

This first meeting of 1979 was a regular meeting night. A board meeting was also conducted during the regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Joe Farrah. The Salute to the Flag was led by Lion Dick Harrison and the Invocation by Lion Bob Pacheco. Reports during regular meeting:---Lion Ron Faina had a Certificate of Merit presented to our Club by the San Francisco Fire Fighters, for our contribution to the SFFF Toy Project. LION Charlie Bottarini announced he is looking for more newspaper at our newspaper collection bin located at Mission and Russia Sts. The committee is trying to arrange publicity to let people know where the stand is located and how the money raised is used to benefit the needy. Charlie is getting plenty of support from his committee. Now it is up to the members to pass the word around and to bring newspapers. While Charlie was on his feet he asked each member to think about bringing a prospective Lion to a meeting. The next two meetings will have excellent programs. This is a good opportunity to bring a friend to a meeting.---Dues are now payable. Lion Galdo Pavini is pinch-hitting for Lion Al Fregosi who is in Hawaii. Send your check to Galdo.---President Joe received the following Letter from Lion Frank Fazzino, District Chairman, Senior Citizens: Dear Lion President: I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Maxina, Park Gate, Sunset, North Beach, Mission and Geneva-Excelsior Lions Clubs for contributions to the Christmas Party for Senior Citizens held on Dec. 22, 1978 at the Italian-American Club, San Francisco. Your support of this worthwhile project will be a memorable event for many of those attending the party and certainly reflects true Lionism. The dinner-dance was attended by 130 seniors and was enjoyed by all. A warm thanks to District Governor Habeeb for his attendance at this truly successful event. Sincerely yours, FRANK FAZZINO.

It was reported when Kevin Shea, son of Lion Bill Shea, played in the BLUE-Gray game last weekend, the team was hosted by the Lions Club who sponsors this event. Kevin presented the Lions with the Geneva-Excelsior Club banner and a Club pin. The Lions appreciated this very much because it was the first time a player announced his father is a Lion and they were presented with the momentos. Kevin also made a generous cash donation out of his pocket to the same Lions. In the East-West game, Kevin kicked a 40 yard field goal.

The members all received a pleasant surprise when Lion Ray Squeri walked in. Ray is chairman of the Night At The Races project which he handles very successfully every year. Tickets are available from Ray at \$12.00 per, for Friday night, Jan. 19th. Ray paid more than the usual "late Lion" fine. He announced he had a great golf game that day so he donated ten bucks to the kitty. Ray shot a 79 at the California Club, the first time he broke 80 in 8½ years of playing there. Nice going Ray, everybody loves a winner (except your buddies who had to pay).---Lion Bob Woodall, Youth and Community ticket chairman asked members to return stubs and money. The money is deposited in an interest bearing account. Reports during the Board Meeting were:

Lion Bob Pacheco thanked the Lions who helped at the Club Christmas party at the IASC, Lions Bello, SanFilippo, Harrison and Faina.---Dr. Ray Squeri, Sight Conservation Chairman and the Club Optometrist, reported two patients were sent to him for glasses. One, thought to require surgery before visiting Ray, was taken care of with glasses. The costs involved were paid by the Lions.---Dick Harrison, Health and Welfare Chairman, reported he brought the four children of the needy family our Club helped during the holidays, to TOYS-R-US. \$48.00 of toys was purchased for the kids. Also, Lion Dick presented St. Anthony's Dinning Room with our Club's contribution. He stayed abd helped serve lunch. President Joe complimented Dick on the work he is doing for the less fortunate.---A letter of resignation was received and regretfully accepted from Lion Ken Edwards. Ken is a Past President and served the Club for many years.---Lion Bill Tonelli who plans to attend the State Convention in San Diego Feb. 1-3, was selected to represent our Club as an official delegate.

#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (January)

<u>COMING EVENTS:</u>	1 Erv Smith	6 Pete & Eva Bello
Jan. 10 - Visitation by the San Bruno Lions. The program will be a rep from Bay Meadows with a new film.	8 Paula Dobbins	
Jan. 17 - Arthur Drake, Council General from South Africa, with a film.	13 Ken Edwards	13 Bruno and Josephine Sanchez
Jan. 19 - Night at the Races.	13 Rene Giron	
Mar. 16 - New Member recognition night.	14 Joe Farrah	
May 2-6 - Santa Rosa Convention.	17 Bob Dobbins	
	24 Carol Benetti	
	27 Carl Muehlendorf	
	30 Frances Spediacci	
	31 Ron Faina	