

# Geneva-Excelsior News 9/3/97

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Gino Benetti, (welcome back, Gino) and the invocation was given by Charles Stuhr. Eighteen members were in attendance including Al Kleinbach who drove in with Auburn Lion Jim Shepherd. Al Kleinbach mentioned that he is still in contact with pioneer former G.-E. Lions Ed Trainor (partner in Geneva Men's & Boy's Shop) and Murphy Boheme, P.P. (Sprouse-Reitz manager). Al's timing was good: he walked away with a G.-E. check in the amount of \$112.50.

President Ward announced that the district governor has scheduled October 8th as the date of his official visit to this club. Ward is asking all members to mark this date in their calendars as he would like to see a good turnout of members.

Secretary Lyle Workman distributed announcements and copies of the District Governor's Newsletter to the members.

Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi reported next week's program/meeting at the Basque Cultural Center is set. Magician "Michael the Magnificent" will be entertaining the Lions and ladies. No host cocktails at 6 P.M., dinner at 6:30. \$26.50 per for choice of roast New York strip, baked halibut or breast of chicken chasseur. Notify Giulio of your attendance if you haven't already done so. Giulio also announced that through a contact made by Joe Farrah, he has arranged to have Excelsior District legend Pat Valentino as the program speaker at the meeting of October 15th. Pat was a heavyweight boxer who is most famous for fighting for the world's heavyweight championship against then title holder Ezzard Charles before a sell-out crowd at the Cow Palace in 1948. He had a post-boxing career acting in small roles in many Hollywood movies. Start lining up the guests you will invite to this meeting.

S.F. Council of Lions Clubs representative Charles Bottarini reported he attended the August meeting hosted by the Korean-American L.C. 23 were in attendance. This club will be hosting the Council's May meeting. The Council hasn't yet received from this club the \$35 voluntary dues expected from each member club.

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson was busy all night distributing raffle tickets and receiving receipts and ticket stubs. He reported he has money in-hand for 134 sold tickets. The "Early Bird" drawing will take place at next week's ~~August~~ 10th meeting. Dick urges all members to each look for at least two new ticket purchasers this year.

Golf Chairman Lyle Workman reported that what was 80 participating golfers is now down to 72 golfers due to cancellations. Additional golfers are needed to fill the gap. Also needed are two or three non-golfers to work the tournament. The 8th and 13th holes will be betting holes. A very few Bar-B-Q tickets are available at this time. No Bar-B-Q tickets will be sold the night of the event.

Attendance Chairman Sam San Filippo reported club attendance for the month of August was 59%.

Al Kleinbach drew Giulio Francesconi's ticket in the Convention Raffle. Giulio missed out on \$50 by grabbing a plain white golf ball from the pouch. The Attendance Raffle prize had swollen to \$14, and Galdo Pavini was present to win it. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman had no victims.

## SHORTS

Visitation Chairman Al Gentile brought along six of this club's members on a visit to the Mission Lions Club at the Double Play Restaurant on Aug. 28th. The members were Ward Donnelly, Bill Graziano, Lyle Workman, Handford Clews, Gino Benetti and Joe Farrah. Mission Lions in attendance were President Steve Kish, Secretary Claude Everhart, Bill Welch, Aldo Lazzarini and Aaron Straus. Their club is selling the popular Entertainment Books. The cost of the S.F./San Mateo edition is \$40. Contact Aaron Straus at 826-1717.

Lions Al Gentile and Joe Farrah visited the Marina Lions Club at their lunch meeting of Sept. 3rd, which was the occasion of the governor's official visit there. Eight Marina members were in attendance. Member Nathan Siegel was presented with a 50 year membership certificate. The district governor is going to appoint a non-Marina Lion to serve as an interim president of the Marina Club.

At the August 8th meeting, Giulio Francesconi announced that a Kaiser Hospital weigh-in indicated he had shed 5 1/2 pounds. When he was asked for an update on his weight reduction program, Giulio responded his home scale isn't working so he has to wait for his next visit to Kaiser. Shall we accept this?

The Nikkei Lions Club is having an "All You Can Eat" Rib Feed and Bingo Saturday, Sept. 20th, 5 to 9 P.M. at S.F. Buddhist Church Gym, 1881 Pine St., \$20 per. Contact Klara Ma at 776-4304.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

August 31st game score: 49ers 6, Tampa Bay 13 1st qtr. Joe Espillac, 2nd qtr. Charles Bottarini, 3rd qtr. Kleinbach & Bottarini, Final Kleinbach & Bottarini, Reverse Final Archie Francisco

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

9/11 Al Fregosi

## COMING EVENTS

9/10 Ladies Night at the Basque Cultural Center; 9/17 G.-E. Golf Tournament and Bar-B-Q; 9/20 Nikkei L.C. Rib Feed; 9/27 Ear of the Lion Day at 3-Com Park; 10/1 Park Presidio Golf Tournament, Board Meeting; 10/8 Governor's Visit; 10/15 Pat Valentino Night; 11/13-11/16 Second Cabinet Meeting at Carmel Mission Inn.