

**THE NIKKEI LIONS CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO - DISTRICT 4-C4**

District Governor - Mario Benavente

Region One Chair - John Hui

District First Vice Governor - Lydia Taylor-Bellinger

Region One Zone Two Chair - Pat Ancheta

District Second Vice Governor - Helen Casaclang

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!**

January 1, 2018

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- January 3, 2018      Board Meeting 6:30 pm and General Meeting 7:00 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street, San Francisco. Board will be making the final approval of the budget for 2017-2018. We will have a visitation from the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club. All members, please attend to provide a warm greeting the the visitors from the Chinatown Lions Club. Members attending, please bring raffle prizes for the meeting.
- February 7, 2018      Board/General Meeting, 6:30/7:00 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street, San Francisco.
- March 7, 2018      Board/General Meeting, 6:30/7:00 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street, San Francisco.
- March 9, 2018      31st Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Service Scholarship applications due to Nikkei Lions Club. All graduating high school seniors of Japanese descent in Northern California may apply for the two \$2500 scholarships which focuses on community service experience, academics, leadership and commitment to their local community service. The program is administered by the SF Nikkei Lions Club for the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. Any student who does not see the application packet in their high school counseling office should contact Lion Steve at [yshiraba@gmail.com](mailto:yshiraba@gmail.com) for assistance.

**GENEVA-EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB YOUTH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RAFFLE:** The Nikkei Lions Club is participating in the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club Y&CA Raffle Project. Ticket stubs and monies are due to Lion Donna Kimura at the January 3rd meeting. If any questions, please contact Lion Donna immediately ([ldrme@pacbell.net](mailto:ldrme@pacbell.net)).

**LION PRESIDENT BILL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE:** It was only a few weeks ago that we gathered to celebrate the Holiday Season luncheon at Estrada's Restaurant in Daly City. It was also good to see Lions Eddie and Edward at the luncheon. There were eleven club members and three guests at the luncheon. I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and New Years with your family and friends.

We will be discussing how we can help local organizations providing food assistance for people in need. The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank provides many different services like home delivery, morning snacks for students, support to local community partners that includes St. Anthony's, Glide, Project Open Hand, and St. Vincent De Paul. Each dollar donated helps to provide two meals for the needy. We can discuss whether to support the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, St Anthony's, the Salvation Army, or another organization.

The Third District Cabinet Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the William F. Walker Recreation Center in Foster City. Each week the Lions District 4-C4 e-blast is sent to members throughout the district with a listing of several months of district events and club activities.

Please remember to turn in your Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club Youth & Community Activities Project tickets and money to Lion Donna. The District Eyeglass Collection will be held on March 24, 2018 so please contact me or bring your used eyeglasses to the club meeting.

I spoke with PCC Emil Kantola who told me that 9 members of the Chinatown Lions will be visiting our club at the January 3, 2018 general meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the general meeting.

President - Bill Stipinovich  
1st Vice President - Bruce Iwafuchi  
2nd Vice President - Dan

Treasurer - Donna Kimura  
Secretary - Frank Torikai  
Membership Recruitment and Retention - David Fujita

**FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:**

San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs Annual Peace Officers/Firefighters Awards Dinner  
at the Patio Espanol Restaurant, San Francisco; April 14, 2018  
2018 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival; April 14/15 & 21/22, 2018  
District 4-C4 Annual Convention at the Redding Red Lion Resort Center; May 3-6, 2018  
Lions International Convention, June 29-July 3, 2018; Las Vegas  
Lions International Convention, July 5-9, 2019; Milan Italy  
Lions International Convention, June 26-30, 2020; Singapore