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Meeting of April 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Giulio Francesconi had Bill Mayta as his guest. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Bill Tonelli was on hand to give the invocation. Charley Bottarini conducted introductions. Joe Farrah paid an extra fine for blatant advertising.

Committee Reports

Eyeglass coordinator Charley Bottarini reported John Madden had turned in a bag of used eyeglasses.

Giulio Francesconi distributed copies of a summary of a lunch-meeting held April 12th towards reviving the club's scholarship program. In attendance at that meeting were Lions Bottarini, Clews, Farrah, Johnson, Wildenradt and Francesconi. They have agreed on pairing Balboa & Burton (formerly Woodrow Wilson) Schools and Lick-Wilmerding and Riordan Schools in the competition. A total of \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the first and second place winners from each pair of schools; \$1,200 to 1st Place and \$800 to Second Place. The format for the competition will be the same as in the past. George Salet turned over to Giulio Francesconi scholarship contest files George had in his possession.

Convention Chairman Handford Clews reported nine Lions and four wives will be going to the district convention.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman announced this year's pool will be expanded to a total of 26 games so the participation cost will increase to \$130.

President Bill announced no meeting will be held May 5th and that the May 12th meeting will be a dinner-meeting instead of a lunch-meeting. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Guest Bill Mayta drew a ticket held by Tonelli/Clews/Bottarini in the Convention Raffle. Bill Tonelli came up with a \$2 winning white golf ball. Absent George Salet missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charles Bottarini had no victims.

Meeting of April 21, 1999

This Ladies Night meeting was held at Bertolucci's Restaurant in So. San Francisco. A total of ten Lions and seven ladies were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Gino Benetti led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Lyle Workman gave the invocation.

Lyle Workman distributed to convention goers khaki with blue shoulder and side striped polo shirts to be uniformly worn at the convention.

Bill Mayta and his sponsor, Giulio Francesconi, were summoned to the head table, where Giulio told the

attendees of Bill, when and where they met, and their association. Then P.P. Joe Farrah conducted an induction ceremony bringing Bill Mayta into Lionism and as a member of this club. Bill was asked to play "This is my life" so he told of being a native of San Francisco, attending Balboa High School and eating Tick Tock hamburgers, and of his work in the construction and property management business.

Regarding inducting new members, the club is making progress. When Ted Wildenradt was recently inducted by PDG Rocky Lombardi, no membership pin or new member kit were on hand to present to Ted ("They were on order and on the way.") For Bill Mayta's induction, the club had a new member kit to give him but no pin. Secretary Ward Donnelly's pin was used for ceremonial purposes.

Convention Chairman Handford Clews announced the last raffle of the year was about to take place so winning tickets were going to be drawn until somebody pulled the orange golf ball out of the sack to claim the kitty. The first winning ticket was held by the waitress, who won \$2. Then the following nine holders of winning tickets couldn't find the orange ball and won the amounts indicated: Handford Clews-\$1, Larry Farrell-\$1, Bill Mayta-\$3, Gino Benetti-\$3, Linda Workman-\$1, Anne Benetti-\$4, Handford Clews-\$4, Ted Wildenradt-\$2, Ward Donnelly-\$4. Finally Donna Francesconi's ticket was drawn and she found the orange ball enabling her to take home the remaining \$126 in the kitty.

President Bill reminded everybody of Sunday's wine-tasting event for the Lions Eye Foundation, and that there will be no meeting May 5th and the May 12th meeting will be a dinner-meeting.

See you at Sacramento.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/25 Bill Graziano, Bill Shea; 5/2 Barbra Salet; 5/11 Harriet Kleinbach; 5/14 Giulio & Donna Francesconi, Jim & Marilyn Kerr

COMING EVENTS

4/24 District Student Speaker Contest at Millbrae Rec. Center, noon; 4/25 Rocky's Wine Tasting, 2-6 P.M., \$20 per; 5/5 No club meeting; 5/5-5/9 District Convention at Sacramento; 5/12 Dinner-meeting instead of lunch-meeting; 6/28-7/2 International Convention at San Diego