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September 8th Meeting

This lunch meeting at the I.A.S.C. was called to order by Acting President Dick Johnson. A total of twelve members were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and the invocation was given by Bill Tonelli. Acting Tail Twister Al Gentile conducted introductions.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairmen Dick Johnson and Giulio Francesconi reported they have in hand about 28 checks for purchases of tickets. They reminded members that the Early Bird Drawing will take place at the first meeting in October.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that the following meeting would be a Ladie's Night dinner at Johnny Nippon's Restaurant. Program speaker would be Mayor Brown's Special Assistant, Millie Valdes. Bob then introduced the visiting six members of E Clampus Vitus, popularly known as "Clampers," of which Bob is also a member. "Clamper" Robert "Skeeter" Schoeffner told the club of the origins, demise and re-birth of the Clampers. A non-profit organization, ECV is currently involved in humanitarian and public help programs while maintaining a steadfast program of historical preservation. They were colorful in their red uniforms.

Terry Lee won \$2 in the Convention Raffle. Mystery Lion Bill Tonelli had no victims.

September 15th Meeting

This Ladies' Night meeting was held at Johnny Nippon's Restaurant at Irving St. & 16th Ave. In attendance were 13 Lions and 8 wives. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon gave the audience a briefing of the guest speaker, Special Assistant to Mayor Willie Brown, Millie Valdes. She was the subject of a recent front-page S.F. Chronicle story. Ms. Valdes worked in the city's Building Inspection Dept. for 12 years prior to moving into the Mayor's Office during the Feinstein Administration. She put three sons through St. Ignatius High School. They are now respectively in the printing business, a Catholic priest, and a member of the S.F.P.D. Ms. Valdes told us that her specialty is problem solving and red tape-cutting in the areas of neighborhood services and citizens' assistance. She listens to problem stories and intervenes with department heads to help solve problems. Every complaint is investigated by her office. She talked about the need for low income housing and the frustration of dealing with homeless people who don't want to be helped. Everybody was given one of her business cards and a handy copy of The Independent's Guide to City Services. She also invited everybody to contact her if they

wished to tour the refurbished City Hall. Millie came across as a warm, sincere and dedicated civil servant. Good job, Bob.

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Dick Johnson distributed to those Lions present positive responses to the Charity Raffle's first mailing and the corresponding ticket bodies to be forwarded to the ticket purchasers. \$11,200 in receipts were turned over to the club's treasurer. Dick again reminds all members that the Early Bird Drawing will take place at the club's next meeting on October 6.

Memo to President Bill Graziano: who is representing this club at the S.F. Council's September meeting?

SHORTS

Al Gentile departed Sept. 14th for a one-week reunion in Michigan with his WW II Marine buddies.

The Clews, Bottarinis, Francesconis and Fregosis depart Sept. 25th for a one-week golf vacation out of Williamsburg, Virginia. Giulio and Donna will be extending the trip by touring the nation's capitol.

After being off since February, Ray Squeri is now back at his optometric office for three morning hours, three days a week.

While on their recent visit to Las Vegas, Handford Clews and Joe Farrah contacted former Burlingame Lion Dewey Hinkley. Dewey and his wife brought the Clews and Farrahs to their newly purchased showplace house on a golf course about 7 miles from the "Strip."

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

9/26 Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto; 9/27 Emma Giuffre; 9/28 Terence Lee; 10/1 George & Kathy Salet; 10/10 Donna Francesconi

COMING EVENTS

10/1 Night At The Races, \$30 per; 10/6 Board Meeting, Early Bird Drawing; 10/13 Lunch Meeting, 10/20 49er Night