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## THE MEETING

The meeting *was called to order by* President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gino Benetti, and the Invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Twenty Lions and guests were in attendance. Tail Twister Dick Johnson decreed it would be a "no fine night" in view of the facts that the club was hosting some guests and members had guests with them. In gratitude for their assistance in working the recent Crab Bash, the club had John Bottarini, Mike Johnson and Dan Vegas as guests. Giulio Francesconi's guest was Gerry Lowe and Charlie Bottarini's guest was his cousin and former partner, Frank Bottarini.

Secretary Lyle Workman read letters of gratitude from the St. Mary's Medical Day Center, S.F. Teen Challenge and the Lions Eye Foundation for recent monthly contributions received by them. Lyle also read an announcement from the Nikkei Lions Club of their 4th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament to be held June 1st at Adobe Creek Golf Course, Petaluma. The \$100 Entry Fee includes green fee, cart, prizes and awards dinner. Contact Phil Mar at (415) 333-6470.

Convention Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly announced this year's district convention will again be held at the Radisson Inn, Sacramento, May 14th thru 18th. The theme of this convention is "The Way We Were." The first convention meeting will be at the residence of Handford & Margot Clews, 141 Elm St., # 4, San Mateo, 7 P.M., Thursday, March 27th.

The president presented Joe Farrah who introduced Dan Scopazzi, the program speaker. Dan now lives in Foster City with his wife, Cara and his son, Roy. However he grew up on Sala Ter. in the Outer Mission District. He is the product of an Italian family that migrated to S.F. in 1948. He attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School, Riordan High School, City College, U.C. Berkeley, and finally earned a Masters Degree at S.F. State. He entered show business and his comedy hits you where you live. The world of a middle class, suburban husband and father has spawned a wealth of material on marriage, children, shopping at warehouse superstores, dealing with telephone solicitors, etc. Dan is convinced that those who can't relate to his act must lead very odd lives. He sincerely hopes they get some professional help soon.

Having earned rave reviews as a finalist in the S.F. International Stand-Up Comedy Competition, Dan parlayed his success into numerous television appearances. As a regular on "An Evening at the Improv," "VH-1 Stand Up Spotlight," and "Comic Strip Live," Dan earned the privilege of opening for stars such as Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld, and Gary Shandling.

Rather than just tell jokes, Dan transports his audience to a series of comedic events, from Italian Christmas dinners when he was a child ("There is so much food, you can actually hear the sound of clothes ripping at

the seams.") to the birth of his giant baby boy ("9lb. 10 oz. We had to get special cigars that say "It's a man!"). Hopefully his production of "Outer Mission, Middle Class" will soon have a run in San Francisco so that those of you who haven't seen it will have an opportunity to do so.

The pot in the Convention Raffle has grown to \$372. Guest Dan Vegas drew the ticket held by the team of Clews/Lowe/Francesconi. Giulio again drew a blank white golf ball for no prize. Absent Mike Castagnetto missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Raffle. Whomever Mike appointed to succeed him as the Mystery Lion was also absent.

## SHORTS

Dick Johnson will be playing for the championship of his flight in the S.F. Examiner sponsored City Golf Tournament at Harding Golf Course this Sunday, March 23rd, teeing off at 6:30 A.M. Hit them straight down the fairway, Dick.

Al & Blanche Fregosi are back at their Hawaiian retreat. If you want to check on Hawaiian weather or plan to drop in on the Fregosis for a cool pineapple beverage, they may be found at 68-615 Farrington Hiway, Waialua, Oahu HI (808) 637-6928.

A nice feature article and photos appeared in the Peninsula Section of Friday's S.F. Examiner on Burlingame Lion Art Preston. He is dubbed "The Candy Man of Broadway" because of the 50 years he has spent on Broadway Ave., Burlingame handmaking all kinds of delicious candies at his Preston's Candies & Ice Cream Store. A S.F. native, Art, 77, went to work for Shaw Candies in the West Portal District while still at Polytechnic High School. After he graduated from Poly in 1938, Preston signed on as an apprentice at Blum's at California & Polk. This Easter Preston's will produce about 12,000 chocolate Easter eggs, ranging in size from 2 ounces to 2 pounds.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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## COMING EVENTS

3/25 Region 2 Student Speakers Runoff at Nick's, Pacifica; 3/27 Convention Meeting; 3/28 LCIF Dinner, Villa Hotel, S.M., \$27.50 per, contact Norm Aaro at 369-0747; 4/2 Board Meeting; 4/13 Regional Counselors B-B-Q; 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.