

Geneva-Excelsior News

Meeting of November 11, 1998

The lunch meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 10 Lions were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and the invocation was given by Handford Clews. Charlie Bottarini conducted introductions.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported he has funds in hand for a total of 239 raffle tickets, and at least 7 of the remaining 11 tickets are "locked in." He reminded members that the drawing will be held Sunday, Nov. 29th between 4 and 6 P.M.

Y & CA Chairman Joe Farrah reported the raffle tickets have been ordered.

Giulio Francesconi reported Bruno Ceccarelli is to obtain all of the paper work for the scholarship project.

President Bill announced the following meeting will be 49er Night with R. C. Owens, and urged members to bring guests for this popular event.

At this point in the meeting, waitress Doris Gooding entered the dining room with her arms outstretched holding a large chocolate cake with lit candles and the words "Happy Birthday Lyle" on the cake. Linda Workman had sent the cake over earlier in the day. Thank you, Linda.

Bob Farrell's ticket was drawn in the *Convention Raffle*. The best Bob was able to do was to come up with a white golf ball worth \$2. Absent Paul Corvi missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Giulio Francesconi had no victims.

Meeting of November 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 22 members and guests were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Lawhon, and the invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Charlie Bottarini conducted introductions. Handford Clews had two guests, Giulio Francesconi and Joe Farrah each had a guest. Joe's guest was Ralph Carrillo, Jr., whose father, in the forties and fifties, owned the Mobil gas station that was on the southwest corner of Ocean & Alemany now occupied by Midas Muffler. Ralph recently retired as the building inspector for the city of San Bruno.

President Bill read a thank you note from Donna Francesconi. Fortunately, Donna has recovered nicely from her auto accident, but her car had to be totaled out.

Bill also noted that the S.F. Council of Lions was holding its monthly on this same evening just around the corner at the I.A.S.C.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported a virtual sellout of the 250 raffle tickets. Dick is to be commended for leading the club in the sellout of these tickets two years in a row. All is in place for the November 29th 4 to 6 P.M. drawing and spaghetti feed. Remind your ticket buyers to circle the date and time.

Al Gentile reminded the members Salvation Army bell-ringing time is approaching. Al will contact members of the date, time and location we will be participating.

Y & CA Raffle Ticket Chairman Joe Farrah had with him the club's supply of the books of raffle tickets and posters. He distributed envelopes of four books of tickets to all members present and mailed same to members not present. Joe reminded the members that they knew the drill, and to go out and sell the tickets. John Madden set a good example for the members. On the spot, he filled in the stubs of his 40 tickets and turned the stubs in to Joe with his \$40 check.

Program

Program Chairman Al Gentile gave an informative biography on and introduced former 49er wide receiver R. C. "Alley Oop" Owens. R.C. briefed the club on the status of the team and the 49er front office, and also reviewed the team's performance during the past two decades. Al thanked Randy Tonelli for coordinating the speaker's visit to the club.

R.C. drew Giulio Francesconi's ticket in the *Convention Raffle*. Giulio came up with a \$3 winning plain white golf ball. In addition, Giulio won a 49er cap. Larry Farrell also won a 49er cap. Absent Ed Damonte missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Drawing. There was some confusion regarding who was *Mystery Lion*: both Charlie Bottarini and Al Fregosi claimed the title.

SHORTS

Giulio & Donna Francesconi took the Tauck Charleston/Savannah 8-day tour this past month. It began at Jacksonville, Florida, and went up the eastern seaboard to Jekyll Island, Savannah, Hilton Head, Beaufort, and ending at Charleston, S.C.

The Lionettes had their annual holiday season dinner on November 18th at Woodlake Joe's Restaurant in San Mateo. The following ladies attended: Dianne Johnson, Donna Francesconi, Ann Benetti, Emily Farrah, Irene Tonelli, Wanda Greer and Mrs Gianni, Grace San Filippo and her daughter Donna, Blanche Fregosi, Pat Pavini, Margot Clews, Bobbi Damonte, Sofie Zagorewicz, Linnie Faina, Frances Spediacci and her cousin, Pat Ferrera and her daughters, and Estelle Bottarini. Margot and Dianne organized this dinner, and Bobbi Damonte volunteered to organize next year's dinner. Well done, ladies.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

COMING EVENTS

11/19-21 Cabinet Meeting in Carmel; 11/29 Charity Raffle Drawing; 12/2 Board Meeting; 12/9 Program **dinner** meeting