



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 3-5-25

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Stephen Martin. Pledge was led by Lion Bob Fenech, but ended up being led by Lion President Stephen, who also offered the invocation. Our Lions in attendance were: Stephen Martin, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Bob Fenech, Sharon Eberhardt, and Bob & Zenaida Lawhon.

Bored Meeting

In a somewhat short meeting:

- Minutes as presented in the last bulletin.
- Treasurer's report; crab feed historical data report.
- SFCCLC Police, Firefighters, & Sheriffs Awards; one honoree and guest from each category was sponsored to the tune of \$450.
- Storage at Ward's garage discussed.

Club Leadership for Next Year

During all the planning and discussion on the Crab Feed, we failed to make plans for next year's club leadership. Perhaps at the next meeting. Have you thought of what your leadership roll in the club might be?

Past Presidents Night

Another club tradition that was lost in the Crab Feed furor was Past Presidents Night. It was briefly discussed and decided that it would be held at the next meeting, March 19th. Be there and know when you were President, if you can remember.

Correspondence

- An email announcement from Lion Maryah Tucker of her running for 2nd VDG, and her possible campaign visitation.
- An appeal letter and newsletter from SF-Marin Food Bank.
- Email from a person seeking sponsorship to, it's guessed, the Lions Eye Foundation. It went nowhere because he stopped replying to us.

If any member wants a copy of any correspondence emailed to them, let the secretary or editor know.

Before and After

Touched on before the meeting:

- Sharon and her cats.
- Giving to LCIF and what was done last year.
- Zoom's AI Assistant and the transcript it produces.
- Upcoming Zone Student Speakers Contests.

Touched on after the meeting:

- Westerners (historical organization) meeting.
- More on the crab feed, club leadership, and end of year donations.
- Short wave radio and International DX Contest.

38th Annual Crab Feed

The 38th Annual Crab Feed has come and gone. There was a very lengthy postmortem surrounding the event including:

- A majority of those attending had a great time with few problems.
- Chicken dinners - the stove gave up the ghost.
- The crab was fabulous.
- The \$ numbers; cleaning deposit of \$150 to be refunded.
- # of people/members attending vs. not happening at all vs. dollars made.
- Partnering with another club.
- A different venue - better layout - last location was better.
- Lack of followup on suggestions, or even remembering what they were.
- Helpers Helen Wong and Edward Keile.
- Salad was different; liked by some and not others.
- Pasta was cold due to early preparation.
- Lunch for workers including too much dim sum pork buns purchased by Zenaida Lawhon and Suzy Moy.
- Tee shirts - last done in 2019.
- Disposal of all the trash.

From one attendee: “Just wanted to say we had a great time at the crab feast! The crab was delicious and salad and pasta also the dessert! Thank you! I am putting on a crab dinner and will need about 24 crabs. Can you tell me where you got the crab? It was so good and my friends loved it! It was a

wonderful evening! This is our second time attending and we will be there next year! Thank You!”

Update: With the upcoming refund of our cleaning deposit our income from this event has grown to \$4,168.83.

While there were a few problems to overcome, the event was a great success. An overwhelming thought was “Why don’t more members participate?” That is just one of the sixty-four thousand dollar questions that could be solved next year. A quiet Thank You to Lions Mike Castagnetto and Mike Spediacci for starting the event in 1982, or thereabouts.



GE Lions Football

Our GE Lions Football was briefly discussed during the regular meeting. The final report, included the big winners, was in the last bulletin dated February 28. Let the chairman know if you want a copy of the report.

There was a question on when the next fundraiser would start; it will begin in late July, or early August, when all the players will be contacted.

Our Coming Events

3/17 St. Patrick's Day

3/19 Regular Lions Meeting @ IASC.

4/2 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/22 Happy Birthday to Lion Paul Corvi!

4/5 happy Anniversary to Diane & Lion Ward Donnelly!

Etcetera



Posted by Elilio Borelli - "That sign hung above my father Vince's store on Mission Street for many decades." Vince Borelli was a Geneva-Excelsior Lion from 1954 to 1962. The store closed in 1984.



Posted by Paul Giusto from OpenSFHistory - Geneva Avenue and Mission Street in 1909.



Posted by Terry Farrah - Terry and Joe Farrah enjoying dinner at La Collina Restaurant in Millbrae.



Posted by Gianni LaRosa in Baghdad by the Bay, year unknown - "Can you name the creamery that was once the popular hangout for the kids from Bal? Can you name the street?" Could it have been Harrison's Restaurant on Geneva Avenue?

Around the District

March 2025

Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23

MD-4: Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Anaheim

Friday, March 21

Lions Day at United Nations - New York

Wednesday, March 26

SFCCLC: Meeting hosted by SF Healthcare Providers Cyber **UPDATED**

Friday, March 28

PCL: Police, Sheriff & Firefighters Awards

Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30

Save the dates: Leo Leadership Forum - Camp Teresita Pines

April 2025

Thursday, April 3

Peninsula Special Interest: **12th Annual Diabetes Lobster Fest NEW**

Saturday, April 5

SF Park Presidio Sunset: **Bingo NEW**

Monday, April 7

District 4-C4: **AI For Beginners Training**

Saturday, April 12

Foster City: **Blood Drive NEW**

Monday, April 21

Foster City: **Canine Companions Service Dogs Fundraiser NEW**

Friday, April 25

Daly City Host: **Pasta Bingo**

SFCCLC: **Police, Firefighters & Sheriffs Awards**

Saturday, April 26

Save the date: **District 4-C4 Region 3**

Diabetes Event

Monday, April 28

Save the date: PCL: **Meeting hosted by Half Moon Bay**

From the Inbox

About Lions International including:

- Your **March Club Digest**. Available online.
- **From Intl. President Fabricio Oliveira:** It's Time to Build Our Future. Available online.

From the far corners of the web including:

- Prolific blood donor who saved 2.4 million babies dies at 88.
- The hardest working font in Manhattan.
- The 3-Ingredient Tuna Spaghetti I Fell for in Italy.

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