

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

District Governor - Mario Benavente
District First Vice Governor - Lydia Taylor-Bellinger
District Second Vice Governor - Helen Casaclang

Region One Chair - John Hui
Region One Zone Two Chair - Pat Ancheta

February 1, 2018

February 3, 2018 District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting @ Foster City Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City, 8:30 am, \$20.

February 7, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street, San Francisco.

February 13, 2018 Nikkei Lions Club Student Speaker Contest, 6:00 pm, @ National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), 1840 Post St, San Francisco Japantown, (next door to California First Bank). Topic for student speakers is "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society". All members invited to attend.

February 28, 2018 SFCCLC Monthly Meeting hosted by the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club @ Imperial Garden Seafood Restaurant, 2626 San Bruno Ave, San Francisco, 7:00 pm, \$30. Parking across the street at the bank. Let Lion President Bill know as soon as possible you are attending.

March 7, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster St, San Francisco.

March 9, 2018 31st Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Service Scholarship, (a program administered by the Nikkei Lions Club for NCCBF) applications due with March 9th USPS postmark date. Two \$2500 are awarded to two college-bound seniors from the Northern California area.

April 4, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster St San Francisco.

April 14, 2018 San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs annual Peace Officer/ Fire Fighters Awards dinner. More information to follow.

April 14, 2018 31st NCCBF Queen Program Show @ Kabuki Theater, San Francisco. More information to follow.

GENEVA-EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB YOUTH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RAFFLE: Lion Donna Kimura would like to thank all the members who participated in selling the Y&CA raffle sponsored by the Geneva-Excelsior LC. Participating members returned raffle ticket stubs plus money to her and she was able to get all material and money turned in on a very timely basis.

HAMILTON FAMILIES: Hamilton Families is a non-profit in the Tenderloin that provides support to families that are homeless with temporary shelter and transitional housing. They are 100%

dependent upon donations to provide toiletries, new/gently-used clothing, and baby items among the many things homeless families desperately need. Especially needed are diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), underwear for children, bath soap, hair shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, children and baby clothes, baby blankets, pacifiers, baby bottles, sippy cups, maternity clothes, and baby wipes. This is only a partial list of items needed by the homeless families and we will add more to the list next newsletter. Please collect the items and we will give instructions in the next newsletter on how to get the donations to the Hamilton Families.

LION PRESIDENT BILL'S MESSAGE: After the holiday season break, our year began with a club visitation from Lion President Peter Lam and club members of the Chinatown Lions Club. The Nikkei Lions club members in attendance enjoyed meeting old friends and new members of the Chinatown Lions Club and sharing information of their past and future activists and our past and future activities. The tail twister topic was to talk about a unique Christmas gift received. I had received a painting of a seaside with a lighthouse along with stationary cards of that painting on the cover from my uncle in Southern California. Thus began a lively discussion from everyone about a unique Christmas gift, then talk about club activities and projects followed by conversations between club members during dinner. Lions David Fujita suggested a visitation to the Chinatown Lions Club which was agreed upon by our club members.

The Chinatown Lions Club will be hosting the February San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs on Wednesday, February 28th at the Imperial Garden Seafood Restaurant in San Francisco. Past District Governors Eugene Chan and Larry Wong asked me to extend an invitation to all Nikkei Lions Club members to attend the meeting. Please check your calendar to see if it is possible for a group from our club to attend the meeting.

The club student speaker contest will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at the National Japanese American Historical office in Japantown. Lions Alan Layug and Dan Yee put great effort into organizing this project in which student speakers prepare well thought out and insightful speeches. Please come and show your support for these student speakers.

Finally, I was appointed as the chair of the District Nominating Committee for district governor and vice district governor to review and certify candidates for those district officers for 2018-2019. The committee met and certified the candidates to begin campaigning for office: Lion Lydia Taylor-Bellinger for District Governor, Lion Helen Casaclang for First Vice District Governor, and Lion Fanny Chu for Second Vice District Governor.

Future Dates to Note:

District 4-C4 Annual Convention at the Redding Red Lion Resort Center; May 3-6, 2018
Lions International Convention, June 29-July3, 2018; Las Vegas

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

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