

Geneva-Excelsior News

Installation of Officers July 18, 1998

The club held its 48th Annual Installation of Officers Dinner at the Olympic Club. A total of 33 Lions, Ladies and guests were in attendance. Among the guests were incoming President Bill Graziano's lady-friend Sandy from Sweetwater, Texas, Bill's father Bill, Sr., and Bill's uncle and aunt John & Judy Graziano. John Graziano was the founder and operator of the well-known Brentwood Lodge in So. S.F., which was constructed by Bill Graziano, Sr.

Joe Farrah was the M.C. for the evening, Handford Clews led in the Pledge to the Flag, and (Reverend) Dick Johnson gave the invocation. Outgoing President Ward Donnelly presented 100% Attendance and Club Officer Awards. Wives of 100% attendees received a nice Mikasa crystal candy bowl. PDG Rocky Lombardi from the Millbrae Lions Club officially installed the incoming officers into office. Rocky and his wife Josephine attended the Lions International Convention in Birmingham, England early in July. Then they departed from London for a cruise to ports in Italy, Spain and Holland. Josephine's brother, John Piazza, is a former member of this club.

The ceremony was followed by a delicious dinner of steak or salmon, and dancing in the adjacent ballroom. The club thanks Handford Clews, the two immediate past presidents, and the secretary for making the arrangement and preparations for a delightful occasion.

Meeting of August 5, 1998

President Bill Graziano, fresh and rested from his Hawaiian vacation, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Salet, and the invocation was given by Al Gentile. Because a total of only six Lions were present at the beginning of the meeting, introductions went quickly. Tardy arriving Lions were Dick Johnson (no excuse), Handford Clews and Charles Bottarini, who had just finished playing the Olympic Club. According to them, Handford played like a pro for the first four holes, then the wheels fell off. Charlie's putter was his best friend during the round.

This was the first meeting where the club was trying to combine business and board meetings. The format needs some smoothing.

Correspondence:

A schedule of the district governor's visitations was received. He will be visiting this club on October 14th, which will be a luncheon meeting.

The MD-4 Lions Leadership, Extension & Membership Weekend Seminars will be held the weekend of Sept. 11-13, 1998 at the Asilomar Conference Ground on the Monterey Peninsula. Schedule and registration form available from the club secretary. Registration fee: double occupancy including room and all meals is \$260; single is \$360.

Treasurer's Report:

Report for the period 7/1 to 7/31/98 was presented and approved. Donations for the month included \$200 Lions Eye Foundation, \$200 Fox Vocational Services, \$200 Teen

Challenge, \$150 St. Mary's Day Care, \$150 St. Anthony's Dining Room, \$43.07 City of Hope, and \$83.04 Aids.

Committee Reports:

Membership: George Salet reported that applications for three new members have been submitted to him. Two have been fully screened and the other almost complete. They are Larry J. Farrell, sponsored by H. Clews; Robert J. Fenech, sponsored by Ron Seward, and Robert C. Lawhon, sponsored by G. Francesconi. The induction of new members is scheduled for August 19th, and will be a Ladies' Night.

Program:

Al Gentile reported that representatives from the Sea Scouts will be at the August 12th luncheon meeting. 49er Night is in the works.

Golf & Bar-B-Q:

The Seventeenth Annual Lions Bar-B-Q and the Fifth Annual Lions Golf Tournament are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Flyers for both events are available from Lion Lyle Workman. Format will be the same as in previous years. Golf this year will be \$110, Hole Sponsorship is \$50, and the Bar-B-Q only will be \$30 per person. Questions should be directed to Lyle Workman.

Football:

\$2,700 has been handed to the treasurer to date towards the club's 8th Annual Football Raffle. Funds should be turned into Chmn. Lyle ASAP. (Thanks to L.W. for taking notes).

SHORTS

The Bottarinis, Clews, Fregosis and Damontes went July 25th on a one-week golf and travel excursion under the auspices of the Sharp Park Golf Club. They visited Banf, Lake Louise, Calgary and other destinations in Canada. Some even went white-water rafting.

Dorothy Peisson, Handford Clews' sister, passed away in San Francisco July 24th. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Louis, and children, Bruce and Linda. The club extends its sympathy to Handford and his family.

Congratulations to Gino & Anne Benetti, whose 50th wedding anniversary falls on Aug. 21st.

Frances Spediacci will soon be entering the Carmelite Order of nuns as an externist. The club wishes Frances Godspeed in her new vocation.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

7/28 Calista Shea, John Madden; 7/29 Al & Harriet Kleinbach; 8/3 Handford & Margot Clews; 8/4 Joseph Workman; 8/10 Bill Tonelli; 8/21 Gino & Anne Benetti

COMING EVENTS

8/8 Giants vs Braves at 3 Com, \$10 per includes BBQ & food. Call 1-800-327-8077. Benefits Ear of the Lion; 8/12 Lunch Meeting at Granada Cafe; 8/19 Ladies Night, Induction of New Members; 9/30 Golf Tournament &