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THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Farrah, and the Invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Twelve members were in attendance. Bernie Hammarstedt filled in as acting tail twister. Dick Johnson would have extracted a larger fine from Ron Faina for the telling of his "Sisters of Mercy" story. Joe Farrah introduced his guest, former G.-E. Lion Charlie Grisenti. When Charlie was asked to give those present a little update on his activities, Charlie informed us he has been retired from Hibernia Bank eight years, his wife Aldeen retired from B of A about a year ago, he is playing a little golf, takes art lessons and has done some paintings of San Francisco scenes, and they will be taking a fourteen day trip to Ireland next month.

A bulletin updating the district convention was distributed to the members. It confirmed that a sufficient number of clubs has signed up for the Costume Parade for the parade to take place.

Convention Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly reported that Gino & Ann Benetti hosted the second convention meeting on April 14th. In attendance besides the hosts and chairman were Handford & Margot Clews, Bill & Irene Tonelli, Charlie & Estelle Bottarini, and Joe & Emily Farrah. The Bottarinis graciously volunteered to take the club's hospitality suite at the convention. The club will be serving Italian cookies and capuccino at the International Square. One more volunteer is needed to fill out the three-member cast for the club's Tail Twister skit. Convention attendees who have not yet completed their registration form should do so at once. Also notify Ward no later than the end of April if you wish to participate in the golf tournament. Entry fee of \$40 is to be paid to Handford Clews.

Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bernie Hammarstedt thanked the club for the tickets it sold. He reported that the Riordan High School Band sold 359 of the club's books of raffle tickets.

Convention Raffle tickets were offered @ 15 tickets for \$6. Two winning tickets were going to be drawn for this particular raffle. Guest Charlie Grisenti drew the tickets belonging to Bernie Hammarstedt and the team of Gentile/Benetti. All missed out on the prizes of \$70 and \$35. Absent Charlie Stuhr couldn't claim the \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Giulio Francesconi obviously neglected to appoint a Mystery Lion.

SHORTS

Former G.-E. Lion (5/57 to 10/62) Ed Luzzi, 66, passed away April 12th. Ed was the proprietor of L & M Electronics on Geneva Ave., and he succumbed to lung cancer. Ed was sponsored into this club by Chuck Benoit.

While Tiger Woods was winning the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, Joe Farrah and his son, Nick, climbed their ways to the final round of twelve winners in the Reno Hilton's Spring Invitational Craps Tournament. Nick finished in 2nd position to win \$2,250, and defending champion Joe finished in 9th position to win \$335. Wife/mother Emily cheered them on from the sideline.

A new Marin Lions Club is the second of its kind in the nation to be geared toward developmentally disabled adults.

Thirty-four charter members, their families and other Lions members celebrated the club's birth at a dinner Saturday night in Corte Madera.

It took about a year--from concept to creation--for this San Rafael 'Champions' Lions Club to be formed.

Charlie & Estelle Bottarini will be attending the Marin Boy Scout Council's Award Ceremonies in Novato on May 18th to proudly watch their grandson, Christopher Bottarini, receive his Eagle Scout award. Christopher, age 17, earned 30 merit badges to qualify for this coveted award. He will be headed for Cal Poly or U.S.C. after June graduation.

Bill & Irene Tonelli and Joe & Emily Farrah attended the District Student Speakers Contest, which was held April 17th at Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae. 180 people were in attendance. The event was incorporated into a regular dinner-meeting of the Millbrae Lions Club, which meeting culminated the Millbrae Lions Annual "Youth In Government Week." Leading high school students are selected to learn about city government from the inside by serving as acting mayor, acting police chief, etc. Awards were presented to winners of an essay writing competition also. The winner of a \$2,500 scholarship in the Student Speakers Contest was Ms. Allia Ramahi, a student at S.F. Mercy High School representing the Mission L.C. from Region 1. Janelle Herrick of Half Moon Bay High spoke for Region 3, and Nilsa Lennig spoke for Region 2.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/19 Marci Stuhr, 4/25 Bill Graziano, Bill Shea; 5/2 Barbra Salet

COMING EVENTS

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.; 5/7 Board Meeting; 5/14-5/18 District Convention; 6/14 G.-E. Installation of Officers at Basque Cultural Center