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## THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Tonelli, and the Invocation was given by Joe Farrah. Sixteen members were in attendance. Tail Twister Dick Johnson gave members an opportunity to have their introductory fines waived by answering S.F. Giants questions taken from an article in that day's Chronicle. Charlie Bottarini knew that the Giants came to S.F. in 1958. Baseball buff Bill Tonelli erred but Bernie Hammarstedt was correct on the fact the first Giants game played in Candlestick Park was in 1960.

The secretary distributed copies of the March Governor's Newsletter to the members. Used eyeglasses coordinator Charlie Bottarini reported quantities of glasses were recently turned in to him by Galdo Pavini, Ray Squeri, Bernie Hammarstedt and Bill Tonelli. As visitation chairman, Charlie reported frustration in communicating with another club in this zone in his attempts to schedule a visit to that club. Attendance Ch'mn. Sam San Filippo reported member attendance for the month of March was 60%. Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bernie Hammarstedt reported he turned in the bulk of receipts and raffle tickets to the district. He would like to hear from other members who will be attending the April 19th drawing. Crab Feed Co-Ch'mn. Gino Benetti gave a final-final report on the event: gross receipts were \$16,520 and net profit was \$7,015.

The president introduced visiting Lion George Habeeb, PDG from the Millbrae L.C. George is an Area Director and a District 4-C4 Trustee of Canine Companions for Independence. He presented to the club a photo and fact sheet of a recipient of a canine companion. Nine year old Elizabeth Anderson is handicapped as a consequence of muscular dystrophy. She gets about by using both a manual and power wheelchair. In recognition and gratitude of this club's support of Canine Companions, George wanted the club to know she named her puppy "Excelsior." The club appreciates George taking the time out to visit it. To encourage more visits, he was served a super portion of tripe and polenta for dinner.

Visitor George Habeeb drew the name of Al Gentile in the Convention Raffle. Al put his magic touch to work and came up with the elusive orange golf ball to win the swollen jackpot of \$394. Congratulations, Al! Mike Castagnetto donated the \$4 he won in the Attendance Drawing to the Convention Fund. Thank you, Mike. The same Mike Castagnetto was identified as the Mystery Lion (no victims). He publicly promised to end the repetition by appointing a successor.

## SHORTS

Handford & Margot Clews hosted the first

convention meeting at their residence on March 27th. Also in attendance were Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly, Bill & Irene Tonelli, Joe & Emily Farrah and Gino & Ann Benetti. A decision was made for the club to participate in the Tail Twisters Contest. Handford is composing the script, and is seeking two volunteers to fill out the three-member cast. Ward is seeking a couple to take the hospitality suite of two back-to-back rooms. Ward also has application forms he would like conventioners to request and complete.

Joe Albrecht is recovering nicely from heart bypass surgery he underwent at St. Mary's Hospital about two weeks ago.

Dick Johnson was defeated by Dan Taylor by one stroke for the championship of the Harding 6th Flight at the S.F. City Golf Tournament played on March 23rd. The club is proud of you, Dick.

Bill & Irene Tonelli and Joe & Emily Farrah attended the Region 2 Student Speaker Runoff held at Nick's, Pacifica on March 25th. The winner of \$125, from this club's Zone 1, was Nilsa Lennig, a junior at Mercy High School, S.F., representing the S.F. Host L.C. She will now advance to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship at the District Contest, a dinner event to take place at Green Hills Country Club on April 17th.

The Burlingame L.C. was praised Sat., March 29th on Channel 7's 6 O'Clock News for their Easter Egg Hunt For Blind Kids which took place that day.

Lions Information: which is greater, an area or a multiple district? Ask Bill Tonelli, PDG for verification.

Youth Exchange, the opportunity of a lifetime. Summer Camps are open in England, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Ireland and Australia for children 16 - 21 years old. Interested parties should contact District Ch'mn. Kurt Hauswirth at Res. 467-5023 or Bus. 436-3817.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/10 Al Kleinbach

## COMING EVENTS

4/5 Millbrae L.C. Crab Feed at St. Dunstan's Hall, \$25 per. Contact Gordon Dito at 583-9941; 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.