



# Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

Serving Since 1951

Volume 74, No. 6, September 23, 2023

## Meeting Digest 9/20/23

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Steve Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Bob Fenech. The invocation was delivered by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. Introductions were handled by Lion Tail Twister Bob Fenech. 7 of our Lions were in attendance: Steve Martin, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Bob Fenech, and Bill Graziano. Guest for the evening were Christian Canovas, and Sherman King, our Zone Chairman.

## Guest Speaker

Christian Canovas with SF-Marin Food Bank was our guest speaker, and covered:

- The Bank has 250 employees, plus about 250 volunteers per day.
- Each \$1 received is turned into 2 meals.
- Value received: 5X return on donations.
- Helps feed 10,000-20,000 people per day around the City.
- Homeless account for about 15% of those served.
- It's easy to sign up for service; there are over 300 locations in San Francisco.
- Service is balanced per location with what those served want.
- Question asked: How can we donate fruit grown in our yards? Bring it to the bank.
- It was noted that some people sell what is given to them.
- They receive 10-15 trucks per day.
- The Bank was started in the 1990s in a parking lot.

## Correspondence

From snail-mail:

- A thank you letter from the Lions Eye Foundation for our continuing monthly support.
- A thank you letter and banner badge from Lions Project for Canine Independence noting our 20 years as a supporting member.



Christian Canovas, standing, with SF-Marin Food Bank, delivering his talk as guest speaker. Seated, L to R: a piece of Lyle Workman, Zenaida Lawhon, Steve Martin, Bill Graziano, Sherman King, our Zone Chairman, Bob Fenech, and a small piece of George Salet.

## During the Business Meeting

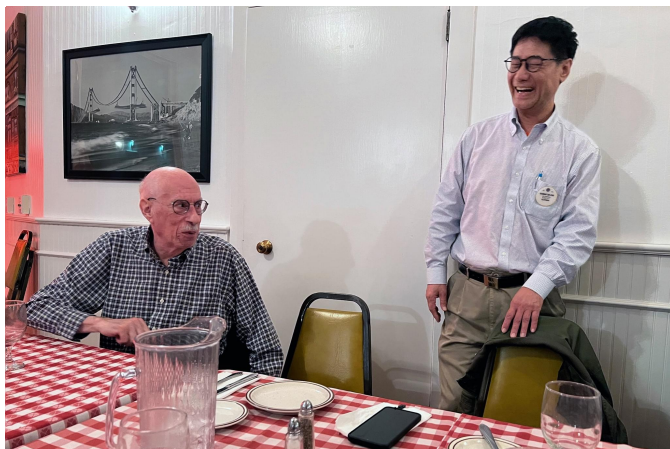
Not a lot was covered during the meeting, except for our speakers:

- Lion Steve Martin will be vacationing in England later this year.

- Angelo Constanzo, of great help with our Crab Feed, was present during Steve's recent camping trip.



Everyone at the meeting, L to R: Lyle Workman, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Christian Canovas, Steve Martin, Bill Graziano, Sherman King, Bob Fenech, and George Salet.



Bill Graziano comments as Sherman King, our Zone Chairman, talks about his work with autonomous autos and his work as a computer chip designer.

## Zone Chairman

Sherman King covered:

- This was only a visit to see what our Club is doing.
- Region Project is Rise Against Hunger.

- He is currently working on radar systems for self-driving autos.
- His experience as a computer chip designer working for Intel.



L to R: Christian Canovas, guest speaker with SF-Marin Food Bank, Steve Martin, President, and Sherman King, our Zone Chairman. Steve presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Christian Canovas for being our guest speaker.



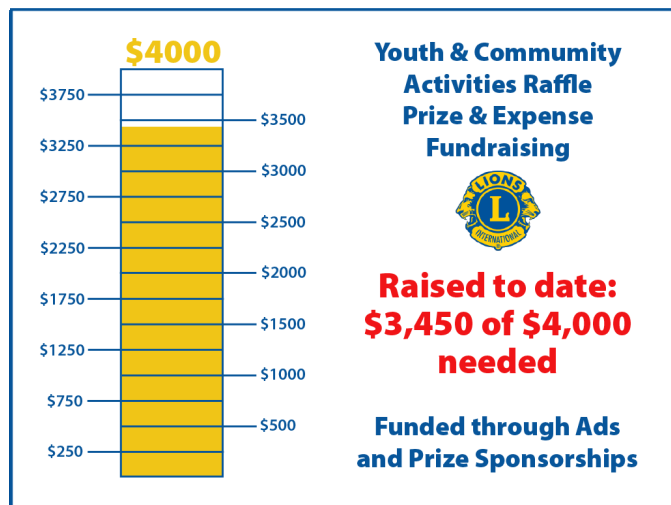
## Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

**Ads and Sponsors:** *Thank you all so much for your efforts* - but we've stalled out on this sponsorships. We only need to bring in an additional \$550 in ads, or sponsorships, to meet our \$4,000 goal. Who's next?

**Members:** No change since the last report: 10 members have replied with ticket purchases, with 6 of those either placing ads or sponsorships. Extremely well done; keep it going. Don't forget to ask others to help. We're still waiting to hear from 50% of the membership; get a move on and lend a hand!

**Groups:** We're now up to 9 of our 13 active groups having responded positively. Ticket

books will go out to them this coming week. Working on the missing 4 groups. *Sure could use more groups.*



**Friends & Family:** Letters went out this past week. This group always surprises us with their generosity. It's been mentioned previously, but we need to expand, or refresh,

this avenue at some point.



## 1st Report On Winners

**September 10th game:** 1st quarter: Joseph Workman; 2nd quarter & final: Mark Ramezzano; 3rd quarter: Carrie Sambel; reverse final: Valentine & Scot Smith.

**September 17th game:** 1st quarter: Ward Donnelly; 2nd quarter: Mike Soracco; 3rd quarter: Valentine & Scot Smith; final: Carrie Sambel; reverse final: Cindy Reinertson.

**September 21st game:** 1st & 2nd quarters: Willy Neve (on two different squares); 3rd quarter & final: Lori Stoeppelwerth; reverse final: Troy Schreier.

## Etcetera

We received a new application for membership - *entered through our website*. It has been referred to our Membership Chairman Bob Lawhon; not sure if it will work out, but it's interesting. The web does work, 24 hours a day, for the most part.

## Our Coming Events

**10/4** Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.  
**10/18** Regular Lions Meeting @ IASC.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**10/1** Happy Anniversary to Kathy & Lion George Salet!

## Around the District

### September 2023

**Saturday, September 23 & Sunday, September 24**

SF Bay Area New Century: California Dragon Boat Race **NEW**

**Monday, September 25**

PCL Meeting **NEW**

**Saturday, September 30**

Bay Area Global Outreach & Silicon Valley Cyber: **Fundraising Concert NEW**

Save the date: SF Latinos Unidos: **Health Fair Fundraiser/Installation & Induction NEW**

### October 2023

**Saturday, October 7**

Bay Area Global Outreach: **Installation & 3rd Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, October 8**

SF Latinos Unidos: **Health Fair UPDATED**

**Monday, October 9**

Ocean Ingleside: **Thunder Valley Casino Trip**

**Friday, October 13**

Foster City: **17th Annual White Cane Bingo & Lasagna Dinner** **UPDATED**

**Saturday, October 14**

Save the date: San Carlos: **"Walk a 1/4 Mile in Her Shoes"**

**Friday, October 20**

Save the date: Daly City Host: **Pasta Bingo**

**Saturday, October 21**

Peninsula Special Interest: **1st Responders and Veterans BBQ**

San Carlos: **Tri Tip Dinner**

Save the date: SF Cosmopolitan: **Installation**

**Sunday, October 22**

Peninsula Special Interest: **Walk to End**

**Lupus Now 2023**

**Wednesday, October 25**

Save the date: SFCCLC and PCL: **Joint**

**Meeting**

**Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29**

Save the date: **MD-4 Council of Governors Meeting - Virtual**

**November 2023**

**Saturday, November 11**

Save the date: **District 4-C4 2nd District Meeting** **NEW**



9-14-23 - Alice's Restaurant, Half Moon Bay - Joe Farrah, far right, with son Nick, on his left, visiting with Joe's cousins and about to have dinner.



9-17-23 - Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco - Sharon Eberhardt, now Immediate Past President, seated, with Soonae Kang, at the SFCCLC Installation of Officers.



9-23-23 - From Facebook - The Chuck Wagon Restaurant, 215 West Portal Ave., San Francisco. The Geneva-Excelsior Lions held our meeting there from the early 1960s to the end of 1975 when we moved our meetings to L & L Castle Lanes. The restaurant was owned by one of our members, Ozzie Buoncristiani, who passed in April 2016.

## **From the Inbox**

**About Lions International** including:

- The **September Club Digest**. Available online.
- Join **LCIF's support for Morocco earthquake victims**. Available online.

- **From Patti Hill, Intl. President:**  
Partnering for Even Greater Good.  
Available online.



#### From the far corners of the “web”:

- Remembering September 11, 2001.
- What Does It ‘Feel’ Like to Be a Chatbot?
- Streaming Is Too Big for Its Own Good.
- AI Keeps Getting Smarter. Who’s Training It?
- We Spoke With the Last Person Standing in the Floppy Disk Business.

#### About District 4-C4 including:

- From the **Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club:** 1st Responder BBQ. Info online.

[genevaexcelsiorlions.com](http://genevaexcelsiorlions.com)

