

Geneva-Excelsior News

Meeting of October 21, 1998

This Ladies Night meeting at Martinelli's Steak House in Millbrae was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 33 Lions, ladies and visitors were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Charlie Bottarini, and the invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. It was particularly nice having with us Pauline Woodall, Frances Spediacci, and Wanda Greer, all of whom we haven't seen for a while. Visiting from the Marina/North Beach Lions Club were Interim President Dewey Hinkley, Leland Lee and Evangeline Santos.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson distributed ticket bodies to be forwarded to purchasers who mailed their checks directly to Dick.

President Bill reminded members about the upcoming Joint Council Meeting, the 2nd Cabinet Meeting, and lunch with the International President.

Program

Giulio Francesconi was to have introduced the speaker but he was with Donna, who had been involved in an auto accident at 6th & Harrison Sts. earlier in the day. Aside from being shaken up and suffering some air bag burns, Donna is O.K. Ward Donnelly introduced Ms. Faye Faron, Executive Director of the "Elder Angels." Elder Angels is a group dedicated to protecting senior citizens from falling victim to scams and ripoffs. Ms. Faron is a private investigator and author. She has written a book on the topic called "Ripoff." This can be ordered at Crown Books, \$15. Most of her talk was on what is known as the "Sweetheart Scam," where young women of a certain ethnic group use romance to exploit lonely older men. The perpetrators aren't content with defrauding their victims just once - they want to clean their victims out. She also talked about "The Travelers," who move about the country cheating people with home improvement scams such as roof and pavement repairs.

Meeting of November 4, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 15 members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Handford Clews, and Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. Tail Twister George Salet extracted fines for introductions. Joe Farrah gave the members a crash course on how Texas Hold 'Em poker is played. This was necessary to explain how Joe shared in a \$12,400 "Bad Beat" jackpot the previous day while playing poker at the recently opened Lucky Chances in Colma. Joe held a hand of four 7s beating another player with four 6s.

Secretary Ward Donnelly read a thank you letter from Canine Companions. He also reminded members about the upcoming November 19-21 Cabinet Meeting in Carmel. He announced the Millbrae Lions Club will be visiting G.-E. on December 9th.

Committee Reports

Eye Glasses coordinator Charles Bottarini reported he received bundles of used glasses from Galdo Pavini and former member Gil Small.

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported a turn-in of funds and ticket stubs at this meeting. All 250 raffle tickets are either sold or spoken for. Three buyers are on a waiting list. People to go on the waiting list are invited. All arrangements are in place for the November 29th drawing.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews reported the club has a net worth of \$58,216.57.

Visitation Chairman Gino Benetti reported he had no visits scheduled.

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported club attendance for the month of October was 43%. There was a clamor to return Sam San Filippo to the chairmanship.

Screening committee Chairman Galdo Pavini read a schedule of budgetary requirements for Sea Scout Ship 33 based in Redwood City. The board voted to donate \$500 to the ship.

Al Fregosi drew Dick Johnson's ticket in the Convention Raffle. Dick missed out on \$131 by pulling a plain white golf ball worth only \$4. Absent Bob Farrell missed out on the Attendance Drawing. Again, no Mystery Lion identified himself.

SHORTS

Park Presidio Lion Adolph Gasser was a photographic technician on the Enola Gay, which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima thereby bringing the war in the Pacific to a speedy conclusion. Adolph handed an aerial camera to the tail gunner of the B-29 and it was that tail gunner who brought back the first photos of the historic explosion. On October 8th, Lion Adolph and Lady Marian joined thirty others for a trip to Tinian in the Marianas. The purpose of this visit was to dedicate a monument honoring the men of the 509th Bomber Group, which flew the Enola Gay.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIE

11/18 Ray & Marylin Squeri; 11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

11/11 Program Lunch Meeting; 11/18 49ers Night; 11/19-21 Cabinet Meeting in Carmel; 11/29 Charity Raffle Drawing