

Geneva-Excelsior News

December 10, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Twelve members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson.

Charity Raffle Ch'mn. Dick Johnson reported that letters to all of the ticket buyers are ready to go out.

Al Gentile reminded members that the club will be doing its annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing between 11:30 A.M. and 2 P.M. on Friday, Dec. 19th at the corner of Stockton & O'Farrell Sts. in front of F.A.O. Schwarz Store.

Handford Clews reported he and Ron Faina purchased about \$500 worth of toys and games at Toys Are Us on Dec. 8th. These will be delivered this week to the Pediatric Ward at S.F. General Hospital for distribution to patients there.

Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi made one last pitch for the club's Christmas Party to take place the following week.

Crab Feed Ch'mn. John Madden reported that everything is falling in place for the February 28th event. Arrangements have been made for a disk jockey. Members are invited to submit song requests to John. The price will be \$35 per person. The printing of tickets has been ordered. Wives are again being asked to prepare hors d' oeuvres.

Dick Johnson brought to the club's attention an entity known as Children's Garden. This is where the courts place children out of abusive situations into group settings. These children have made Christmas gift wishes. The club voted to donate \$200 towards fulfilling these wishes.

Convention Ch'mn. George Salet sold raffle tickets @ \$2 a piece - one ticket limit per member present. Al Fregosi drew his own ticket, but his luck stopped there. He pulled a white golf ball out of the sack, missing out on the \$148 prize money. George Salet won \$12 in the Attendance Raffle. He is on a roll and should probably make a visit to Reno. Ward Donnelly was the Mystery Lion. His victims were John Madden and Joe Farrah.

December 17th Christmas Party

A grand time was had by all who attended the club's annual Christmas Dinner/Party held at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. The following were there: Gino & Ann Benetti, Chas. & Estelle Bottarini, Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto, Handford & Margot Clews, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi, Ed & Bobbi Damonte, Ward Donnelly, Joe & Emily Farrah, Giulio & Donna Francesconi, Al & Blanche Fregosi, Al Gentile, Bill, Jr. & Bill, Sr. Graziano, Dick & Diane Johnson, George Salet, Sam & Grace San Filippo, David & Debbie San Filippo, Frances Spediacci, Pauline Woodall, and Lyle & Linda Workman. Visitors were Kaz Kariya from the Nikkel Lions Club and his guest, Keiko Asari from the Hatukaichi Lions Club in Hiroshima, Japan.

Mike Castagnetto and Charlie Bottarini did their usual sterling jobs by having the bar set up and well stocked with holiday cheer. Donna Francesconi went through much

preparation for the competitive events she had planned for the evening. Firstly, all of the ingredients were spread out on a table for the cookie decorating contest. All were invited to participate. The impartial judges had to go through a lot of deliberation prior to deciding the three contest winners to be: 1st Blanche Fregosi, 2nd Bobbi Damonte, 3rd Rosalinda Corvi. The second contest was a relay between two 6-person teams. Every team member had to either wrap or unwrap a designated Christmas package. The team that finished the quickest was declared the winner and awarded candy canes as a prize. The third contest was again between two 6-person teams. They had to carry an armful of Christmas packages across the room and transfer the packages to another team member who had to continue the process until all six team members had done so. The first team to finish won that contest. The fourth and last contest was among three designated blindfolded Lions. George Salet won that contest by putting a smoking pipe closest to Santa's mouth.

Following dinner, Songmaster Handford Clews distributed song sheets and led everybody in singing six classic Christmas songs. Congratulations to Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi for a great event.

SHORTS

Bill Tonelli is seeking alternate medical advice prior to undergoing surgery or treatment to relieve the discs pressing on his spinal cord. The club sends Bill its best wishes for a return to full health.

Joe Farrah picked up new prescription glasses from Ray Squeri on Dec. 9th. Joe went directly from Ray's office to Artichoke Joe's in San Bruno to play some \$3 - \$6 Texas Hold 'Em Poker under the impression he would now be better able to read the cards. Joe lost \$98 in the three hour session.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Dec. 7th game score: 49ers 28, Vikings 17
1st qtr. Dorothy Engstrom, 2nd qtr. Pauline Woodall, 3rd qtr. & Final Mel Annuzi, Sr., Reverse Final Jeff Arnke
Dec. 15th game score: 49ers 34, Broncos 17
1st qtr. Allen Chu, 2nd qtr. Giulio Francesconi, 3rd qtr. & Final Marie Annuzzi, Reverse Final Sherry Schneider

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer; 1/4 George Salet

COMING EVENTS

12/19 Salvation Army bell ringing at the corner of Stockton & O'Farrell Sts.; 1/7 Board Meeting; 1/14 Program Meeting; 1/16 L.C.I.F. Founders Day Dinner at Villa Hotel, \$25 per, call Norm Aro at 369-0747; 1/17 Millbrae L.C. Crab Cioppino at St. Dunstan Hall, call Bob Vogt at 697-6238; 2/28 G.-E. Crab Feed