

# **Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club**

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# **Meeting Digest 3-6-24**

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 offered by Lion Bill Graziano. Member introductions were also handled by Lion President Steve Martin.

7 of our Lions were in attendance: Steve Martin, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Bill Graziano, Sharon Eberhardt, Joe Farrah, and Iliana Escudero.

Guests for the meeting were District Governor Kevin Guess, 1st Vice District Governor Clayton Jolley, Zone Chairman Sherman King, Carol Fung, and Maryah Tucker, GAT Chairman. Also visiting was Lion Bob Myers from the Half Moon Bay Lions.

All business was dispensed with in honor of the District Governor's visit.

# Distrit Governor's Visitation and Honoring Lion Joe Farrah

The Governor's visitation followed its usual format - Lion President Steve Martin introduced Zone Chairman Sherman King who, in turn, introduced 1st Vice District Governor Clayton Jolley and who, in turn, introduced District Governor Kevin Guess.

Governor Kevin covered:

- Briefly talked about the recent loss of his daughter to gun violence and family loss in general.
- Lions work and service.
- Mission 1.5 to reach the goal of 1.5 million members by 2027.
- Sharing your Lions story as a way to reach out to possible new members.

The Governor introduced 1st VDG Clayton

Jolley, who covered in a short talk:

- Mission 1.5.
- Diversifying service, which he tied to a recent article in Lions Magazine.
- Being family friendly.
- Fueling your passion.
- Keeping meetings fun and productive.
- Importance of engaging new members.
- Being at International Convention with one of the Intl. Vice Presidents.

Following dinner, the District Governor had the pleasure of presenting Lion Joe Farrah with a certificate, representing a plaque to be awarded, for his 58 years of service to our Club and Lionism. He included in Joe's resume:

- Joined 5-31-66.
- Sponsored 5 new members.
- Served as various District officers and chairmanships.
- Club President 1978-79 and 1991-92.
- Club Secretary 19 terms and continually since 2011-12.
- Served in other Club officer positions 12 times.
- Bulletin Editor: 14 years.
- Club Chairmanships: 34 terms across 14 committees.



L to R; left table, far side: Steve Martin, Carol Fung, and Maryah Tucker; near side: Sharon Eberhardt and Joe Farrah; near table, left side: George Salet, and Bob Myers, guest from Half Moon Bay; right side: Iliana Escudero and Bill Graziano; head table: Clayton Jolley, 1st VDG, Kevin Guess, DG, and Sherman King, ZC.



L to R: Bob Myers from Half Moon Bay Lions, Clayton Jolley, 1st VDG, Kevin Guess, DG, Sharman King, ZC, and Bill Graziano.



District Governor Kevin Guess delivering his short remarks about the district and Lionism.



Certificate awarded to Lion Joe Farrah for his 58 years of service to our Club and Lionism.



District Governor Kevin Guess, on the right, quoting Lion Joe Farrah's Lions resume and accomplishments.



1st District Governor Clayton Jolley pining Lion Joe Farrah with a special pin and recognizing Lion Joe's 58 years of service to our Club and Lionism.



1st Vice District Clayton Jolley, Lion Joe Farrah, and District Governor Kevin Guess pose after recognizing Lion Joe's 58 years of service to our Club and Lionism.

# **Used Eye Glasses**



Steve Martin, left, and Joe Farrah who brought our used glasses collection for weighing.

Our Club's total this year was 20 pounds, not

bad, could be better maybe. It was reported that the Chinatown Lions had 200 pounds.



Report included the following:

- With a little more than 1 month left before the drawing, groups have started to return their ticket books.
- Three groups have not returned books yet, and they'll be chased down.
- Drawing will be at the live meeting in April on the 21st at the IASC.

#### The Lion Ward Watch

As mentioned by a couple of different Lions after taking with Arnie Sambel, Ward's son in law, Ward has returned home and may be feeling better. Hopefully, more encouraging word will follow soon. Hold Ward in your thoughts and prayers.

# **Our Coming Events**

3/31 Easter Sunday.4/3 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.4/17 Regular Lions Meeting plus Y & C Raffle Drawing.

# Clinic by the Bay Tour

Before the District Governor's visitation, 5 members took a quick tour of Clinic by the Bay's new digs in the old Alemany Emergency Hospital building on Onondaga Ave. Lion Iliana Escudero served as our tour guide through the three examination rooms, new dental clinic, offices, and dungeon. A few historical aspects of the building and machinery remain intact. If you weren't there, you missed out.



In one of three examination rooms are, I to r, George Salet, Bill Graziano, Sharon Eberhardt (partly hidden), and our tour guide, Iliana Escudero.



In the dungeon at the Clinic are, I to r, George Salet, our tour guide Iliana Escudero, Steve Martin, Bill Graziano, Olga Ayala, Clinic Director, and Sharon Eberhardt.

#### **Around the District**

#### March 2024

Wednesday, March 27

SFCCLC: Meeting hosted by SF Healthcare

Providers Cyber Saturday, March 30

Burlingame: Pancake Breakfast & Easter

Egg Hunt April 2024

Tuesday, April 2

District 4-C4: Autopsy of a Deceased Lions

Club

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

Saturday, April 13

SF Healthcare Providers Cyber: Casino

Fundraising Trip **NEW** 

Friday, April 19

Daly City Host: Pasta Bingo

Saturday, April 20

SF Host: 104th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Save the date: District 4-C4: Region 5

**Diabetes Walk NEW** 

Friday, April 26

SFCCLC: Police, Sheriff, & Fire Awards

Saturday, April 27

Millbrae: Second Annual Lobster Feed NEW

Save the date: District 4-C4: Region 3

**Service at SF-Marin Food Bank** 

Sunday, April 28

Save the date: District 4-C4: Region 2

**Childhood Cancer Project** 

May 2024

Wednesday, May 15 - Sunday, May 19

District 4-C4: 2024 Convention

Online - Registration

Paper - Registration

Paper Only - Hospitality Room Registration

**Convention Contests** 

**Food Fair** 



3-16-24 - Bill Graziano, on the left, with Paul Giusto riding a motorized cable car in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

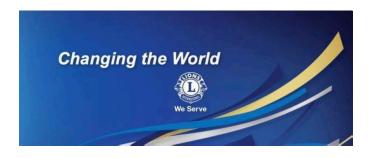
# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**4/5** Happy Anniversary to Diane & Ward Donnelly!

#### **Etcetera**

**Lion Zenaida Lawhon** was not feeling well and was unable to attend the Governor's visitation.

### From the Inbox



**About Lions International** including:

• From Intl. President Patti Hill: Greater Together. Available online.

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

- The One Sentence That Will Make You a More Effective Speaker.
- Stumped by Heat Pumps?
- A Complete Guide to Making a Classic Italian 'Sunday Sauce'.
- 30 Everyday Objects You're Using All Wrong.

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