

Geneva-Excelsior News

Meeting of June 10, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. A total of 9 members were in attendance. Visiting the club were Lion Ron Seward of the Marina/North Beach L.C. and his guest Bob Fenech. Bob resides in the Portola District, is retired from the S.F.P.D., and works as a private investigator. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and the invocation was given by Joe Farrah.

President Ward reminded members of the club's Installation of Officers to be held July 18th at The Olympic Club. No Host Cocktails at 6, Salmon or Steak Dinner at 7, Dancing at 8:30. Advance Reservation Tickets only are \$47.50 per person. Total capacity is limited to 50 people. Announcements included the July 25th Cabinet Installation to be held at Burlingame's Hyatt Regency Hotel, \$50 per, for Grilled Chicken or Sirloin Strips, respond by 7/15 to Michael Newell, P.D.G.; and an August 2nd Council of Governors meeting at Millbrae's Clarion Hotel. All clubs are being asked for a \$15 contribution to help defray expenses of this meeting.

A recent candid photo of Bill Tonelli, wearing his neck brace and eyeglasses, snoring was circulated to answer the question, "What is Bill doing these days?"

Used eyeglasses coordinator Chas. Bottarini reported he has received bundles of glasses from Gil Smail and Bill Graziano. Charlie and President Ward informed the club they learned that tornado victim Spencer, S.D. is near Sioux Falls and that Lions International has donated \$10,000 to Spencer for disaster relief. This club voted to send \$250 to Spencer for the same purpose.

George Salet was present to collect the \$14 in the Attendance Drawing, which he missed at the previous meeting. Sneaky Lyle Workman was the Mystery Lion. The victims caught in his "sting" operation were Salet, Farrah and Graziano.

Meeting of June 17, 1998

This Ladies Night meeting was held at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. A total of 23 Lions and ladies were in attendance. President Ward called the meeting to order, Mike Castagnetto led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Al Fregosi gave the invocation. Mike Castagnetto and Chas. Bottarini did a good job setting up and staffing the bar for pre-meeting cocktails, cheese and crackers.

Handford Clews looked impressive wearing his newly purchased 1998 U.S. Open Shirt. He was a volunteer floor-walker in the massive merchandise tent at the U.S. Open Golf Tournament. Incidentally, Handford wants all of the men attending this club's July 18th Installation at the Olympic Club to know that jackets and neckties are required to comply with the Club's dress code. If you haven't yet mailed your check to Handford for this event, don't delay any longer.

Lyle Workman distributed information packages on the upcoming football pool and Charity Raffle. Members are to screen this information for name, address and telephone

number changes or deletions of participants and inform Lyle of these changes and deletions as soon as possible. Do not put this obligation on the back burner.

A delicious complete steak or chicken dinner with wine, coffee and dessert was enjoyed. The meeting was then turned over to Program Chairman Giulio Francesconi, who distributed S.F. City Maps and 1998 Pro Football Schedules, courtesy of himself and S.F. Associates. Giulio introduced Lisa Ricayo, who gave an informative talk on Roth I.R.A. retirement plans and pertinent options and guidelines. Ms. Ricayo then fielded questions from the audience. Bouquets to Giulio for arranging this nice evening.

SHORTS

Leadership Training for all new club officers will be held at the Burlingame Lions Hall, 7 P.M., July 8th.

The end of this month, Lions from California and Nevada will be attending the International Convention at Birmingham, England. They will be staying at the Forte Posthouse Hotel in Coventry, a quaint town about 12 miles from the center of Birmingham.

An article in the June 17th edition of the S.F. Examiner told of Julia Farrah, Joe Farrah's mother. About midnight the prior night, she was rescued from her Mission St. at Excelsior smoke-filled upstairs flat by a S.F. Fireman and taken to S.F. General for treatment for smoke inhalation. The 3-alarm blaze had started at next door Jim's Coffee Shop. Both Jim's Coffee Shop and Discount Fabrics were gutted. Fortunately, Mrs. Farrah is fine and presently residing at Joe's house.

Congratulations to Bill Shea, who had 2nd Place finisher Payne Stewart in the Granada Cafe U.S. Open Golf Tournament pool. Bill's 2nd place prize was \$3,200. Bill also won an additional \$500 for Stewart having the lowest score on the first day of the tournament. Other Lions in the pool were Al Fregosi, Ray Squeri, Chas. Bottarini, and Bill Tonelli.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/16 Kathryn Hammarstedt, Chas. & Marcy Stuhr; 6/20 Howard & Dorothy Pearson; 6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri; 6/29 Yvette Salet; 7/1 Bruno Ceccarelli; 7/4 Jennifer Ceccarelli

COMING EVENTS

6/24 S.F. Council Dinner Meeting at Parkside Restaurant, RSVP Esther Lee (650) 742-9333; 6/28 Concourse D' Elegance at Stanford; 7/1 Board Meeting; 7/8 Leadership Training; 7/18 Club Installation; 7/25 District Installation; 8/8 Giants vs Braves at 3 Com, \$10 per includes BBQ & food. Call 1-800-327-8077. Benefits Ear of the Lion