

Geneva-Excelsior News

November 19, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Only nine members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by John Madden, and the invocation was given by Handford Clews. Tail Twister Gino Benetti conducted introductions. Warren Spiegel was a guest of John Madden, Jim Bianchi was a guest of Al Gentile (life-long friends), Sue (Clews) Jones, Chuck Norton and John Menicucci were guests of Handford Clews, and visitors Randy Tonelli, Hal Johnson, Bob DeLue and Bob Hyman were also present.

Visitation Ch'mn. Al Gentile reported this club will be making a visit to the Millbrae Lions Club at their dinner-meeting of Thursday, December 4th taking place 7:30 P.M. at the Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae. Mark your calendar.

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported the maximum of 250 tickets have been sold. Some members mistakenly commented that the 250 ticket sellout is a first for the club. This is the earliest the club has had a sellout, but a 250 ticket sellout did take place in the 1986-87 year when Art Holl was club president. Giulio Francesconi was the winner of the \$12,500 Grand Prize that year.

Since Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi had an unclear throat, Dick Johnson was asked to introduce R. C. "Alley Oop" Owens of the San Francisco 49ers. "R.C." gave an overview of the 49ers successful season to date. He focused on players who have filled-in for injured key players such as Jerry Rice. He also commented on the good relationship between new coach Steve Mariucci and the team. He fielded about a dozen questions from the interested audience. (How many more seasons will Steve Young play?) President Ward presented R.C. with a nicely framed Certificate of Appreciation from the club. Giulio brought to the meeting a portable TV and VCR with which to show the highlight film of the 49ers 1996 season but, because of a breakdown in communication, R.C. didn't have the film with him.

Al Gentile filled in for George Salet as Convention Chairman. There were prizes of \$100 and \$50 in the Convention Raffle. Sue Jones drew the ticket held by Dick Johnson. Dick pulled a non-prize-winning white golf ball from the sack. Absent Bruno Ceccarelli missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Raffle. This could have been added to your daughter's college fund, Bruno.

SHORTS

The district held its Second Cabinet Meeting at the Carmel Mission Inn Nov. 13th - 15th. Sunshine prevailed Friday for the golfers at Rancho Canada Country Club, and the shoppers on Ocean Ave. A total of about 80 people were at the Saturday Night dinner. Entertainment that night was karaoke singing, with Rudy Loreda as M.C. Names of those

present were drawn at random. Pairs of names had the choice of karaoke singing or paying a fine. Emily Farrah and Don Stanaway were teamed up to sing a song. Joe Farrah and his partner struggled through "New York, New York."

Who is this club's Youth & Community Activities Raffle Ticket Chairman?

Bill Tonelli is waiting for an appointment to take an MRI to try to learn what is causing the tingling feeling at his fingers and his walking difficulty.

Float'n Along is the theme of the Lions Float in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade. The float is a floral replica of Huckleberry Finn's famous raft designed to follow the overall theme of this year's parade "Hav'n Fun." A club can be a part of this year's extraordinary event which takes place in Pasadena on New Year's Day. For a contribution of \$200 towards building of the Lions Float, a club will receive a patch to proudly display on its club banner. Volunteers are needed to decorate the float the week preceding the parade. To sign up for a week shift or for more information, contact Wilt Le Blanc at (310) 530-7970.

Gratitude goes to the Nikkei Lions Club, which recently donated \$500 for repairs to be made to Coit Tower. Their club name will be placed there on a placard for public display.

Last month the Lions Eye Foundation held a meeting at the Lakeside Inn at Stateline, Nevada. On the way there, the fuel pump on Treasurer Galdo Pavini's car went out at Soda Springs so he had to be towed to Truckee, where he rented a car to complete his trip. The transmission went out on Leonardo Bacci's van at Placerville so he had to be towed back to Hillsborough. It must have been the mountain air playing its pranks.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Nov. 16th game score: 49ers 27, Panthers 19
1st qtr. Dick Johnson; 2nd qtr. R.S. Reinertson; 3rd qtr. Paul Schubacker; Final Ed Nasrah; Reverse Final Irene Tonelli

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi

COMING EVENTS

11/28-29 Christmas Tree Sales start; Brisbane, Foster City & Millbrae Lions; 11/30 Charity Raffle Drawing, I.A.S.C., 4 to 6 P.M., 12/3 Board Meeting, 12/4 Visit Millbrae L.C., 12/5 Daly City Host L.C. Annual Nickel Auction; 12/10 Program Meeting, 12/17 Xmas Party at Recreation Center for the Handicapped, 12/19 Salvation Army bell ringing at the corner of Stockton & O'Farrell Sts.