyone a Happy New Year from the Samoas!



Around the District

January 2026

Wednesday, January 21

SFCCLC: Meeting hosted by SF Nueva Vizcaya

Friday, Jan 23 - Sunday, January 25
MD-4 Regional Lions Leadership Institute –

Saturday, January 24

District 4-C4: **PDG John Hui Bowling Tournament**

Save the date: San Carlos: **Rise Against Hunger**

Monday, January 26

PCL: Meeting hosted by Burlingame **PRICE**

Friday, January 30

Daly City Host: Nickel Auction **UPDATED**

Saturday, January 31

San Carlos: **28th Annual Crab Feed**

February 2026

Saturday, February 7

District 4-C4: **3rd Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, February 13

Foster City: **24th Annual Crab Feed**

Saturday, February 14

SF Premier: **20th Anniversary Celebration**

NEW

Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22

Save the date: **MD-4 Convention (Queen Mary, Long Beach)**

Monday, February 23

Save the date: **PCL: Meeting hosted by Bay Area Special Olympics**

UPDATED

Friday, February 27

Daly City Host: **85th Anniversary**

Celebration NEW

Saturday, February 28

Millbrae: **Marinated Crab Feed**

SF Geneva-Excelsior: **39th Annual**

Marinated Crab Feed

Save the date: SF Cosmopolitan: **Special Event**

March 2026

Saturday, March 7

Save the date: Burlingame: **St. Patrick's Dinner**

Friday, March 27

Save the date: **PCL: Police, Fire, & Sheriff's Awards**

Saturday, March 28

District 4-C4 Region 5: **Project Vision Fair**
NEW

From the Inbox

About Lions International including:

- **From LCIF Chair Fabricio Oliveira:**
Your December LCIF News.
- Your January Club Digest.
- **From Intl. President A.P. Singh:**
Leadership starts with you.

About Multiple District 4 including:

- Call for volunteers for the 2026 Council & MD-4 Convention.
- MD4 Draft Ballot to be voted at convention.

About District 4-C4 including:

- Lions Youth Compliance Policy compliance.
- From the Silicon Valley Lions: Endorsement of Lion Asia Kan for 2nd Vice District Governor.

From the far corners of the web including:

- 42 Cozy Stew Recipes for Cold Nights.
- These four U.S. cities were voted among the most inauthentic in the world.
- I Never Bake or Pan-Fry Meatballs — I Swear By This “Life-Changing” Trick Instead (Delicious Every Time!).