

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Farrah. The Salute to the Flag was led by Lion Ozzie Buoncristiani and the Invocation was said by Lion Fred Melchiori. Introduction of Lion members and guests followed. Guests included Jerome Ennis, D.D.S., guest of Lion Handford Clews; Mike Perri of Pan-American Savings and Loan, guest of Lion Frank Ferrera; Chuck Griscenti, Manager of the Hibernia Bank on Mission, guest of President Joe Farrah; Tom Murray of Rawlins, Wyoming, and Randy Tonelli, guests of Lion Bill Tonelli. Randy is Lion Bill's son and Tom Murray is Randy's father-in-law.

Three Lions from the Foster City Club were on a visitation to our club. They were Lions Marty Strauss, John Cook and Bill Hamer. Lion Marty presented President Joe with the Foster City Lions Youth Exchange pin, and Lion Joe presented Marty with our club's FARRAH pin.

Correspondence was read by Secretary Handford Clews; A letter received from the Calif. League for the Handicapped thanked the Geneva-Excelsior Club for our recent cash contribution. Another letter received from a young boy at St. Vincent's School for Boy's in San Rafael thanked our club for providing him with eye glasses.

REPORTS: Congratulations to the newspaper collection committee. They received a check for \$30.15, for the sale of 4000 pounds of newspaper. This is the start of an on-going project which will help our club raise money for our charitable donations. Please arrange to drop some newspaper at the bin located at Russia and Mission Sts. Support of all members is necessary.

Lion Bob Woodall asked members to keep selling Youth and Community tickets.

The convention meeting at President Joe's residence was well attended, however, no additional report was made because it's a secret.

Lion Ozzie reported a visitation to the Foster City Club will be Jan 23.

Lion Dick Harrison reported he sold 40 tickets to the Night at the Races.

The club now has new trading pins available. These are a standing Lion and Italian emblem. The cost is a dollar each. Contact Lion Ted Zagorewicz.

Lion Bill Tonelli announced the Installation of Council Officers will be Feb. 10. Our own Ron Faina will be installed as Secretary. Lion Bill suggested members of the G-E Lions should consider attending to honor Lion Ron. Please contact Bill for time and location.

During the reports, President Joe's gavel and bell turned up missing. The bell was returned (with out a fine) however, the return of the gavel was to the highest bidder. The Foster City Lions helped with the bidding and Joe managed to retrieve the gavel at a fair price.

PROGRAM:

Lion Ed Damonte, the program chairman first showed a film. It was a travelogue about South Africa, the people, the countryside, the industry and the animals. This artistic film was filmed from a helicopter. Lion Ed then introduced the speaker of the evening, Anthony F. Drake, Council General of South Africa, who is now located in San Francisco. Mr. Drake and his wife were guests of the Geneva-Excelsior Lions at the International President's Dinner. He spoke about the film and the people and history of South Africa including the racial problems. Many questions were asked from the members. Mr. Drake was an excellent speaker and this was an outstanding program, thanks to Lion Ed and to President Joe who invited Mr. Drake to our meeting.

COMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 23, Visitation to Foster City Club.
- Jan. 24, Board meeting at residence of Ted Zagorewicz.
- Feb. 1-3, MD4 convention in San Diego.
- Feb. 7, Past-Presidents night. "PPs" cordially invited.
- Feb. 10, Council Officers Installation.
- Feb. 14, Past District Governors Night. This is a meeting night.
- Mar. 16, New Member Recognition night.
- Feb. 7, (FLASH) Also visitation by Millbrae Lions Club.

RAFFLE:

- Giulio Francesconi, 5.00, to the convention fund.
- Chuck Griscenti, 3.00, " "
- Sam San Filippo, 2.00, " "

Just a reminder that January, February and March are MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTHS. Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you at a dinner meeting.