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The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Fifteen members were in attendance. Because the club's American Flag wasn't mounted, Dick Johnson both served as a flag pole and led in the Pledge to the Flag. Al Fregosi gave the invocation. While Tail Twister Gino Benetti was having Lions introduce themselves, there was some pre-dinner discussion about vintage movies and the fact that Dick Johnson was the only Lion present who didn't know who actor Franchot Tone was. Dick was advised to rent and view Gungha Din, Four Feathers, Beau Geste, etc.

President Ward reminded the members that the club's Student Speaker Contest will take place Wednesday, Feb. 18th, and that it will be a Ladies Night held at the I.A.S.C.

Football Pool Ch'mn. Lyle Workman announced the winners of the Super Bowl game and reported the club earned a net profit of \$1,716.83 from the project. It was noted that Joe Espillac with five wins totaling \$475 was the luckiest season participant. Nice going, Lyle, and thank you to the participants.

Al Gentile read a letter from the Salvation Army thanking the club for its participation in the Holiday Bell Ringing, and inviting representatives of the club to be their guest at a "Sharing is Caring" Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 6th, at The Salvation Army's Yerba Buena Senior Center, 360 Fourth St., Noon sharp until 1:30 P.M. RSVP at (415) 553-3568. A program will take place emceed by Terry Lowry and Fred LaCosse.

Used Eyeglasses Coordinator Charlie Bottarini reported glasses for re-cycling have been turned in to him by Al Fregosi and Ray Squeri. Charlie also reported that he represented the club at the S.F. Council of Lions Clubs meeting held at the Asiana Buffet on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, hosted by the S.F. Host Lions Club. The Council has dropped the black tie dress code for the upcoming March 14th Police & Fireman's Award Night. All clubs are asked to bring a policeman or fireman as a club guest and to contribute a raffle prize.

Crab Feed Ch'mn. John Madden was busy collecting funds for sold tickets. He also re-distrubeted tickets. By the end of the meeting, John reported he had on hand receipts for 239 tickets, and 15 tickets are available for any member who has need.

Convention Ch'mn. George Salet sold raffle tickets for a chance at the \$68 jackpot. Sam San Filippo picked the ticket held by Charlie Stuhr. Charlie was rewarded by being present for the entire meeting because he pulled the striped ball out of the pouch winning \$34. Bill Graziano wasn't present to cash in on the Attendance Raffle. Charlie Bottarini was the Mystery Lion. His non-handshaking victims were late-arriving Lions George Salet and Charlie Stuhr.

BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board of Directors Meeting followed the regular meeting. Roll was called

and minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Handford Clews, back from a week of sun and golf in Cancun, reported the club has a net worth of \$29,961.38.

Attendance Ch'mn. Sam San Filippo reported January club attendance was 59%.

A request was received from The Lions Ear Foundation for this club to sponsor a prescreened Gough St. resident for a hearing aid. The Board so approved.

Immediate Past President George Salet announced that a meeting of all past presidents will be held at his shop 6 P.M., Tuesday, February 17th. This is the annual Nomination of Officers Meeting.

The club is still waiting to learn the date of the first convention meeting.

SHORTS

Blanche Fregosi's older brother in Sonora recently passed away. The club extends its sympathy to Blanche and Al.

The Nikkei Lions Club has been meeting continuously for 37 years at the Yamato Restaurant on Calif. St. at Grant Ave. Yamato closed its doors for the last time during the holiday season so the Nikkei Club is now trying different Japanese restaurants to decide on a new meeting location.

After two years of retirement, Joe Farrah became restless so he is back part time to selling shoes again. Ask for him on Fridays and Saturdays at Byron's Shoes in Tanforan Park.

Mike Castagnetto will be in Mexico for a week to see where his ducks fly for the winter.

"Outer Mission, Middle Class," the comic diary of an immigrant's son by Dan Scopazzi, will be presented Feb. 5th - March 29th at Bannam Place Theatre, 50-A Bannam Place, S.F. For information and reservations call (415) 281-0126.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Super Bowl score: Broncos 31, Packers 24 1st qtr. Mike Monozon, 2nd qtr. Kathryn Hammarstedt, 3rd qtr. Bobbi Damonte, Final Diane Annuzzi, Reverse Final Wm. Neve & Art Galla

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah; 2/11 Lorraine Castagnetto

COMING EVENTS

2/11 Program Meeting; 2/17 Nominating Committee Meeting; 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