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THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Lyle Workman, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bill Tonelli. Only twelve members were in attendance. Tail Twister Dick Johnson gave members an opportunity to have their introductory fines waived if they could correctly answer baseball trivia questions. Bernie Hammarstedt, Giulio Francesconi and Handford Clews went down swinging by not knowing that Jimmie Foxx came close to Babe Ruth's record of 58 home runs in 1932. Some other questions were: Who was the Yankee's manager in 1961? (Ralph Houk), Who was the fan who caught Roger Maris' 61st home run? (Sal Durante).

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crab Bash Ticket Coordinator Handford Clews reported that unsold tickets are being returned to him "fast and furious." It seems as though members erroneously assumed the event would automatically be a sell-out. Tickets are available and members are urged to sell them to new attendees. Seating at the Crab Bash will be arranged for only the number of known sold tickets. It is important that members keep Handford informed of the status of outstanding tickets. Bar supervisor Joe Farrah reported all liquor, beverages, ice, etc. have been ordered. He is waiting for responses from some members he has asked to bartend. Crab Bash Co-Ch'mn. Dick Johnson is reminding members to notify the committee in advance of people who will be requesting chicken instead of crab. Co-Ch'mn. Gino Benetti asks wives of members to notify either Ann Benetti or Irene Tonelli if they can bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres with them to the Crab Bash.

Joe Farrah reported that he, Gino Benetti and Bill Tonelli joined Visitation Ch'mn. Chas. Bottarini in visiting the Millbrae Lions Club at their dinner-meeting of February 6th. Bill, aka Goldfinger, was the winner of two dozen Titelist golf balls in a raffle drawing held there. He graciously gifted them to Charlie. Millbrae member who is also Millbrae's chief of police, Mike Parker, was the meeting's program speaker. He told of how the Millbrae Police Dept. is now on TRAK thanks to financial help made by the Millbrae L.C. and others in the community. Almost all police departments in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, as well as San Francisco, now have access to the TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids) system, a combination of computer hardware and software.

Joe Farrah reported that a senior from Balboa High School contacted him re the Student Speakers Contest. He also reported that District Student Speaker Ch'mn. Paul Borque informed him Paul knew of high schools with multiple speakers, which schools were seeking Lions Clubs where these speakers could compete. This information has been

forwarded to club Student Speaker Ch'mn. Paul Corvi. The club's contest takes place this coming Wednesday, Feb. 19th at the I.A.S.C. Bring your ladies.

Sunshine Ch'mn. Bill Tonelli reported Al Fregosi is still bedridden with a case of bronchitis since Feb. 1. Let Al know his wit and humor are being missed.

Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bernie Hammarstedt was pleased to report that two members asked for more raffle tickets to sell.

Membership Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi asked for input on a proof of new "Who are the Lions?" pamphlets produced and distributed by Lyle Workman. Consensus was that a photo of a Lions activity would make the pamphlet more attention-getting.

The Grand Prize in the Convention Raffle was \$277 for an orange golf ball, \$137.50 for a striped ball. Convention Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly drew the winning ticket belonging to the team of Francesconi & San Filippo. Sam deferred to Giulio to reach into the pouch, which turned out to be a mistake. Absent Mike Castagnetto missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion rose. Whom did you appoint, Mike?

SHORTS

We are proliferating. Dick & Diane Johnson are the proud grandparents of Michael David Johnson, Jr. born to their son Mike and his wife on Jan. 23rd. Outdoing them are George & Kathy Salet. They had two new granddaughters within five days. One was born to daughter Yvette on Feb. 8th and the other born to daughter Michelle on Feb. 12th. Congratulations! Cigars are in order.

San Bruno Lions Club has announced they are endorsing their member Mel Phillips as a candidate for vice-district governor for the year 1997-98.

Notices have been mailed announcing the 3rd Cabinet Meeting to be held at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Ave. on Friday, Feb. 21st. 6 P.M. Cocktails, 7 P.M. Dinner. Dinner cost of \$12.50 is to be paid at the door. Chefs are Aldo Lazzarini & Ron Seward. Hors d'oeuvres are to be provided by the 1997-98 candidates. R.S.V.P. Harold Muller at (415) 587-7194.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/16 Chas. Bottarini, Chas. Stuhr, Dick Johnson; 2/19 Dorothy Pearson, Bernie & Kathryn Hammarstedt

COMING EVENTS

2/19 Student Speakers Contest at I.A.S.C., 2/21 3rd Cabinet Meeting at Burlingame Rec. Center, 2/22 G.-E. Crab Bash, 3/3 Zone Student Speaker Contest, 3/12 Past Presidents Night