



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 2-7-24

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Steve Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Bob Lawhon. The invocation was offered by Lion President Steve Martin. Member introductions were handled by a combination of Lion President Steve Martin and Lion Lyle Workman. 7 of our Lions were in attendance: Steve Martin, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Bob Fenech, Lyle Workman, and Iliana Escudero. Guest were Lion Aaron Straus, and representing Balboa ROTC were Peter de Guzman, Col., US Army Ret., and Dave Ortiz, Sgt., USMC Ret.

Board Meeting

Covered during the quick meeting:

- Minutes of the previous meeting approved as presented in the bulletin.
- Treasurer report was presented by reading page 1 of the full 27 page report. Approved.
- Correspondence: not much has been received from the District, or International.
- Membership update as reported elsewhere.
- When are we going to visit Clinic by the Bay's new facilities that have been open since November?
- Discussion of the Balboa ROTC funding request:
 - ROTC vs. Alumni Association.

- continued
 - Discussion generally favored the ROTC because it involves more direct action.
 - No motions were made for funding.
 - Victoria Hackett may be our strongest contact now with the Alumni Association.

Before and After

Covered before the meeting:

- Gaining experience in our various fund raisers and events.
- Our upcoming Crab Feed.
- Lion Bob Lawhon's cat.
- Lion Bob Fenech's electrical problems caused by the recent storm.

Covered after the meeting:

- An article about the USPS, and their problems.
- Troubles with employees these days.
- An extended 40 minute Crab Feed discussion:
 - Garlic and food processing.
 - Pasta cooking (sensing a theme?).
 - Crab marinating and equipment.
 - Serving.
 - Planning, and sticking to the plan.
 - Current points of contact.



Peter de Guzman, Col., US Army Ret.



Dave Ortiz, Sgt., USMC Ret.

Balboa ROTC Funding

Representing Balboa ROTC were Peter de Guzman, Col., US Army Ret., and Dave Ortiz, Sgt., USMC Ret. who took time to introduce themselves and attended the meeting to talk with us about the recent funding request received. During their 40 minute talk and question period they covered:

- They are seeking a long-term partnership and funding for their various teams within the ROTC.
- 170 cadets currently and are recruiting more and using a “quality over quantity” approach. About 30 cadets participate in the various teams after school.
- The Alumni Association is lending some help.
- Fund raising is a priority with limits placed by the school and the District.
- Classes are taught during the school day and teams meeting at the end of the day including drill team, flag team, drum

- corps, archery, drones and robotics, and STEM training.
- Cadets generally fall into 3 types: those who want to learn about the military, non-P.E.ers, and those who want to be part of the ROTC and its activities.
- Cadets do not contribute monetarily.
- When asked to prioritize the funding list provided, they would not, as all items are important.
- Emphasis is placed on leadership among the cadets, and the entire school.
- They work within the limits placed on them.

Their participation in the meeting was an excellent start to what could be a long-term relationship with our Club. We’ll see where it goes. The Colonel and Sergeant may attend a live meeting in the future.

Membership

As reported in the last bulletin, guests of Lion President Steve Martin, George Leeds and

Connie Binaley may be applying for membership. Applications will be forwarded

to Membership Chair Lion Bob Lawhon upon receipt.

On February 4th we received another application via our website from Adlah Chisti. She is a local mom who lives on Grafton Ave. The application has been forwarded to the Membership Chair. Perhaps we can get her to a live meeting.

- We had 143 paid last year with 130+ in attendance.
- A few problems still need to be solved.
- Suzie Moy has a food processor we can use on Friday, the 16th.
- Lion Steve may have some people he can bring in to help.
- A Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 PM to get last minute details ironed out.

Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club
37th Annual Marinated
CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 17, 2024
No Host Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner served at 7:00 PM

St. Philip the Apostle Church
725 Diamond Street, San Francisco
see map on reverse
Free Parking in the school playground;
entrance on Elizabeth Street

\$70.00 per person
Dinner includes salad, pasta & marinated crab,
and also includes bread & butter, coffee & dessert
Chicken available with 24 hour advance notice

All remittances to:
Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club
Lion Lyle Workman
1039 Santa Lucia Dr.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

For tickets contact a GE Lions member or
Lion Lyle Workman 925.458.0103
Reserve tickets online @
www.genevaexcelsiorlions.com



GE Lions Football

Game 19: January 20th: 1st quarter: Dean Smith; 2nd quarter: Bernie Heckenkemper; 3rd quarter and final: Zenaida Lawhon; reverse final: Steven Annuzzi.

Game 20: January 28th: 1st quarter: Paul Annuzzi; 2nd quarter: Ward Donnelly III; 3rd quarter: Joe Farrah; final: Joe Espillac; reverse final: donated back to our club.

With only the Super Bowl left to play, our estimated income will be about \$2,400.00 including those prizes donated back to our club.

It's only a week until the event. Reservations can still be made and paid for online on our website here: **GE Lions 37th Annual Crab Feed**. The flyer can also be downloaded from the same page. Be there, or be square.

Discussions during the meeting included:

- Bob & Zenaida Lawhon went to Ward's place and took inventory of items still available. The list will be sent to all interested members.
- 101 tickets are out; 62 are paid in full, 39 are unpaid.



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Report included the following:

- With 2 months left before the drawing, groups will start sending in their ticket books in March.
- Income will be down by an estimated \$2,000 this year.

Lion Ward Donnelly

Nothing new has been received about Lion Ward's condition. Hopefully we'll learn something soon. Please continue to keep Lion Ward in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Coming Events

2/14 Valentine's Day.

2/21 Regular meeting at the IASC including Past Presidents Night and Nomination of Officers.

3/20 District Governor's Official Visitation.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nothing until next month.

Etcetera



From Facebook by Terry Farrah - Celebrating Dad's (Joe Farrah) birthday on a Caribbean cruise. Dad turned 95 last month! L to R: attendee, Joe Farrah, Terry Farrah, Nick Farrah, and two attendees.

Lion Bob Lawhon will be undergoing eye surgery on, or about, February 21st, the date of our next live meeting. Keep him in your thoughts for a good outcome.

Lion Aaron Straus was a guest at the meeting. He brought up Christmas with Santa

at the Mission Education Center. He shared a series of photos from the 2002 event with Lion Lyle and those photos have been added to our photo history page and can be seen here: 2002 Christmas with Santa. Oddly enough, these are the only photos we have now from that year, 2002-2003.

Lion Iliana Escudero was bragging, or complaining, that she recently became 30. Poor thing! She'll be in Mexico when the Crab Feed happens. She mentioned that she's also a black belt in karate (don't mess with her), and that she also sings and dances(?).

Around the District

February 2024

Tuesday, February 6

District 4-C4: **Club Taxes - A General Overview**

Friday, February 9

Foster City Bair Island Cyber & SF Special Choir: **Crab Feed & Karaoke**

Saturday, February 10

Foster City: **Blood Drive**

Peninsula Special Interest: **2024 Lunar New Year Celebration**

Tuesday, February 13

Foster City: **Student Speakers Contest**

Friday, February 16

Burlingame: **Sweetheart Lasagna Bingo Night**

Saturday, February 17

SF Geneva-Excelsior: **Crab Feed**

SF Unified: **Student Speakers Contest**

Sunday, February 18

San Mateo Metropolitan: **Student Speakers Contest**

Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25

California Lions/M-4: **105th Annual Convention**

Friday, February 23

Burlingame: **Blood Drive**

Monday, February 26

PCL: **Meeting hosted by Peninsula Special Interest**

Wednesday, February 28

SF Coordinating Council: **Meeting hosted by SF Chinatown**

March 2024

Saturday, March 2

District 4-C4: **Region 1 District Hunger Project**

Friday, March 8

Foster City: **22nd Annual Crab Feed NEW**

Saturday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 9

Foster City: **Annual Crab Feed DATE CHANGE**

Saturday, March 16

Peninsula Special Interest: **Vision and Medical Clinic**

San Carlos: **Blood Drive**

Sunday, March 17

Save the date: District 4-C4: **Region 6 District Foster City Shoreline Cleanup**

Friday, March 22

PCL: **Police, Sheriff, & Firefighters Awards**

From the Inbox



About Lions International including:

- From **Brian Sheehan, LCIF Chairperson**: Your January LCIF News. Available online.
- The February Club Digest. Available online.

About District 4-C4 including:

- Register now for the District 4-C4 Convention, May 15-19, Redding. Available online.

From the far corners of the web:

- The Pros and Cons of Washing Your Clothes Inside-Out.
- The Apple Macintosh was first released 40 years ago: These people are still using the aging computers.

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