



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 2-21-24

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Steve Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion President Steve Martin. The invocation was also offered by Lion President Steve Martin. Member introductions were handled by Lion Tail Twister Bob Fenech. 7 of our Lions were in attendance: Steve Martin, Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Bob Fenech, Lyle Workman, and Bill Graziano.

Governor's Visitation

Our District Governor, Lion Kevin Guess, will be making his official visitation to us at our second meeting in March, on the 20th. Location is the same as usual, the Italian American Social Club. Plan on attending to learn what's up in the district and other fun stuff.

Past Presidents' Night

In what has become the norm, Past Presidents' Night was a non-celebration again. Acknowledging those present, who gave their time and talents, a combined 14 years between them, were:

- Lion Lyle Workman 1989-90, 2009-10.
- Lion Bill Graziano 1998-99, 1999-20.
- Lion Bob Fenech 2002-03, 2006-07.
- Lion Bob Lawhon, King of the PPs, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.
- Lion George Salet 2008-09, 2018-19, 2019-20.

Overheard

- Immigrants.
- College payments and where you go to college.

37th Annual Castagnetto / Spediacci Memorial Crab Feed





Photos contributed by Carol Fung, Bob Lawhon, Steve Martin, Francisca Workman, and Lyle Workman. More photos will be available on our website when captions have been added.

Let's start out by saying we can never name all those who helped us put on a successful Crab Feed. Someone's name almost always falls through the cracks, so Thank You Very Much to all those who helped.

Lion Bob Fenech put together a great crew in the kitchen which worked hard preparing everything. Lion Steve Martin was able to bring in Edward Keile, Stafanos Zygomalas, and Helen Wong from the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club to help, and boy did they - can't thank them enough.

There were a couple of planning meetings that all members did not attend. They helped

greatly in helping us figure out what was needed for the Crab Feed. Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, Steve Martin, Bob Fenech, George Salet, and Lyle Workman were able to obtain all the necessary, and wanted, items for the feed. Lion Bob Fenech handled most of the food needs. Setting up the hall went very smoothly with the help of several Lions, including all those named, plus Bill Graziano.

By the time guests starting to show up, between 5:30 and 5:45, everything was set. The crab was already in the trays, salad ready, and pasta was in the final stages of being prepared. Just about everyone coming

was ready to eat on time, about 6:30. Serving went smoothly, although a few more members would have been a good thing.

Lion Bob Lawhon and Suzie Moy had raffle duty and did a spectacular job. The five cash prizes were quickly drawn and awarded toward the end of the feed. Lion Carol Fung, with the San Francisco Unified Lions Club, won the top prize of \$200 and surprised us by donating back half of the prize back to us, which help the Crab Feed be even more successful. another member and attendee

also made separate donations: George Salet \$10, and Jim Lobao \$60.

In all, 113 were at the event bringing in \$7,910. With the donations noted above, the raffle bringing in \$1,000, the total income was \$9,080. After all the food, drinks, hall rental, raffle prizes, and supplies were paid for, our net for the event is \$4,315.08.

Once again, thank you to all who helped, attended, donated, and worked up a sweat in making our 37th Annual Castagnetto / Spediacci Crab Feed a great success.

Membership

Three applications are currently bouncing around:

- George Leeds; he helped during the Crab Feed.
- Coni Binaley; she also helped during the Crab Feed.
- Adlah Christi; she has also made a donation of \$20 to our Club.

We'll see where they go. Applications have been received from all and are in the hands of the Membership Chairman.



Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle

Report included the following:

- With a little less than 2 months left before the drawing, groups will start sending in their ticket books in March. A couple have already been received.
- Income will be down by an estimated \$2,000 this year.



Game 21: February 11th; Super Bowl: 1st quarter: Aaron Straus; 2nd & 3rd quarters: Honoring Al Gentile, donated back to our club; final: Joe Farrah; reverse final: Lou DiSanto & A. Palini.

Players with the most wins: 4 each for Mike Stoeppelwerth, Mike Soracco, and Honoring Al Gentile. Each won \$300.

Most wins for a member, and overall biggest winner: Zenaida Lawhon (her first year) with 3 wins and \$375.

Wins donated back to our club: \$300, 4 wins, Honoring Al Gentile; \$100, 2 wins, Kleinbach & Bottarini; and \$225, 2 wins, Al Fregosi, who regretfully passed away during this year's games. Total donated back to our club: \$625.

An excellent year for our Lions football, we added \$2,552.45 to our Activities Fund; 24% of which came from wins donated back to us. Thanks to all that played.

The Lion Ward Watch

A voice mail has been left with Diane 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

3/6 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom plus Nomination of Officers.

3/10 Daylight Saving begins.

3/17 St. Patrick's Day.

3/20 District Governor's Official Visitation.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/22 Happy Birthday to Lion Paul Corvi!

Attendance Raffle

Absent Lion Bill Mayta missed out on claiming the absorbent \$10 prize in the attendance raffle. If you're not here, you can't claim the prize!

Etcetera

Lion Bob Lawhon's eye surgery was cancelled until additional tests can be done. He's having trouble with double vision.

A possible guest speaker has reached out to see if there's interest. He is Eric C. Gray, and writes: "Hi, My name is Eric Gray and I have written several books about folks' memories, stories, involving baseball. They are titled Bases to Bleachers and Backyards to Ballparks. I am a local author, and would love to make a presentation at one of your meetings if you typically invite guest speakers. I would be very happy to give you any information you would need to make a decision. Thank you!" What do you think?

Around the District

March 2024

Saturday, March 2

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

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

Burlingame: **St. Patrick's Dinner**

Saturday, March 16

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

San Carlos: **Blood Drive**

SF Fil Am: **Service at SF-Marin Food Bank**
NEW

SF Global Health Care Cyber: **Charity Fund Raising**

Silicon Valley Cyber: **8th Spring Festival**

Banquet **NEW**

Sunday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 19

District 4-C4: **Nonprofit Startup Checklist**
NEW

Friday, March 22

PCL: **Police, Sheriff, & Firefighters Awards**
Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24

MD-4: **Regional Lions Leadership Institute**
Saturday, March 23

District 4-C4: **Region 4 District Eyeglass Collection**

Save the date: San Carlos: **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 2024

Saturday, April 6

Save the date: District 4-C4: **Region 6 District San Carlos Trail Cleanup**

Save the date: SF Chinatown: **Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship & Charity Gala**

From the Inbox



About Lions International including:

- Getting Ready for Your Multiple District and District Conventions. Available online.
- **From Dr. Patti Hill, Intl. President:** Protecting the One World We Share. Available online.
- From Brian Sheehan, LCIF Chairperson: Your February LCIF News. Available online.

About Multiple District MD-4 including:

- **From PDG Manny Sanchez:** MD-4 Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Anaheim. Available online.

About District 4-C4 including:

- An update from Lion Sherman King, Region 3, Zone 1 Chairman about:
 - Zone 1 Student Speaker Contest.
 - Region 3 Zoom meeting on March 7th.
 - Region 3 Fight Against Hunger District Project on April 28th.

From the far corners of the web:

- This City Was the World's Most Visited in 2023.
- The Most Scenic Train Rides Across the US.
- The Happy Way to Drop Your Grievances.

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