

President Ted called the meeting to order while latecomers were still drifting in from the rain. The Fledge of Allegiance was lead by Lion Gil Smail, and the invocation was given by Lion Erv Smith. The Daly City-Colma Skylions honored the club with their visit. President Al Garibaldi brought seven of his yellow jacketed charges with him.

Secretary Mike Perri, Jr. read letters of gratitude from Paula Dobbins, Emily Farrah and Sister Clea Herold.

Lion Tamer Gil Smail collected 30¢ from all members to bring the Dime & A Prayer collection up to date, and he threw out a verbal "where is my promised club property storage cabinet?" to fall on the appropriate ears.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Blood Bank Ch'mn. Fred Melchiori brought to the club's attention the emergency appeals for blood seen and heard via the media. An acute Bay Area blood shortage exists in the blood banks. There have been some cases where patients have been clamped up awaiting delayed deliveries of blood. Lions, get the year off to a good start by giving now.

Sea Scout Ch'mn. Mike Castagnetto announced the "Portsmouth's" new skipper is Dave Hahn.

Paper Drive Ch'mn. Chas. Bottarini reported he is in receipt of a check for \$147.50 covering the last bin of paper, and recognized visiting Sky-lion Joe Sangiacomo for developing the newspaper collection drive method used by his club and this club.

"Night At The Races" Ch'mn. Ray Squeri (still 100% attendance for 1980) distributed more tickets for the upcoming event. Keep Lion Ray informed as to how your tickets are selling or not selling. Ask Lion Ray about the intra-club Exacta Selection Contest he is planning for the night.

PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT

Thanks to invitations mailed out by Sunshine Ch'mn. Bill Tonelli, all active Past Presidents except one was in attendance for Past Presidents Night. Senior P.P. Al Kleinbach brought with him from Hilda's Pastries in Auburn a beautiful cake decorated "Welcome G.-E. Past Presidents." Al, you're the greatest.

President Ted introduced each of the P.P.s and they were given an opportunity to talk about their early years in the club and the year of their administration. Then President Ted asked the P.P.s to consider bringing into their ranks former presidents Erv Smith and Joe Farrah (Smith was absent from last year's F.P. Night). Erv Smith's qualifications were debated and, after some lobbying and bribing (he promised after-dinner drinks for all) he was voted in as a P.P. Even though Lion Joe Farrah warmed up the crowd by hosting them to wine all through dinner, there was some hesitancy in declaring him a P.P.

Finally P.P. Fat Martin pleaded Farrah's case and got him voted in too. The traditional ceremony of nailing name plates on the F.P. Plaque followed and President Ted presented the new Past Presidents with their badges, pins and handsome red scrapbooks. These scrapbooks represent many hours of photo taking, gathering and effort by Scrapbook Editor Ted Zagorewicz.

Lion Ron Faina displayed a novel model "Italian Airplane" being offered for auction at the meeting. Lion Bill Cazatt made the high bid of \$25 after spirited bidding. The proceeds will go to sight conservation.

Fres. Al Garibaldi exchanged club banners with Pres. Ted and extended an invitation for this club to visit the Skylions at Toto's in Daly City. He also invited all to join their Feb. 23-24 overnight Reno bus trip. \$45 per person includes transportation, beverages on the bus, accomodations at The Ponderosa and a return of \$56 worth of money, tokens, food and prizes.

RAFFLE

1st Prize--Dawson Scotch, R. Woodall
2nd Prize--\$2, Alfonso Garay
3rd Prize--\$1, P.F. Erv Smith
Mystery Raffle--\$6, Al Fregosi

A short Special Board Meeting was held following the regular meeting. It was decided to ask the club's accounting and legal counsels to assist in clearing up the club's tax exempt status with the Franchise Tax Board.

If recipients of Christmas gifts from Lion Giulio Francesconi weren't very impressed with the value of the gifts, there is an explanation. He and his Ocean Ave. Tick Tock Drive-In were held up on two separate occasions during the week prior to Christmas. One holdup was at a counter window. On the second, the bandits barged into the kitchen brandishing Smith & Wessons which "looked like cannons." They backed Giulio up against a refrigerator. As readers of this bulletin know, Giulio is philanthropic--but he prefers to practice his philanthropy on a voluntary basis.

Congratulations to Lionette Ann Pacheco who was recently elected President of the S.F. Council of District Merchants Associations. Ann will be installed into office by Mayor Dianne Feinstein at an Installation Banquet to be held at the Presidio Officers Club on Sat., January 26th.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Bruno and Josephine Sanchez on Jan. 13th.

Birthday Greetings to Joe Farrah, Jan. 14th and Bob Dobbins, Jan. 17th.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 16 Program Meeting. Speaker will be Jim Meyers, Gen. Mgr. of KSFO
Jan. 18 G.-E. "Night At The Races"
Jan. 22 Convention Meeting at the residence of Ron Faina, 8 P.M.