



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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## Meeting Digest 3/15/23

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Bob Lawhon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Sharon Eberhardt. The invocation was given by Lion George Salet, who was again, short and sweet. Introductions were skipped.

7 of our Past Presidents were in attendance. Listed by their years of service:

- **Joe Farrah:** (2) 1978-79 and 1991-92.
- **Lyle Workman:** (2) 1989-90 and 2009-10.
- **Ward Donnelly:** (4) 1995-96, 1997-98, 2000-01, and 2011-12.
- **George Salet:** (4) 1996-97, 2008-09, 2018-19, and 2019-20.
- **Bob Fenech:** (2) 2002-03 and 2006-07.
- **Bob Lawhon:** (5) 2004-05, 2005-06, 2020-21, 2021-22, and soon 2022-23.
- **Sharon Eberhardt:** (2) 2016-17 and 2017-18.

21 years between those 7 members. It was a silent celebration as none of the Past Presidents were call on to share their wisdom gained. JP Verzosa was the only non past president attending.

## Nomination of Officers

In a fairly easy process, the following Lions have been nominated to these positions for the next Lions year:

- **President:** Steve Martin
- **Vice President:** Bill Graziano
- **Secretary:** Joe Farrah
- **Treasurer:** Lyle Workman
- **Tail Twister:** Bob Fenech
- **Lion Tamer:** Ward Donnelly
- **Director:** JP Verzosa
- **Director:** George Salet
- **Membership Chair:** Bob Lawhon

## Used Eyeglasses Collection

The March 11th District Eyeglass Collection led by Region 6 Chair Jeny Kwak Weber and Region 6, Zone 2 Chair Cori Carpenter yielded 24,000 pair of glasses for Lions In Sight. Thanks to Ward Donnelly, who neatly packed our collected glasses, and to Joe Farrah for delivering our 10 lbs. of glasses to the Burlingame Lions Hall collection point.



## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Ticket books are still available to purchase. If you have a brain storm on how to sell some, let the chairman know.

## Up to the minute stats:

**Members:** Members have moved 129 books of tickets and it is doubtful if more will be ordered or purchased. An excellent job this year by our membership!

**Friends & Family:** A total of 413 books of tickets have been purchased via our Friends & Family supporters. This income stream is important to our success.

**Miscellaneous Sales:** As in the last couple of years, our waitress Leila Roussel takes and sells at least 10 books. We appreciate her efforts very much.

**Selling Groups:** To date, 933 of the 1683 books have been turned in and accounted for. Of those, 76 are reported returned or lost. So far \$5,999.00 has been paid out to those groups that have returned ticket books.

**Bottom Line:** Even though 750 books are still out to selling groups, our two largest groups, looking at our crystal ball, we project income of at least \$8,400.00 thanks to everyone's efforts. Five weeks until the drawing.



3-7-23 - Chairman's garage, Pittsburg - The ticket stub chopping in full swing; shown is about a quarter of the ticket books that need the stubs chopped off and separated.

## Student Speaker Contests

The Zone contest was held on Saturday, March 4th at 2 PM. The contest took place at the Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Avenue and was attended by our President, Bob Lawhon.

While our student Saahil Mishra put up a good fight against the Chinatown Lions' student, it was not meant to be this year. Saahil is a freshman at Lick-Wilmerding so he may reenter the battle next year.



Our Club contest winner, Saahil Mishra, making his presentation in the Zone contest.



L to R: 2 Chinatown Lions, Robert Lawhon, Zone Chair Jack Mak, our contestant Saahil Mishra, and Chinatown Lions contestant at the Zone Student Speaker Contest.

## Our Coming Events

4/5 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom  
4/19 Regular Lions Meeting and the Youth & Community Activities Raffle drawing at the IASC.

## Etcetera

A possible guest may be attending our April 19th meeting. She is Allison Rodman with Frank Residences, 1 Avalon Avenue, in the Excelsior. In her message, passed down from District 4-C4, she says she would like to talk to the local Lions group. Come to the meeting to see what's up.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/22 Happy Birthday to Lion Paul Corvi!

4/5 Happy Anniversary to Diane and Lion Ward Donnelly!

## Around the District

### March 2023

Friday, March 24 - Sunday, March 26

MD-4 Lions Leadership Institute - Anaheim

Friday, March 24

Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs Annual Police & Firefighter Awards

Saturday, March 25

So SF Golden Gate: Spring Dinner Dance

### April 2023

Saturday, April 2

Save the date: 6th Annual Robert G. Smith Walk & 5K Run to Cancel Out Parkinson's

Saturday, April 8

San Carlos: American Red Cross Blood Drive **NEW**

SF Chinatown: Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship & Charity Gala

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## From the Inbox

About Lions International including:

- **The March Club Digest.** Available online.
- **From Intl. President Brian Sheehan:** His monthly message: Innovation Drives Us. Available online.

From District 4-C4 including:

- Registration and additional info about the upcoming District 4-C4 Convention, May 17-21, in Redding.
- Registration. Events include Golf, Hospitality Room, Barbershop Quartet, Costume Parade, Amateur Show, Tail Twister, and Food Fair.

From the Peninsula Council of Lions including:

- R.s.v.p. to the Peninsula Council of Lions Police & Fire Awards. Invitation online.

From the far corners of the web:

- The inside story of how ChatGPT was built from the people who made it.
- Has Tipping Reached a Tipping Point?
- If You Literally Never Cook, Start Here.
- Beloved and debated, French bulldog becomes top US dog breed.

