

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

District Governor - Marion 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

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!!

December 1, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6, 2017 Normal Board/General Meeting has been “blacked out” due to the Holiday Luncheon on December 9, 2017. Next Board/General Meeting will be January 3, 2018.

December 9, 2017 Nikkei Lions Club Holiday Luncheon @ Estrada Mexican & Caribbean Restaurant, 7440 Mission St, Daly City (not in San Francisco), **2:00 PM**. Cost TBD but will around \$30 per person. Please, all members and their families, join us for this year-end event. For further information, get hold of President Lion Bill Stipinovich who will be taking your reservations. (Please note the time change to 2:00 pm from noon.)

January 3, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm/7:00 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street, San Francisco. Board will be approving the budget for 2017-18.

NIKKEI LIONS CLUB 2017 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Our luncheon for the 2017 Holidays will be Held on December 9th at the well know Estrada Mexican & Caribbean Restaurant, 7400 Mission St, Daly City, 2:00 pm. Please join us to exchange wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. President Lion Bill Stipinovich is making the arrangements so please let him know if you and family members/friends would like to attend. Cost still to be determined but should be around \$30 per person. Be sure not to park in the donut shop next door. You will get a ticket.

GENEVA-EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB YOUTH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RAFFLE: The District will not be holding a YC&A Raffle for this Lions year. The Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club has decided to hold a YC&A Raffle for clubs interested in participating. Our club will participate and members who would like to sell the raffle tickets, please contact Lion Donna Kimura so she can mail them to you. All sold raffle tickets and stubs must be returned to Lion Donna at the January 3rd meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 and 10 tickets to a book. The first prize will be \$1000. If you are selling the tickets, make the check for the sold tickets out to the Nikkei Lions Club and for your convenience, Lion Sarah Fedaiie will accept the check and stubs at the December 9th luncheon. This is a fundraiser for our club.

MILITARY STAND DOWN: The District 4-C4 Military Stand Down under the leadership of the Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club and San Mateo Lions Club in November had to cancelled but has been now rescheduled for December 7, 8 & 9, 2017, at Coyote Point Park. Volunteers are needed to staff the project. A “Military Stand Down” is an event held throughout the Bay Area by a variety of veterans and community groups to help the Homeless Veterans by providing health screenings, legal assistance, VA benefits counseling assistance in shelter placement. Contact Lion Eleanor Britter at 415-378-6789 if you can help.

NIKKEI LIONS CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS: An email address has been established for the Nikkei Lions Club so if anyone would like to get more information about our club, all they have to do is email us. Thanks so much to Lion Alan Layug for taking the initiative to do this. Several Lions members will be monitoring the email account so a timely response can be provided.

DAVID FUJITA CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Lion David Fujita for receiving the Key Award from Lions Club International for recruiting 2 or more new members. Job well done Lion David and shows the true spirit of Lionism. Lion David is our club's Membership Recruitment and Retention Chair, one of the most important positions in any club.

LION PRESIDENT BILL'S MONTHLY MESSAGE: Happy Holiday and Happy New Year to all club members and their family. I hope that you will be able to attend the club holiday party at Estrada's Mexican and Caribbean Cuisine Restaurant in Daly City beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th. Thank you for your patience in waiting for the set up of the meal. I have been to the restaurant several times, and have enjoyed the delicious food provided at the establishment which has celebrated 100 years in business. It will be an opportunity for club members and family to socialize in a unique setting of a well known local business.

The holiday season marks the half way point for our current Lion year with past club events with the White Cane Day Collection, and the eye screening at the Japanese American Citizen League health fair. The tickets from the Geneva-Excelsior Lions Youth & Community Activities Project tickets have arrived and will be distributed to club members to begin our fundraising efforts for the club. In the next months, the student speaker contest will begin, and the district eyeglass collection will be held in March. Please bring the used eyeglasses that you have collected to the next few meetings.

During the District 4-C4 Second Cabinet Meeting on November 4th, clubs were asked to donate canned food for local food banks. The total amount of food collected was 611 pounds with the San Mateo Lions Club donating the most at 127 pounds. We can consider how our club can help support local organizations providing food for the needy at our January 2018 board meeting.

I want to wish your and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday season and happy new year, and look forward to seeing you in January 2018 to continue with the club fundraising and service activities.

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