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THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President George Salet. Seven members were in attendance. They were Lions Bernie Hammerstedt, Ward Donnelly, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Bill Tonelli, Lyle Workman and George Salet. Bernie led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bill Graziano gave the invocation.

Golf Tournament Ch'mn. Lyle Workman again reminded members about this year's tournament which will be taking place at Crystal Springs Golf Course on Sept. 17th. The \$100 per player includes greens fees, cart, tee prizes, lunch. Course contests: long drive, closest to hole, low gross, low net and lots of surprises. Also a ticket to that evening's bar-b-q which will be taking place at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club. He is estimating 48 to 60 golfers will be participating. Cost for the bar-b-q alone will be \$28.

Lyle reminded members of the upcoming joint dinner/meeting with the Associated Building Contractors of America to be held at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped on June 25th. Being served will be a complete chicken or steak dinner. Nordstrom will be putting on a show of women's fashions on this occasion. The club will be paying for all members who are attending. \$26 per person for wives and guests. Call Giulio Francesconi to confirm.

Lion Lyle announced that the speaker for the first program meeting in July may again be Al Fregosi. Something about a rumble between Al and a 270 pound former 49er football player at a golf course cafe today.

Members who didn't attend this meeting missed out on a new "first." Leila's sister Linda was the waitress, and Linda offered us a **choice** of ice cream flavors, chocolate or mocha almond fudge.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The club's 47th Annual Installation of Officers dinner took place June 15th at the Basque Cultural Center. A total of sixteen people were in attendance. Master of Ceremonies Dick Johnson did a superb job at his task. He entertained the audience with trivia that prevailed the year the club was chartered, 1951, such as who was Truman's vice-president, who won the academy awards (Humphrey Bogart, Vivian Leigh), the price of first class postage, etc. PDG Bill Tonelli officiated as installing officer. He presented as a gift to all of the incoming officers a brass plated summoning bell adorned with a Lion emblem. Incoming President Ward Donnelly's

first official act was to present George Salet with his past president's plaque. A close look at this plaque revealed it had Lyle Workman's name on it. Apparently Lions International has been slow in processing the order for George's plaque.

SHORTS

Gino Benetti was admitted to Peninsula Hospital June 14th for evaluation and tests. He was experiencing a lack of equilibrium at home. Sunshine Ch'mn. Bill Tonelli reports Gino has had a mild stroke which effected his right side. Gino is receiving therapy at Mills Hospital. The club wishes Gino a speedy recovery.

The district is publishing a souvenir program to commemorate the installation of District Governor Kenneth Newman and his Cabinet Officers for the year 1997-98. The event will coincide with the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of The International Association of Lions Clubs. Ads in this program are being solicited. Space runs from \$20 for a Patron ad to \$200 for the Outside Back Cover. Contact Elma Loreda, Program Committee Chairperson, at (510) 222-6346.

Foster City Lions Club will be celebrating Thirty Years of Service Tuesday, July 22nd at the Foster City Recreation Center. 6:30 P.M. no host cocktails, 7:30 P.M. dinner. Entree choice of roast filet mignon strip or seafood brochette. Entertainment by Peninsula Civic Light Opera. \$20 per. Call 345-2877 evenings or 468-0787 days for info.

As you are reading this, Lions John Madden, Joe Farrah, Don Stanaway, Pete Campanile and others are working as volunteer chauffeurs in conjunction with the U.S. Conference of Mayors taking place in S.F. 300 to 400 mayors are here, and there will be high profile visits from President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. The cell phone equipped Chrysler vans and Lincoln Town Cars the Lions are driving are based and being dispatched from Pier 32 located at Embarcadero & Bryant.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri; 6/29 Yvette Salet; 7/1 Bruno Ceccarelli; 7/4 Jennifer Ceccarelli

COMING EVENTS

6/21 Millbrae L.C. Installation at Clarion Hotel; San Bruno L.C. Installation at Hyatt Regency; 6/22 Palo Alto Concours D'Elegance at Stanford; 6/25 Joint dinner/meeting with ABCA; 7/1-7/4 International Convention at Philadelphia; 7/2 Board Meeting; 7/22 Foster City L.C. "Celebration"; 7/26 Cabinet Installation at Westin Hotel, Millbrae