

Geneva-Excelsior News

December 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Fourteen members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Ed Damonte. Tail Twister Gino Benetti conducted introductions. 49er Booster Bill Graziano informed the assemblage that the recent news stories surrounding Ed DeBartolo, Jr. are simply a media concoction. Celebrating his raffle drawing winning of \$6,250, George Salet hosted everybody to wine. Lion Ron Seward was at The Granada having dinner with his son. In a discussion regarding his Marina Club turning in its charter, Ron said he was going to decide to transfer to either the Mission or Geneva-Excelsior Club. This decision should be a "no brainer." Dick Johnson distributed copies of Ken Garcia's column from the Nov. 27th edition of the S.F. Examiner. The column, entitled "Pugilist Was Toast Of Excelsior," covered the career of Pat Valentino, who was this club's speaker on Oct. 15th.

Council Representative Chas. Bottarini reported he and Ed Damonte attended the Council Meeting of Nov. 19th hosted by the Chinatown L.C. at the Meriwa Restaurant. Is Charlie grooming Ed to be his successor? The delicious dinner consisting of potsticker, egg roll, hot & sour soup, mushi pork, braised tofu, crispy chicken, and beef with vegetable may convert Charlie and Ed to abandon Italian for Chinese cuisine. The Council will resume its Police & Fireman's Awards Night at a black tie dinner to be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, March 14th, \$35 per. Charlie also reported that Bill Tonelli turned in three cartons of used eyeglasses, and Ward Donnelly and Handford Clews each turned in a bag of used eyeglasses for re-cycling.

Charity Raffle Ch'mn. Dick Johnson reported the Nov. 30th drawing was a total success. 98 people were in attendance for the champagne, dinner and drawing. Dick noted and thanked all of the ticket sellers and buyers for the extra effort they put out this year. He also acknowledged the computerized system for promoting the raffle deserves credit towards the success of the project. A net profit of \$7,469 was realized. The prize winners were George Salet/Ed Barbieri, Gil Smail, Bernie Bernard, Jack Kleinbach, Gladys Lazzarini, Alice Wilson, Kim Terry, Ray Moisant, Al Gentile et al, and Al Garibaldi.

President Ward announced that Bill Graziano is the Youth & Community Activities raffle ticket chairman. Bill distributed the books of raffle tickets and signs to those present. Bill asked the members to give this project the same extra effort they gave the Charity Raffle project this year. Lions who were not at the meeting will also be receiving their books of tickets to sell. Go to it!

Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi reminded members of the Christmas Party to take place Wednesday, Dec. 17th at the Recreation Center For The Handicapped. \$20 per person for a steak or chicken dinner with wine plus an open bar. Giulio is easy to reach. He also announced a mystery "Ladies Night"

may be taking place in January.

Convention Ch'mn. George Salet sold raffle tickets for a chance at the \$137 prize. Charlie Stuhr drew the ticket held by the team of Johnson & Damonte. Ed Damonte pulled a non-prize winning white golf ball out of the sack. :--((Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Raffle. Still no Mystery Lion identified himself. The tail-twister will be tapping on shoulders.

The Board of Directors Meeting followed the regular meeting. Treasurer Handford Clews reported the club has a net worth of \$36,605. Attendance Ch'mn. Sam San Filippo reported attendance for the month of November was 60%. Al Gentile was voted in to fill the unexpired term of Bernie Hammarstedt on the board. The board approved of a request for eyeglasses for a needy girl who attends school in the Portola District, and to pay \$350 for a campership at Wilderness Camp for the hearing impaired.

MILLBRAE VISITATION

Al Gentile, Dick Johnson and Joe Farrah represented the club in a visitation to the Millbrae Lions Club at their dinner-meeting of Dec. 4th. The program speaker was Jeff Steinberg, a 1980 graduate of Capuchino High School and presently head of the Social Science Dept. there. He spoke on "Operation Closeup," the program where high school seniors spend a week in Washington D.C. learning about our government up close.

SHORTS

Paul Corvi has a new business address and fax number. They are 5012 Mission St., S.F. 94112, (415) 585-3855.

Christmas trees are being sold by the Millbrae Lions Club on El Camino Real one block north of Millbrae Ave. and by the Brisbane Lions, 3 to 7 P.M. at the corner of Bayshore Hwy. & Old County Rd.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Nov. 23rd game score: 49ers 17, Chargers 10
1st qtr. Mike Castagnetto; 2nd qtr. Joe Luchini; 3rd qtr. & Final Joe Espillac; Reverse Final Gino Benetti

Nov. 30th game score: 49ers 9, Chiefs 44
1st. qtr. Mike Castagnetto, 2nd qtr. Jeff Arnke, 3rd qtr. Randy Tonelli, Final Frank Bottarini, Reverse Final Bobbi Damonte

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

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.; 1/7 Board Meeting