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The Convention

The District Convention at Sacramento's Radisson Hotel got off to a rough start because the guest packages and meal tickets weren't ready due to computer problems. Fortunately computer techie Lyle Workman offered his services and spent several hours trouble-shooting for the registration committee. Ken Newman had to hand-distribute meal tickets for Thursday night's dinner at the Grove Amphitheatre. Entertainment that night was a group of college students from Chico State who demonstrated jitterbug and swing dancing they have been learning. A couple of the coeds latched on to Handford Clews and Bill Graziano and taught them some neat moves on the dance floor. Many compliments were heard about the khaki polo shirts this club's Lions and ladies were wearing. Nice selection, Lyle.

The only trophies and awards this club brought back from the convention were for superior performance on the golf course. Veteran Lion golfers up there were asking, "Who is this ringer Larry Farrell Geneva-Excelsior brought in?" Larry won the Frank Ferrera Perpetual Trophy for shooting low gross score. Dick Johnson won a 9 wood plus \$20 for coming closest to the 14th hole, and Handford Clews won a lawn chair plus \$20 for coming closest to a hole in the front nine.

Linnie Faina brought her husband to the International Square Saturday. Geneva-Excelsior served the traditional cold cappuccino and biscotti. Note to next year's convention chairman: it was exactly the right amount of cappuccino. The weather was ideal for outdoor eating.

The guest speaker at Friday night's dinner was International Director Jack Isaman of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He is a member of the Calgary (Northeast Eye-opener) Lions Club and is a professional accountant and business manager. Somebody on the convention committee used foresight because a cassette of the Canadian National Anthem was acquired and played during each meeting's opening ceremony.

Jack Wolf was voted in as governor, and Elma Loreda was voted in as vice-district governor. The only other issue voted upon was where the district was going to convene in 2001. The delegates chose Sacramento's Red Lion Inn over the Radisson and The Doubletree Hotels.

Saturday night's dinner-dance was a nice event. Mission Lions Bernard Worken, 83, and Mike Perri, 91 were each recognized for 50 years of service. Incoming Governor Jack Wolf introduced his cabinet who are Maxine Frazier, Cabinet Secretary; Art Pignati, Treasurer; Harold Muller in the new position of Executive Administrator; Esther Lee, Region 1 Chairperson; and this club's own Lyle Workman, Zone 3 Chairman. Congratulations, Lyle!

The club is grateful to Convention Chairman Handford Clews for the time and work he put in towards getting this club's participation at the

convention. Thanks also to Charley Bottarini for gathering and transporting the hospitality room supplies.

Meeting of May 12, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 9 members were in attendance. Bob Fenech led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. Gino Benetti conducted introductions, where the club learned the proper pronunciation of Fenech is with a soft "ch."

President Bill announced that, because of a conflict at The Granada, the meeting of June 9th will be a dinner-meeting instead of a lunch-meeting. Mark your calendar now. He also announced the club's installation of officers will take place at the Olympic Club on July 10th. PDG Bob Marshall, Sr. of the San Bruno Lions Club will officiate as installing officer. July 17th is the date of the cabinet installation.

Granada waitress Leila Roussel informed the club that her co-worker Bonnie Albano was in a desperate situation because she lost all of her possessions in a recent apartment fire at Norton & Mission Sts. Members purchased raffle tickets for a drawing to benefit the fire victim.

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah distributed copies of a list of the drawing winners. Winner of the Ford Pickup was Molly Gomez of Burlingame on a ticket sold by the Burlingame Lions. The \$5,000 prize was won by Jim & Liza Blank of San Jose on a ticket sold by the Pacifica Lions. The following Lions were \$50 winners: Annie Donato, Jim Bigelow, Rudy Loreda and Cip Ayalin. Dick Johnson was also listed as a \$50 winner, but he wants to know when he will receive his check.

Lions Eye Foundation Treasurer Galdo Pavini announced Joe Farrah had become a Life Member in The Foundation and Pat Pavini was awarded a Helen Keller Fellowship. Galdo presented Joe with his certificate, a pin, and an engraved card. Galdo also affixed to the club banner Joe and Pat's membership signs.

Bill Graziano won \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion identified himself.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Ed & Bobbi Damonte, Estelle Bottarini, Sam San Filippo, Sophie Zagorewicz, 5/27 Rose Fraher; 5/28 Bruno & Jennifer Ceccarelli, Linnie Faina; 5/29 Ron & Linnie Faina, 6/1 Emily Farrah, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi; 6/2 Bill & Irene Tonelli

COMING EVENTS

5/19 Program meeting; 6/2 Board meeting; 6/9 Program **dinner-meeting**; 6/28-7/2 International Convention at San Diego; 7/10 Installation of club officers at Olympic Club; 7/17 Cabinet Installation