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THE MEETING

The meeting held at the Basque Cultural Center was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ward Donnelly, and the invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. An impressive total of 46 members, wives and guests were in attendance. The guests were Wanda Greer & Richard Solomon, Jean & Yolanda Gorostiague, Jerry & Jackie Lowe, Gary & Debbie Meyer, Bob & Zanida Lawhon, Jim & Nancy Mahon, and Jim & Bernie Meyerfeld. Giulio, were "Who are the Lions?" pamphlets handed to these guests?

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Former President Ward Donnelly has set Wednesday, Jan. 29th as the date for the Nominating Committee to meet to nominate candidates for club offices for the 1997-98 year. All past presidents should be at Ward's office, 1249 Geneva Ave. at 6 P.M. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Visitation Ch'mn. Charles Bottarini announced the club will visit the Burlingame Lions Club at their lunch/meeting of Thursday, Jan. 16th, 12:10 P.M. at Burlingame Hall, 990 Burlingame Ave.

Reminder: Because no meeting was held the first Wednesday of this month, New Years Day, a meeting is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday, Jan. 22nd. Let's have a good turnout.

Student Speaker Contest Ch'mn. Paul Corvi reported Mercy High School will be sending a student to this club's contest.

Crab Feed Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Gino Benetti distributed tickets to the popular event. Somebody said scalper prices will go in to effect next week.

No Convention Raffle was held. The designated "Mystery Lion" was present but he wasn't asked to identify himself so he will again be the Mystery Lion at the next meeting.

THE PROGRAM

Acting Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi presented Donna O'Neill Francesconi to the audience. His little biography of Donna informed everybody that Donna was born in Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin, and moved to California where she earned her Masters In Social Work at Fresno State University. Donna does two S.F. City Guides Tours: "Art Deco in the Marina" and "Bawdy Houses of Maiden Lane." These tours operate out of the S.F. Public Library. Her presentation was on the latter topic. This walking tour from Kearny St. to Union Square takes about an hour. Prior to 1920 Maiden Lane was first know as Morton's Alley, then

Morton's Street, then Manila St. Jeweler Albert Samuels proposed to the city that it become known as Maiden Lane as jewelery centers of other famous cities are named. When the 1849 Gold Rush brought about 5,000 men to the city where only 800 people had resided is the time Morton's Alley turned infamous. Enterprising prostitutes were able to earn enough money in a couple of months to return home to retirement.

The turnout for Donna's talk even exceeded the turnout for R. C. Owens and the 49er Highlights film. Bouquets to both Giulio and Donna for a delightful evening.

SHORTS

Trivia question: which three members of this club all have the same 11 1/2 EEE shoe size? One of them owns a pair of black patent leather formal shoes which the others can borrow (or rent) for special occasions. Answer in the next edition.

Millbrae Lions Club is holding its 12th Annual Crab Cioppino Dinner Saturday, Jan. 25th at St. Dunstan's Hall, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. Cocktails 5:30-7P.M., Dinner 7 P.M., Dancing 9-1 A.M. \$27.50 per person. For reservations contact Gordon or Rosie Dito at 583-9941.

Pacifica Lions Club is having its 49th Annual Charter Celebration Dinner Friday, Jan. 31st at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant, Pacifica. Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30, \$20 per. RSVP Jim Gilchrist at 355-0137

Melvin Jones Founders Day Banquet which was scheduled for 1/17/97 has been postponed until March so that a dynamic speaker can be lined up for the night's festivities. Watch for more details.

Park Presidio Lions will have their CRAB BASH Saturday, Feb. 22nd at the Knights of Columbus on Taraval St.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/14 Joe Farrah, 1/15 Ward Donnelly, 1/19 Michael Spiteri

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Jan. 12th score: Packers 30, Panthers 13

COMING EVENTS

1/22 Program Meeting, 1/25 Millbrae L.C. Crab Cioppino, 1/26 Super Bowl Party at Burlingame Lions Hall. Contact Ray Kliever at 572-2392, 1/29 Nomination of Officers Meeting at 1249 Geneva Ave., 6 P.M., 2/19 Student Speakers Contest, 2/21 3rd Cabinet Meeting at Burlingame Rec. Center, 2/22 G.-E. Crab Bash 3/3 Zone Student Speaker Contest