



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Quiet Christmas Party 12/20/23

The usual opening and business items were skipped for the meeting. In attendance were Steve Martin, Iliana Escudero, George Salet, Lyle Workman, and Joe Farrah with his daughter Terry Farrah, 6 in all. No business was conducted, but everyone seemed happy with discussing various topics, etc. Hopefully, everyone had a good time.

During the Business Meeting

The following, along with other topics, were discussed during the meeting/party:

- Local boxing.
- Malls - how they've changed over time, and will they survive.
- Local stories, mostly about the Excelsior, including one some time ago about Joe Giuffre. There's a copy of it, somewhere.
- Steve's 2005 Taurus, and how someone tried to steal it.

- Our Club contest is on January, the 17th, the 2nd meeting. Please attend.



Meeting Price Increase

Julie let us know that beginning January 3rd our dinners will be \$32.00; been a long time since a price increase and is overdue.



- This year's topic is "For a better world, what would you change?"



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Another email has been sent to all District 4-C4 Club Presidents asking if their clubs would like to participate in the raffle. No replies yet.

Everything else is status quo.

Lions Christmas with Santa @ Mission Education Center



Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, and Steve Martin, took time out of their busy schedules to put together and attend our 42nd Annual Christmas with Santa at Mission Educational Center. Them, along with 8 members of Los Bomberos Firefighters from the S.F. Fire Department, distributed presents to the approximately 110 students at the center.

Each of the classes, and each of the students, took turns with Santa for a brief visit and to received their gifts. Photos were taken during the visits, and each class posed with

Santa for a class photo. Many photos were taken of the event and will be available on our website soon. Prior years' photos can be seen grouped by year here: [Christmas with Santa photos](#).

We'd like to send our thanks to Los Bomberos Firefighters, and especially to those members present at Christmas with Santa, for their resources and for taking time to attend and assist. They have generously given their help since 2012.

Photos courtesy of Bob Lawhon.



Some of the Christmas swag ready to be gifted to the students.



Bob Lawhon, first on left, and Zenaida Lawhon, second from right, take time to pose with members of Los Bomberos and Santa.



Students wait patiently while Santa talks to them as members of Los Bomberos and their teacher look on.



Steve Martin, last standing on right, poses with members of Los Bomberos, and a class of students after receiving their gifts.



Steve Martin, standing on right, a San Francisco Deputy Sheriff, passing out SF Sheriff's stickers to eager students.



Steve Martin, standing last on right, with members of Los Bomberos, posing with Santa and a happy class, and teacher, after receiving their gifts.



GE Lions Football

Game 13: December 10th: 1st quarter: Troy Schreier; 2nd quarter: Rick Wright; 3rd quarter: Russell Gumina; final: Al Fregosi;

donated back to our club by his daughter Christine; reverse final: Steven Annuzzi.

Game 14: December 17th: 1st quarter: Bob Fenech; 2nd quarter: Honoring Al Gentile; donated back to our club by his daughter Roxanne; 3rd quarter: Christine Fecchi; final: Zenaida Lawhon; reverse final: Viela du Pont.



37th Annual Crab Feed

The date still has not been set - February 17th or 24th are being checked on with St. Philips. We're a little behind the eight ball on this but planning will catch up. The price has also not been set. Thinking caps will be worn at all times, maybe.

Our Coming Events

12/25 Merry Christmas!

1/1 Happy New Year!

1/3 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

1/17 Regular meeting and Student Speaker Contest at the IASC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/29 Happy Birthday to Lion Sharon Eberhardt!

12/30 Happy Birthday to Lion Rebecca Chen!

1/4 Happy Birthday to Lion George Salet!

Etcetera

Memorial Donation

Another donation in honor of Roger Bottarini has been received in the amount of \$50.00 via Paypal on our website from Irene Bergamini. She says we can decide where the funds will be used. A Certificate of Appreciation has been dispatched.

Around the District

December 2023

Friday, December 29

Burlingame: **Blood Drive**

MD-4: **Reception with LCI President Patti Hill NEW**

January 2024

Saturday, January 13

San Carlos: **Whiskey Tasting**

Sunday, January 14

District 4-C4: **LCIF Square Dance Fundraiser**

Tuesday, January 16

District 4-C4: **Vision Screening Training**

Thursday, January 18

Peninsula Special Interest: **11th Annual Diabetes Lobster Fest**

Monday, January 22

Save the date: **PCL Meeting hosted by Burlingame NEW**

Thursday, January 25

Foster City Bair Island Cyber: **Student Speakers Contest NEW**

Saturday, January 27 - Monday, January 29

MD-4: **Leadership Institute - No CA**

Saturday, January 27

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

February 2024

Saturday, February 3

Save the date: District 4-C4: **3rd Cabinet Meeting**

Save the date: San Carlos: **Crab Dinner**





12-20-23 - Lion Joe Farrah took a little spill while walking to his Uber follow the meeting. Terry, his daughter, emailed “I just want to let you know that both Dad and I arrived at Dad’s home safe and sound. I’ve helped Dad clean up the abrasions and the only other damage is some scratches on his eyeglasses.” Glad everything is OK.

12-16-23 - Scoma’s Restaurant, San Francisco - L to R: Terry & Nick Farrah with their father Joe Farrah, and Roxanne Gentile enjoying an impromptu lunch at an old San Francisco spot at Fisherman’s Wharf.

From the Inbox



About Lions International including:

- **From Patti Hill, Intl. President:** Changing Lives Together. Available online.

About District 4-C4 including:

- A Holiday Greeting was received from the San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs, SFCCLC.

From the far corners of the web:

- How to Pipe, Stripe, and Dip Meringue Cookies Like a Pro.

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