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THE MEETING

The meeting at the I.A.S.C. was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Handford Clews, and the invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. The meeting was then turned over to Student Speaker Contest Ch'mn. Paul Corvi. Five high school students took turns speaking on this year's topic, "Today's Legal System - Is It Justice?" They all spoke very well so the three judges had a difficult time choosing from among them. The declared winner was Ms. Lynn Poss, a senior from Lowell. The runners up were Nonna Gorilovskaya, a senior from Geo. Washington; Hugo Delgado, a junior from St. Ignatius; Jeannine Louie, a sophomore from Mercy, and Paul Garcia, a senior from Balboa. The winner received a \$50 award and the runners up each received a \$25 award in addition to certificates of recognition. The judges were Randall Stoner, Brian A. Kelly and Hillary Gold. Serving the contest as tellers tabulating the judges' scoring were Ward Donnelly, Chas. Bottarini and Gino Benetti. The timekeepers were Bernie Hammarstedt, Mike Castagnetto and Bill Tonelli. A job well done, Lions.

Paul Corvi announced that the next level in the Student Speakers' Contest will be the Zone 1 Contest, which will be chaired by Zone Ch'mn. Joe Farrah. This too will be a Ladies Night dinner-meeting at the Granada Cafe on Monday, March 3rd. Assemble at 6:30 P.M., contest at 7 P.M., dinner following contest at 8 P.M. This competition will be among the winners of four club contests in this zone. Members and their ladies are urged to attend to support Lynn Poss, who will be representing this club. Winner of this contest will receive a \$75 cash award.

THIRD CABINET MEETING

Bill Tonelli and Joe Farrah from this club attended the district's Third Cabinet Meeting at the Burlingame Recreation Center on Feb. 21st. Governor Al Leyva reported that the district has suffered a net loss of 75 members since the beginning of the administrative year. District chefs Ron Seward and Aldo Lazzarini prepared an ample and interesting buffet dinner of green salad, Chinese noodles, fried rice, string beans, lasagna and meat loaf. San Bruno Lions formally nominated their member Mel Phillips as a candidate for Vice-District Governor. A visiting dignitary was Carl E. Burson, P.D.G. from Four C-5 (Sacramento). He is the event coordinator for the Kay Fukushima for International Vice-President campaign. One of the bartenders was

popular Dewey Hinkley, who has just rejoined the Lions as a member of the Burlingame Lions Club. Dewey has come out of retirement to sell automobiles for Golden Gate Cadillac. Fortunately designated driver Joe Farrah drank only a 7 Up during the night because he got caught up in a Burlingame Police D.U.I.

checkpoint on California Drive on the way home. He was waved through after an officer peered at his eyes and checked his driver's license.

CRAB BASH

The club's Crab Bash took place Feb. 22nd at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. An unofficial count had 479 people in attendance. 1,600 pounds of crab was on hand to feed these hungry bodies. Lions and their ladies from other clubs were Ron Seward from Marina L.C., and John Benson and Pete Campanile from the Burlingame L.C. As soon as the "Bash" was put into "cruise control," everything seemed to run smoothly. Even the valium intake by some members of the kitchen crew was lessened this year. Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Gino Benetti are to be congratulated for a difficult assignment well done.

The spirit of Mike Spediacci prevailed over the entire event. It would please Mike to see the tradition with which he was so strongly identified continue as it did. Todd and Mike, Jr. Spediacci were there to help carry the torch.

More details and acknowledgements will be reported in the next bulletin edition. However a great debt of gratitude is owed to Mike Castagnetto for supervising the kitchen. Charlie Bottarini again did his superb job of setting up, working, cleaning and disassembling the bars. Bill & Irene Tonelli conducted the raffle with customary excellence.

Thanks to the ladies who prepared and brought the delicious hors d'ouvers.

SHORTS

It was erroneously reported in the last bulletin that George & Kathy Salet became the grandparents of two granddaughters. Make that two grandsons.

Phil Ritzau, P.D.G. passed away February 19th at the age of 88. Phil was district governor during the term 1972-73, and a past president of the Millbrae Lions Club. This club extends its sympathy to Phil's wife Viola, the Ritzau family, and the members of the Millbrae Lions Club on their loss.

Excelsior District boxing legend Ray Actis passed away this month at age 85. There is an interesting story and photos of Ray's career appearing in the April '97 edition of Ring Magazine now on the newsstands.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/23 Ed Damonte, 2/27 Pauline Woodall

COMING EVENTS

3/3 Zone Student Speaker Contest at Granada Cafe, 3/5 Board Meeting, 3/12 Past Presidents Night