

Geneva-Excelsior News

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The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gino Benetti, and the invocation was given by Ed Damonte. Tail Twister Gino Benetti was given an applause welcome for being back at his post. He conducted introductions.

Lyle Workman announced that Bernie Hammarstedt was home receiving oxygen and medication recovering from an attack of radiation pneumonitis he developed while he and Kathryn were on a trip to Colorado Springs. Bernie had to cut the trip short and fly back to S.F., where he was diagnosed and treated at St. Mary's Hospital. Bernie spent three nights at St. Mary's.

Lion Charlie Bottarini reported he was not able to attend the last S.F. Council meeting as he was out of town. However he did mail a club report to the Council. Charlie also reported that Bernie Hammarstedt turned a bag of used eye glasses in to him the past month. More members should be doing the same as used eyeglass collection is an ongoing project.

Charity Raffle Ch'mn. Dick Johnson reported he has cash in hand for 203 sold tickets. He has prepared a personalized letter to prospective ticket buyers he will be glad to produce and mail if he is given names and addresses. Give this some thought and help Dick reach the maximum ticket sale of 250.

Golf Tournament and Bar-B-Q Ch'mn. Lyle Workman distributed a detailed printout of the results of both events. Net profit from both was \$2,144.59, an increase of about \$200 from last year. Lyle invited input so there was discussion of where to have the dinner and what course to play next year. Presidio and Harding Courses were suggested.

President Ward Donnelly reminded members that the next meeting, Oct. 8th, will be the occasion of the annual official visitation of the district governor and his cabinet. The following Oct. 15th meeting will be a program meeting featuring former heavyweight title contender Pat Valentino as guest speaker. Cliff Flook, Burlingame Lion Club's visitation chairman, will be bringing members of his club on a visit to Geneva-Excelsior on Pat Valentino night.

John Madden missed out on the \$50 prize in the Convention Raffle by drawing a white golf ball. Ron Faina is already paying a penalty for moving to Woodland. His name was drawn in the Attendance Raffle and he wasn't present to collect \$2. No Mystery Lion identified himself.

(Thanks to Al Gentile for taking notes for this bulletin.)

The Board of Directors voted to make contributions to the Lions Ear Foundation in memory of Carl Muehlendorf and to the Lions Eye Foundation in memory of Art Holl.

Carl A. Muehlendorf

Lion Carl Muehlendorf passed away Sept. 22nd at age 93. Carl joined Lions International in 1962, and then transferred to this club from the

Gaspar de Portola Club in August 1970. A native of Berlin, he migrated to South Africa in the thirties. For some years, Carl owned a variety store on San Bruno Ave., S.F. The club extends its sympathy to his children Patricia, Daphne and Stephen.

Former member and past president (1986-87) Art Holl passed away Sept. 29th at age 72. Art was an active member of this club from April 1970 until 1992. His sponsor was Frank Ferrera. Art is survived by his wife Claire, seven sons and thirteen grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

SHORTS

Congratulations to Redwood Shores Lions Club President Mary Loo and Vice President Greg Carbullido who recently became engaged to be married.

A just released statewide Field Poll of 1,005 adults concluded that the public deeply distrusts insurance brokers even more so than lawyers, who continue to wallow near the bottom of the public opinion survey. Any comments, Lions Donnelly, Madden or Gentile?

Visitation Ch'mn. Al Gentile brought Chas. Bottarini, Ward Donnelly, Gino Benetti, Galdo Pavini and Joe Farrah with him to visit the Burlingame Lions at their lunch meeting of Oct. 2nd. Joe Farrah had John Zensius as his guest. The program speaker was the director of C.A.L.L. (Christian Action Life Line), a drop-in site at 139 Primrose Rd., Burlingame to assist those in need with emergency aid. All services there are free and confidential.

According to Kaz Karia, the Nikkei Lions Club has been having its dinner-meetings at the Yamato Restaurant on California St. for over 30 years. Yamato has been under the same ownership over this period.

A second reminder to **Lionettes** of your upcoming dinner at Bertolucci's on Nov. 12th.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Sept. 21st game score: 49ers 34, Falcons 7 1st qtr. Karl Bettencourt & Al Gentile, 2nd qtr. Pauline Woodall, 3rd qtr. Joe Engstrom, Final Paul Annuzzi, Reverse Final Tom Pult

Sept. 29th game score: 49ers 34, Panthers 21 1st qtr. David Burnett, 2nd qtr. Chuck Neeley, 3rd qtr. Jeff Pearson, Final Calista Shea, Reverse Final K. Bettencourt & Al Gentile

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 Donna Francesconi

COMING EVENTS

10/4-5 White Cane Days; 10/8 Governor's Visit; 10/15 Pat Valentino Night; 10/22 S.F. Council Meeting; 11/13-11/16 Second Cabinet Meeting at Carmel Mission Inn; 11/19 49er Night