

Geneva-Excelsior News

January 14, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Eight members were in attendance. Apparently the Granada Cafe has a New Year policy wherein Lions are presented a full menu, from which they may order. Rack of lamb was included on this particular night. Pledge to the Flag was led by Chas. Bottarini, and the invocation was given by George Salet.

President Ward announced that the club's Student Speaker Contest date has been set for Wednesday, Feb. 18th, and that it will be a Ladies Night held at the I.A.S.C.

Used Eyeglasses Coordinator Charlie Bottarini reported Galdo Pavini turned in a bag of glasses for re-cycling. Charlie also reported Ward Donnelly made available for storage garage space behind his Geneva Ave. office, where some club equipment was transferred on this date. This demonstrates Lions spirit in its purest form, Ward.

Crab Feed Ch'mn. John Madden requested that any unsold tickets not be transferred between members but that they should be channeled through him. He has reserved the Crab Feed site at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped for next year's Feed on Feb. 27, 1999.

Convention Ch'mn. George Salet sold raffle tickets for a chance at the \$180 jackpot. George Salet picked the ticket held by the Clews-Bottarini-Tonelli team. Charlie pulled the prize-winning orange golf ball out of the sack for the big award to be split three ways. Ray Squeri's name was drawn in the Attendance Raffle. Joe Farrah was the Mystery Lion. His non-hand-shaking victims were Charlie Bottarini, Charlie Stuhr and John Madden.

January 21, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Ron Faina. Eleven past presidents, one former president and one regular member were in attendance on this Past Presidents' Night.

Youth & Community Activities Ch'mn. Bill Graziano reported he has distributed 699 books of raffle tickets from the 700 books acquired by the club. Are you all busy displaying and selling those \$1 tickets? More books are available.

S.F. Council of Lions Representative Chas. Bottarini reported the upcoming Jan. 28th meeting, hosted by the S.F. Host L.C., will be held at the Asiana Buffet, 1449 Webster St. at Geary.

Program Ch'mn. Giulio Francesconi reminded members that the Feb. 18th Student Speakers Night will be a Ladies Night and that another Ladies Night event will be taking place a month later at the March 18th meeting.

Crab Feed Ch'mn. John Madden reported some tickets for the Feed are available. Contact him if you are in need. Crab Feed receipts and or unsold tickets are to be turned in to John by the next meeting of February 4th.

Handford Clews asked the convention

chairman if Handford missed hearing an announcement of this year's first convention meeting.

President Ward Donnelly introduced and called on each of the past presidents present to stand, be recognized, and to comment on the year of their presidency beginning with the most senior P.P., Chas. Bottarini. Next in order of seniority were Ron Faina, Joe Farrah, Giulio Francesconi, Handford Clews, Dick Johnson, John Madden, Lyle Workman, Mike Castagnetto, Gino Benetti, and Ward Donnelly. Dick Johnson used some foresight and brought along his 1985-86 year scrapbook put together by perennial Scrapbook Ch'mn. Ted Zagorewicz. The members found browsing through the scrapbook interesting. A lot of reminiscing took place on this evening. Ted and all of the other deceased members are missed and memories of them cherished.

A motion was made, seconded, and a unanimous vote welcomed former president George Salet into the ranks of the past presidents. The ceremony of screwing his name plate on to the Past Presidents' Plaque took place. Thanks for the wine, George. That cinched your induction to the Past Presidents'.

Bill Graziano drew a ticket held by Handford Clews in the convention raffle. Clews didn't have the Bottarini touch. Attendance Raffle winner Bill Graziano donated the \$6 he won to the club's convention. Mystery Lion Giulio Francesconi, being a popular guy, had no victims.

SHORTS

The Jan. 13th edition of the S.F. Examiner had a front page photo story on the pioneers of the City's fast food restaurants including Giulio Francesconi's Tic Tock. Other locals featured in the article were Joe Obegi's Cable Car on Mission St. and Beep's on Ocean Ave., which was established by Emily Farrah's brothers.

Now its Handford & Margot Clews' turn for a sun break. They chose Cancun, Mexico for a week beginning January 25th.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Jan. 11th game score: 49ers 10, Packers 23
1st qtr. & Final Linda Workman, 2nd & 3rd qtrs. Kathryn Hammarstedt, Reverse Final Joe Espillac

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/19 Michael Spiteri; 1/31 Frances Spediacci, Ron Faina; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi

COMING EVENTS

1/28 S.F. Council Meeting; 2/4 Board Meeting; 2/5-7 MD4 Convention at Ontario, CA; 2/18 Student Speakers Night at I.A.S.C.; 2/20 Cabinet Meeting at Millbrae Rec Center; 2/25 S.F. Council Meeting; 2/28 G.-E. Crab Feed; 5/13-17 District Convention, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento