

Geneva-Excelsior News

Meeting of December 2, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ed Damonte, and the invocation was given by Larry Farrell (the club may have discovered a new chaplain.) Charlie Bottarini did the tail-twisting with introductions.

Committee Reports

The members were in a self-satisfying mood coming off of the prior Sunday's Charity Raffle Drawing. Chairman Dick Johnson reported the good news that the project was a total success because all 250 raffle tickets had been purchased. In fact, the club had a few "back-up" ticket purchasers in the wings. Net profit to the club was in the area of \$7,700. 96 people attended the drawing-dinner at the I.A.S.C. The Grand Prize winner was long-time ticket buyer realtor Bob Goodin. The ticket was sold by Handford Clews. 2nd and 3rd prize winners were Gerry Kleinbach and Roger Bottarini. Dick extended gratitude to all of the members who helped.

Y & C A ticket chairman Joe Farrah reported tickets have been distributed to all club members, and all participating organizations have been contacted. Lions Larry Farrell and Bob Fenech in addition to John Madden have already sold/purchased 4 books of tickets each and have turned in their receipts to Joe. Waitress Leila Roussel has sold 5 books and requested 5 more.

Al Gentile announced the Salvation Army bell ringing for this club will take place Friday, Dec. 11th. Several Lions indicated they will join Al on Union Square that day.

Giulio Francesconi reported all is in place for the club's Christmas Party and dinner to be held at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped on December 16th. Members are urged to R.S.V.P. to Bill Graziano with number attending and entree choice. Refer to the flyer you received in the mail for details.

President Ward reminded the members that the Millbrae Club would be paying a visit at the next meeting.

Convention Chairman Handford Clews peddled raffle tickets at 8 for \$5. Ward Donnelly drew a ticket held by the Clews/Bottarini team. Charlie won \$1 and a Top Flight golf ball. Dick Johnson was totally surprised he won \$12 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charlie Bottarini had no victims.

Board Meeting

Treasurer H. Clews reported the club has a net worth of \$56,687.70.

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of November had risen to 68%.

Board action approved a purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket for the K. Fukushima for V.P. campaign, a \$250 donation to the Salvation Army and a \$100 donation to The Children's Garden.

Meeting of December 9, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 14 members

were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Lawhon, and the invocation was given by Lyle Workman. Tail Twister George Salet conducted introductions. There were some growls in the assembly when Giulio Francesconi described himself as an "all around nice guy." The Millbrae Lions Club were supposed to be visiting G.-E. at this meeting but none showed up. Was this a case of mis-communication or were all of the Millbrae Lions lot?

Committee Reports

Al Gentile reported Salvation Army had given him the wrong date for service club bell-ringing. The Dec. 11th date is a celebrity bell-ringing date and Dec. 18th is for service clubs. Unfortunately, Al and other members have conflicts with that date so G.-E. won't be participating this year.

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah reported Whitney Young School took 250 books of tickets to sell. Granada Cafe has sold 10 books and has requested more. He is waiting for a response from Corpus Christi Men's Club.

Student Speaker Chairman Chas. Stuhr reported he will be sending letters to four of the club's regular high schools.

Membership Chairman George Salet reported three prospective members have been referred to him by Handford Clews.

Bill Graziano took a poll of who will be attending the following week's Christmas Party at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. Phone Bill Graziano now if you haven't yet responded. You have a dinner entree choice of chicken or steak.

Bill Graziano picked Dick Johnson's winning ticket in the Convention Raffle. Dick is on a roll - last week he won \$10 in the Attendance Drawing and this week he found the elusive orange golf ball in the pouch to win another \$211. He graciously offered after-dinner drinks, and wine at the next regular meeting. Popular Mystery Lion Sam San Filippo had no victims. Giulio Francesconi donated the \$2 he won in the Attendance Drawing to the club's convention fund.

SHORTS

Frances Spediacci
vocation at a convent in Las Vegas.

Gino Benetti is guilty of desertion under fire. Irene Tonelli, Anne Benetti and Emily Farrah invited their husbands to join them at a husband's day lunch-meeting of the Mills Estate Women's Club held at the California Golf Club on Dec. 9th. Bill and Joe were the only men in the company of 30 women.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer

COMING EVENTS

12/16 Christmas Party at Recreation Center for the Handicapped, \$20 per; 1/6 Board Meeting; 1/13 Lunch Program Meeting