

Geneva-Excelsior News

March 11, 1998 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. A total of 11 members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Handford Clews, and the invocation was given by Joe Farrah.

Secretary Lyle Workman read the following communication:

A thank-you letter to the club from the Lions Eye Foundation

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visitation Chairman Al Gentile reminded the club of the April 17th visit to the San Bruno Club, and the Foster City Club will be visiting this club on April 18th.

S.F. Council Representative Chas. Bottarini received phone calls from Aldo Lazzarini and Esther Lee drumming up attendance to the upcoming Police & Fireman's Award Night.

Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi circulated a flyer for the upcoming Karaoke Night.

Convention Ch'mn. George Salet announced the prices of the various packages and asked for someone to host the first convention meeting.

President Ward requested that all Y. & C.A. raffle tickets and receipts be turned in by the next meeting.

Region 1 Ch'mn. Joe Farrah reported that this club's student speaker, Jeannine Louie, won the Zone 1 Contest and will compete at the April 6th Region Contest.

Handford Clews announced that a tentative date of July 18th has been reserved at the Olympic Club for this club's annual installation of officers.

Joe Farrah drew a ticket held by Lyle Workman in the Convention Raffle. Lyle pulled a white golf ball from the sack missing out on \$75. Al Kleinbach missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Raffle. Mystery Lion Handford Clews had no victims.

March 18, 1998 Meeting

President Ward Donnelly called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. Mike Castagnetto led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. Visiting from the Foster City Lions Club were President Al Jacobson, Roger Chinn, PDG, Mike Hewitt, and Chris Bakshi. Crab Feed helper Frank Ramazzano and his wife Chris were guests of the club. Their son Mark was a guest of his grandparents, Charlie & Estelle Bottarini. Non-Lion visitors included Wanda Greer, Rich Solomon, Robert Lawhon, Gerald, Jackie & Tracy Lowe, and Bernie Meyerfield.

Lion Handford announced that the club owes a special thanks to the Crab Feed raffle ticket sellers Diane Johnson, Margot Clews, Pearl Tonelli, Rose Hyman and her sister and niece, Rosalinda Corvi and Pauline Woodall. Collectively they sold an all-time high of \$3,300 worth of raffle tickets.

Bill Graziano announced that all Youth & Community Activities raffle tickets and receipts must be turned in to him immediately. He received a disappointment when the Cayuga Men's Club had a conflicting raffle so they returned 300 unsold books this year. However they will participate next year.

Convention Chairman George Salet announced that the first convention meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th, 7 P.M. in the "George Salet International Headquarters" board room at 4851 Mission St. He is seeking someone to host the next meeting.

Club guests PDG Rudy & Elma Loreda of the Golden Gate Lions Club set up their karaoke equipment for the evening's entertainment. Attendees at first were reluctant to participate in the singing. It was rumored that Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi was the recipient of death threats if he pulled certain names out of the envelope to be among the first of the singers. The first song was a community effort to break the ice. They sang "I Left My Heart In S.F." Then Handford Clews and Diane Johnson teamed up to sing "That Old Black Magic" in the style of Louie Prima & Keely Smith. That was followed by Mike Castagnetto teaming for a song, and Tracy Lowe bravely doing a solo on a tough song. All in all, it seems as though a fun time was had by all and the club wouldn't mind doing it again sometime. Congratulations to Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi for putting it all together.

Charlie Stuhr's ticket was called for the convention raffle, however he had departed, so Giulio drew the ball for him. Alas, Giulio drew a non-winning white golf ball. Thanks to H.C. for taking these bulletin notes.

Lions Ward Donnelly, George Salet, Chas. Bottarini, Handford Clews and Joe Farrah visited the San Bruno Lions Club at Martinelli's Restaurant in Millbrae on St. Patrick's Day. Of course corn beef and cabbage was the only entree offered. A total of 29 Lions were in attendance. Ward Donnelly won a mini golf bag in the club's raffle.

SHORTS

Charlie & Marcy Stuhr will finally be cashing in on the club's Charity Raffle prize they won in 1996. They booked reservations for Puerto Vallarta the week of May 12th-19th. Charlie's brother and sister-in-law will be joining them. Al Gentile is bass fishing in the Don Pedro Dam area.

Graziano Construction Co. apparently has expanded their operations inter-state because Bill has been regularly commuting to Lubbock, Texas.

A "F.U.N.draising" cocktail party is being held for incoming District 4C4 Governor Mel Phillips Sunday, March 29th, 2 - 5 P.M. at the residence of Don Flowers, 1111 Cabrillo Drive, Burlingame. Raffle tickets for a free South Lake Tahoe condo for one week will be sold for \$5 each.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Paul Corvi

COMING EVENTS

3/24 Convention Meeting; 4/1 Board Meeting; 4/6 Region 1 Student Speaker Runoff at Granada Cafe, R.S.V.P. Joe Farrah; 4/26 Annual Wine Tasting, \$20 per; District Student Speakers, 11 A.M., Millbrae Rec. Center; 5/13-17 District Convention, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento