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## THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and the invocation was given by Joe Farrah.

The president announced that a meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday, May 28th, at which this club will be hosting the monthly meeting of the S.F. Council of Lions Clubs. It behooves Geneva-Excelsior to have a good turnout.

Used Eye Glasses Coordinator Charlie Bottarini reported this club turned in a grand total of 78 pounds of glasses for processing.

Ward Donnelly reported that the club's Installation of Officers has been set to be held at the Basque Cultural Center, So. S.F., Sat., June 14th. Cocktails at 6:30 P.M.; dinner at 7:15 P.M. \$25 per gives you a choice of salmon in champagne sauce or prime rib. Dinner includes soup, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and wine. Mail your checks made out to G.-E. Lions to Ward in confirmation of your attendance now.

Convention Ch'mn. Ward Donnelly reported the following from this club were at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento: Bill & Irene Tonelli, Handford & Margot Clews, Chas. & Estelle Bottarini, Joe & Emily Farrah, Gino & Anne Benetti, Lyle Workman, George Salet, John Madden and Ward Donnelly. The golf tournament foursome of Clews, Johnson, Workman & Bottarini each won a sleeve of golf balls for being the foursome with the lowest score. Handford Clews won the Governor's Cup for having the individual lowest score. The club won a plaque for being the best in the Weekly Bulletin Contest. The club ranked 5th in Youth & Community Activities raffle ticket sales. Foster City Lions Club won most of the trophies and awards in the various district contests. Charlie & Estelle Bottarini kept the drinks pouring and the snacks circulating in the club's hospitality room.

Joe Farrah introduced visitor Dennis Carlson, the owner of WeDriveU, Inc. This is the company which offered the club fundraising opportunity mentioned in the last bulletin. He again described the opportunity and answered questions. Drivers are needed to do chauffeuring June 19th - 24th.

George Salet introduced program speaker Lion David Strand from the Chinatown Lions Club. David has been practicing immigration law in S.F. for the past seventeen years and has been president of the S.F. International Program for six years. The mission of this program is to promote understanding among people of the world through professional and cultural exchange, to increase knowledge within a working environment, and to present a realistic and positive image of all aspects of American life. They arrange training experiences from 2 to 18 months for professional visitors from other countries, in addition to short-term business visits and internships. They are seeking financial

contributions and families to host the visitors from various foreign countries. Lion David introduced one of the programs interns, Ursula Singenberger, an immigration officer from Switzerland. Ms. Singenberger spoke and gave her impressions of life in America as compared to Switzerland. She observed life in the U.S. is more family oriented compared to Switzerland where it is more individualistic.

Gino Benetti was the Mystery Lion. The rude Lions who didn't shake his hands were John Madden and Charles Stuhr. Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Raffle.

## JOE T. LOO

Tragically, Lion Joe T. Loo, 63, collapsed and died of an apparent massive heart attack on Friday, May 16th at the District Convention. He was stricken backstage immediately after he participated in an amateur show put on by his Redwood Shores Club. The club did a Latin song and dance routine, in which Joe was costumed and made up like a Carmen Miranda.

Joe T. Loo was the district's current vice-district governor, who was to ascend to the governorship effective July 1st. His committee appointments were all in place, and he was going to announce his cabinet at the Saturday night dinner-dance. He is survived by children Joseph, Jr., Mary and Patrick Loo. A Funeral Mass was held May 22nd at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Belmont. Joe's boundless energy, cheer and enthusiasm will be missed by all of the Lions in District Four C4.

## PDGs, CABINET TO MEET

In accordance with rules established by Lions International, Immediate Past District Governor Rudy Loreda has called a meeting of all Past District Governors, the current Governor and his Cabinet for the purpose of nominating and electing a recommended Lion to be appointed as District Governor for the year 1997-98. The special meeting will take place at the Burlingame Lions Hall, 7 P.M., Tuesday, May 27th. The recommended Lion will be submitted to the International Board of Directors for acceptance.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/19 Joe Albrecht, 5/22 Anne Benetti, 5/26 Ed & Bobbi Damonte, Estelle Bottarini, Sam San Filippo, Sophie Zagorewicz, 5/27 Rose Fraher, 5/29 Ron & Linnie Faina, 6/1 Emily Farrah, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi, 6/2 Bill & Irene Tonelli

## COMING EVENTS

5/28 Joint meeting with S.F. Council at Granada Cafe; 6/4 Board Meeting; 6/14 G.-E. Installation of Officers at Basque Cultural Center; 6/21 Millbrae L.C. Installation at Clarion Hotel, 6/22 Palo Alto Concours D'Elegance at Stanford