

Geneva-Excelsior News

November 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Sixteen members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ron Faina, and the invocation was given by George Salet. Tail Twister Gino Benetti conducted introductions. Sam San Filippo had his son Dave as his guest.

Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi reported all is set for next week's 49er Night with R.C. Owens. Members were again urged to bring guests to this event. He asked if any member had available a portable TV and VCR that could be used to show the 49er 1996 Highlights film. These will have to be rented. He also announced the Club Christmas Party will take place Dec. 17th at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. The \$20 per person charge will buy a steak or chicken dinner with wine plus an open bar.

Al Gentile reported the club will again be bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Dec. 19th at the corner of Stockton & O'Farrell Sts. Volunteers are needed.

Joe Farrah reported that Bill Tonelli was ill and would be seeing his primary care physician the next day.

Charity Raffle Ch'mn. Dick Johnson reported he has cash in hand for 244 sold tickets. The remaining six tickets are spoken for so the raffle may be considered a "sell-out." Dick and the ticket sellers are to be congratulated because this is the first time the raffle has been sold out in many years.

Council Representative Chas. Bottarini announced this month's meeting will be held Nov. 19th. It will be hosted by the Chinatown L.C. at the Palace Meriwa Restaurant, 728 Pacific St. The Council is considering reactivating its Annual Police & Fireman's Award Night and adopting a scholarship program for high school seniors.

Dave San Filippo drew a ticket held by the team of Clews & Bottarini in the Convention Raffle. Charlie missed out on a prize of \$82 by grabbing a plain white golf ball out of the sack. Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Raffle. No Mystery Lion identified himself.

A Board of Directors meeting was called. Attendance Ch'mn. Sam San Filippo reported attendance for October was 56%. Treasurer H. Clews reported the club has a net worth of \$50,546, which amount is presently swollen with Charity Raffle receipts. An appropriation of \$500 to purchase Christmas toys for patients in the S.F. General Hospital Pediatrics Ward was approved. A \$50 donation to the Lions Eye Foundation in the memory of Bernie Hammarstedt also passed.

BERNIE HAMMARSTEDT

Bernie Hammarstedt passed away on November 2nd. Bernie transferred to this club from the West O' Twin Peaks Club on Nov. 17, 1993. He enthusiastically participated in all of the club's activities, as well as having served as Lion Tamer, Tail Twister and chairman of the Youth & Community Activities raffle ticket sales. He was the proprietor of Russell

Richards Drugs on Ocean Ave. for almost 50 years. Bernie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Catherine, children Anne, Jane, Doris and Michael, and four grandchildren, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

SHORTS

The group that recently went on the New Orleans tour bumped into Ben & Annette Spiteri, celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary, Ed & Linda (Bill Tonelli's niece) Bohnert, celebrating Ed's 50th birthday, and Ron & Nan Giuffre, checking out Tulane University for their daughter. A G.-E. Lion and his wife of the touring group had no qualms about sipping wine and flying first class while their fellow travelers were thirsty and cramped in the coach compartment.

Ben & Annette Spiteri have moved. Their new address and telephone number are 26 Thorndale Place, Moraga, CA 94556, (510) 631-9806.

On November 8th, the Balboa High School Alumni Assoc. held its annual Hall of Fame & Merit Night at the San Mateo Elks Club. In attendance were the following members and their wives: Clews, Damonte, Fregosi, Bottarini, Johnson, Benetti, Tonelli and Farrah.

Former member Stanley Golka passed away on October 27th. Stanley was sponsored into this club by Ted Zagorewicz in 1985. He was on the Senior Citizens Committee until he was incapacitated by a stroke in August 1988. He is survived by two children in Seattle and a sister in Krakow, Poland, his birthplace.

A total of twenty Lionettes and guests had dinner at Bertolucci's Restaurant on November 12th.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Oct. 26th game score: 49ers 23, Saints 0
1st qtr. Joe Farrah; 2nd qtr. & Final Paul Schubacker; 3rd qtr. Ned Norris; Reverse Final George Thompson

Nov. 2nd game score: 49ers 17, Cowboys 10
1st, 2nd qtrs. & Reverse Final Lou Munkeboe; 3d qtr. & Final Dorothy Engstrom

Nov. 10th game score: 49ers 24, Eagles 12
1st qtr. Tom Toohey, 2nd & 3rd qtrs. Mel Annuzi, Jr., Final G. & A. Benetti, Reverse Final Bob Hyman

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Marilyn Kerr; 11/11 Gino Benetti, Lyle Workman; 11/18 Ray & Marilyn Squeri; 11/20 Kathy Salet

COMING EVENTS

11/19 49er Night, Council Meeting, 11/30 Charity Raffle Drawing, 12/3 Board Meeting, 12/10 Program Meeting, 12/17 Xmas Party at Recreation Center for the Handicapped