

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Farrah. The Salute to the Flag was led by Lion Charlie Bottarini, and the Invocation by Lion Bill Tonelli. Acting Tail-Twister Frank Ferrera was kept busy collecting fines.

Visiting Past District Governors Stan Stebbins of the Marina Club and Bob Marshall of the San Bruno Club were introduced by President Joe.

Introductions of Lions starting to President Joe's right was delayed when Past District Governor Joe Giuffre declared President Joe asked for introductions of Lions to his left. A hand vote was taken which appeared to be about 50-50, a fine was paid for the delay and the introductions proceeded to Joe's right. Introductions included members from the San Bruno Lions Club, who were on a visitation to our club. Also attending the meeting was Lion Al Kleinbach who now resides and is in business in Auburn, California but has kept his membership with the G-E Lions. Good to see you Al.

A guest of President Joe's was Mike Perri, manager of Pan-American Savings and Loan, at 5188 Mission St. Mike is the son of Mike Perri of the Mission Lions Club. --- Remember, March 16, 1979 is New Member Recognition Night. Please give some thought to bringing a prospective member to a meeting during January and February.

REPORTS: Lion Bob Woodall, Chairman of the Youth and Community Ticket Sales, asked members to return any ticket stubs and cash. Bob said all tickets sold from this point on is clear profit.

Newspaper Collection: Lion Charlie is pleased with the progress. However, we can handle more paper. Help a friend or neighbor dispose of their old newspapers. Ask them, they are probably dumping the papers in the garbage.

President Joe thanked Lion Mike Spediacci for hanging the Lions Clubs banners in our meeting room.

The second meeting of the convention committee was held at the residence of Joe Farrah.

A communication read by Secretary Handford Clews was from the Lighthouse For The Blind. From Jan. 28 to Feb. 3, there will be an open house at their blindcraft division, 1097 Howard St., San Francisco. This Blind Craft Week, will include a Gigantic Garage Sale, A Display of Ancient Art of Broom-making, and tours of the Blindcraft Factory every working day between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Our club's monthly contribution for the handicapped, to the Geneva Avenue Social Center, will be handled by Lion Bob Woodall.

The G-E Night at the Races, is Friday, January 19. Call Lion Ray Squeri for tickets.

President Joe presented our Club Pin to Jack Morgan of the San Bruno Lions.

Past District Governor Bob Marshall complimented Joe Farrah for attending the San Bruno Club's 35th Anniversary Dinner. Lion Bob then produced a very nice photo of President Joe and his wife Emily which was taken at the dinner. Some financial negotiations were entered into by Lions Bob, Joe and Bill Tonelli. Lion Joe has the photo.

Program Chairman Ed Damonte introduced Diane Porter, from the Special Events Department at Bay Meadows. Ms. Porter's mother was the first woman jockey in the United States, and her father was also a jockey. With Diane was Dave Bolsher, a representative of the Harness Racing Board of California. An interesting film about the history of harness racing was shown and then Diane and Dave answered questions from the members. Hopefully, our members have more insight about how to bet the SULKIES next Friday night.

During the dinner part of a meeting several weeks ago I had the opportunity to talk with Lion Frank Ferrera about his trip to New Zealand. During Nov. 1978, Frank, his wife Pat, five Lions and four wives, travelled to New Zealand and visited fifteen Lions Clubs. Frank has the banners to prove it. In a three week period of time they traveled from the top of North Island, midway through the South Island. It was said the country looked like California around 1930. The tour was guided by Lion John Knox, a member of one of the New Zealand Lions Clubs. John visited San Francisco three years ago. He was hosted at a barbecue dinner at the home of Lion Ron Faina. At one of the Lions Clubs, the group met Lion Fletcher Christan, a descendent of the original F.C. Thanks for sharing this with us Lion Frank.

RAFFLE: Bob Marshall - - \$6.00
Sam San Filippo - \$4.00
Al Kleinbach - - \$2.00

Mystery Raffle: Tom O'Connell (not present)

COMING EVENTS:

Jan. 17, Program meeting. Arthur Drake, Council General from South Africa will present a film and discussion. Also, the Foster City Lions will be visiting us. Please attend.
Jan. 18, Business Dinner at Michael's Restaurant, Millbrae.
Jan. 19, G-E Night at the Races. Feb. 14, Past District Governors Night.
Jan. 24, Board Meeting.
Feb. 7, Past Presidents Night.