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THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dick Johnson, and the Invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Sixteen Lions were in attendance. Tail Twister Dick Johnson observed a brightness in the eastern sky at 5 A.M. Wednesday morning, did a little research, and decided to make the identity of the bright object a trivia question for introductions. Obviously, additional fines were extracted from all Lions for not knowing the bright object was the "Hale Bopp Comet."

Since the club treasurer was now back from his Mexican vacation (more on that to follow), Crab Bash Co-Chairman Dick Johnson was able to report that a net profit of \$8,895 was earned from the event. Dick further reported that the co-chairmen will try to lock up the Recreational Center for the Handicapped hall for the last Saturday in February next year to repeat the Bash.

Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bernie Hammarstedt reminded members that all unsold tickets, ticket stubs and receipts must be turned in to him by the next week's meeting. Don't make Bernie chase you down.

Used eyeglasses Coordinator Charles Bottarini reported that Bill Tonelli turned in another carton of glasses. His cutoff date for the turn-in of used eyeglasses is April 19th.

Wearing his other hat as Visitation Ch'mn., Charlie announced there would be a visitation to the Mission Lions Club at noon on March 19th. This visitation will NOT take place because the Mission L.C. does not meet on third Wednesdays. Misinformation on Page 2 of the current district roster is responsible for the mixup. Compounding the mixup, a typo on Page 50 of the roster has the wrong business telephone number for Mission L.C. President Steve Kish. A visit to the Mission L.C. will be scheduled for a later date.

George Salet announced that the program speaker for next week's meeting will be stage comedian Daniel Scopazzi. Scopazzi is a product of the Outer Mission District and Riordan High School. Many of you have seen or are familiar with the stage production he wrote and in which he performs entitled "Outer Mission, Middle Class." He is also known by his professional name of Dan St. Paul. Bring a guest.

Thirteen P.P.s were present at this Annual Past President's Night. In order of seniority beginning with Chuck Stuhr, each P.P. rose and reflected on his administration. In the middle of this, the club received a phone call from P.P. Al Kleinbach in Auburn expressing his regret that he couldn't be there. Then FORMER President Ward Donnelly rose and petitioned the P.P.s to admit him into their ranks, inasmuch as he has been a dedicated and devoted Lion and in view of the fact that he treated for the dinner wine. Ward was unanimously acclaimed as a Past President. The formal nailing of his name plate on the

Past President's Plaque will take place at the next meeting. The delay has something to do with the club secretary going through a relocation of his business.

An unscheduled meeting program was Handford Clews describing his recent one-week trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. It was a package tour through the Palo Alto Elks Club, which included a couple of golf days at Mazatlan. Charter carrier Allegro Airlines took 3 hours to fly them smoothly direct from SFO to Mazatlan. They stayed at the 2,000 unit El Cid Hotel complex. The beach para-sailing brought to Handford's memory an earlier time when he and Howard Pearson themselves para-sailed in the Cayman Islands. Handford in harness was pulled off of his take-off raft and dragged through the water like a dolphin before the chute lifted him. Best part of the Mazatlan trip was that Montezuma didn't take out any revenge on Handford or Margot.

Convention Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly put the arm on the P.P.s for a minimum of \$5 worth of raffle tickets each raising \$67 for the Convention Fund. \$335 prize money was now available. The winning raffle ticket was held by the Francesconi/Faina/San Filippo team. Giulio drew a plain white golf ball from the pouch. Bill Tonelli was present to win \$2 in the Attendance Raffle. A Mystery Lion finally identified himself. Mike Castagnetto rose and declared, "I re-appointed myself. What's wrong with that?" No arguments.

SHORTS

Rose Patrich, mother of Frances Spediacci, passed away March 2nd at age 83. The club extends its sympathy to Frances and to the Patrich and Spediacci families.

Bill & Irene Tonelli and Joe Farrah were among the 40 attendees at the March 7th benefit dinner on behalf of Kay Fukushima for International Vice-President. This salmon or prime rib dinner was put on by the Millbrae Lions Club at the residence of Millbrae Lion Robert Vogt. A check for \$2,000 was presented to Fukushima for his campaign.

Bill & Irene Tonelli attended the Burlingame Lion's Club Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner held on March 8th. About 125 people were there.

COMING EVENTS

3/19 Program Meeting; 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; 4/17 District Student Speakers Contest, Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae, 6:45 P.M.; 4/19 Lions Y & C Activities Drawing at I.A.S.C.; 4/20 D.C. Gateway L.C. Pancake Breakfast at Franciscan Mobile Home Park, 700 Hoffman St., D.C., 9 A.M., \$2.99 per; 4/27 Wine Tasting, 2 to 6 P.M., \$20 per, at 80 Tanforan Ave., So. S.F.