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THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruno Ceccarelli, and the Invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Sixteen Lions were in attendance. Tail Twister Dick Johnson learned that Charlie Bottarini's hearing is better than Dick thought. Even though Bottarini was having a private conversation with Bill Tonelli during introductions, he still heard Bernie Hammarstedt answer "February" when the tail-twister asked Bernie in what month he was born.

Secretary Lyle Workman distributed copies of the Feb. Governor's Newsletter he had produced. The secretary announced the club was in receipt of \$5 raffle tickets to benefit the Canine Companions for the Handicapped.

Nominating Committee Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly did another reading of nominations for club offices for the year 1997-98.

Crab Feed Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported almost complete results to the club. "Almost complete" because club Treasurer Handford Clews is away playing golf in Mexico. 470 people purchased tickets. This compares with 521 ticket purchases last year. The raffle earned \$2,889. About 29 trays of surplus crab were sold @ \$10 each. With gross income totaling \$19,600, the club will realize a net profit between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Dick extended gratitude to all of the Lions who worked the bar and kitchen and to those that helped set up the dining room. Special thanks to kitchen crew Brad Barisic, Mike Castagnetto III, Ron Faina, Mike Johnson, Todd Spediacci and Dan Vegas. John Bottarini and Frank Ramazzano were a great help as bartenders. Lyle Workman did his usual good job with the signage, and Handford Clews coordinated ticket sales and seating arrangement again. Thanks also to Gino Benetti, John Madden and others who donated raffle prizes.

Co-Ch'mn. Dick Johnson invited a critique on the feed. A letter from a patron was received complaining not enough swing music was played. Bar coordinator Joe Farrah asked more different members to volunteer to tend bar for future Crab Bashes.

Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bernie Hammarstedt reported that he still has more raffle tickets available, and that Bill Tonelli just took yet another two books of tickets. Bernie requests that all money and tickets be turned in to him by March 19th.

Used eyeglasses Coordinator Charles Bottarini announced that all eyeglasses should be turned in to him prior to April 19th.

\$302 was the prize in the Convention Raffle. President George Salet drew Dick Johnson's winning ticket number. Dick's prize was a plain white golf ball. Of the \$4 Ward Donnelly won in the Attendance Raffle, he donated \$1 to the Convention Fund. Nobody identified himself as being the Mystery Lion.

The Board of Directors meeting was

called to order. The Treasurer's report was waived (see above). Attendance Ch'mn. Sam San Filippo reported attendance for the month of February was 60%.

Board Action included an allocation to contribute \$100 towards sending needy local grammar school students to attend symphony performances, and an allocation of \$300 towards \$1,224 needed to send high school student Joseph Workman to "Operation Closeup" in Washington D.C.

ZONE 1 STUDENT SPEAKERS RUNOFF

The Zone 1 Student Speakers runoff took place at the Granada Cafe on March 3rd. A total of 35 people were present. In attendance from this club were Bill & Irene Tonelli, Al & Blanche Fregosi, Dick Johnson, Gino Benetti and Paul Corvi. The four contest judges and contest ch'mn. Joe Farrah were all classmates at Balboa High School a long time ago. Four speakers competed. The winner, representing the S.F. Host Lions Club, was Ms. Nilsa Lennig, a junior from Mercy High School. She will advance to compete for the \$125 award in the Region 2 Runoff to be held 7 P.M. at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant, Pacifica on Tuesday, March 25th. This hosted coffee and dessert event will be chaired by Region 2 Chairman Harold Muller. Representation from this club should be there.

PAST PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

The coming meeting of Wednesday, March 12th will be this club's annual P.P. Night. Former President Ward Donnelly will present his case to be admitted into the ranks of the past presidents, and all past presidents will be hosted to dinner. Hopefully Charter Member and P.P. Al Kleinbach will trek down from Auburn for this special occasion.

SHORTS

Ask Giulio Francesconi how he accidentally destroyed the first batch of cream puffs Donna had made as hors d'ouvers for the Crab Bash.

Don't be puzzled if Handford Clews bids you good-bye by saying "arriva deci." The Italian language classes he is attending are taking effect.

Bruno & Jennifer Ceccarelli are expecting a little Ceccarelli about July 1st. Who was the last member of this club to sire a child?

COMING EVENTS

3/8 Burlingame L.C. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, \$15 per; 3/12 Past Presidents Night; 3/25 Region 2 Student Speakers Runoff at Nick's, Pacifica; 3/28 LCIF Dinner, Villa Hotel, S.M., \$27.50 per, contact Norm Aaro at 369-0747