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November 17th Meeting

This was the club's annual 49er Night with R. C. Owens. It was a ladies night held at the Basque Cultural Center. Lorraine Castagnetto, Estelle Bottarini, Margot Clews and Donna Francesconi represented the fairer sex. John Madden had three guests, Randy Tonelli had three guests, Bob Fenech had two guests, and Giulio Francesconi had two guests. One mystery of the evening is why only Handford Clews and Mike Castagnetto were served dessert.

Dick Johnson reported that only two Charity Raffle tickets remained unsold. One of those two tickets was purchased during the meeting.

Charity Raffle Drawing=Dinner

The club's annual charity raffle drawing and dinner took place Sunday, Nov. 28th at the Italian-American Social Club. 111 people were in attendance, the largest turnout in recent memory, for the champagne and spaghetti & meatballs dinner. Early Bird Drawing winner Pauline Woodall was chosen to draw the grand prize ticket of Frank & Charlie Bottarini. Other prize winners in descending order were Bob Cresta, Joe & Joan Callaghan, Emory Speck, Ray & Claire Latham, Paul & Helen Lutich, Sam & Grace San Filippo, Emory Speck, Pauline Woodall et al, and Larry DiGiacomo. Helen Habeeb was the winner of the special \$100 drawing for the used eyeglasses donations.

December 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ed Damonte, and the invocation was given by Larry Farrell. A total of 15 member were in attendance. Ramrod Galdo Pavini served as Tail Twister in diligently extracting fines from non-pin and non-badge wearers. Charlie Bottarini graciously hosted the members to cocktails and wine. President Bill reminded members that next week's meeting will be the Christmas Dinner at Rick's Restaurant. Let Bob Lawhon know if you are coming. All are asked to bring a Christmas wrapped child's toy to be donated.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle co-chairman Dick Johnson reported all 250 raffle tickets were purchased. A net profit of \$7,703.42 was earned. He commented that the project is "fine tuned" and should continue to run smoothly in the foreseeable future. He made a recommendation that all awards should be in cash instead of a trip, dinners, camcorder, etc. Congratulations, Dick and Giulio, for a job well done.

Student Speaker Chairman Paul Corvi asked the members to think of judges for the competition. He took the opportunity to turn into the club his eyeglasses as he no longer has need for them. Paul had laser surgery at UCSF to correct his vision. He said the procedure was simple and painless. It was done one eye at a time.

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah reported the Don Bosco Seniors are again participating in the sale of raffle tickets. He hasn't yet received responses from Whitney Young Child Development Center or Sea Scout Ship Gryphon.

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini reported he is waiting for a copy of the new District Roster before proceeding on scheduling visitations. Joe Farrah observed that contact could be made with club immediate past-presidents.

George Salet reported the club will soon place its order for crab for the February Crab Feed. Wearing his other hat as Membership Chairman, George stated he will begin working on that.

Al Gentile received mail from the Salvation Army regarding its "Celebrity Bell-Ringing." Al may commit this club to again participate. Al also distributed to members some 49er key rings given to the club by R. C. Owens.

Al Gentile sold tickets for the Convention Raffle. Paul Corvi drew a ticket held by Larry Farrell. Larry asked "Lucky" Charlie Bottarini to reach for the orange golf ball worth \$240. Charlie's luck ran out. Absent Ray Squeri missed out on \$12 in the Attendance Drawing. Another name was drawn. It turns out Charlie still had some luck left in him. No Mystery Lion identified himself. Who did you appoint, Mike Castagnetto?

Board Action

The Board voted to approve a request of \$125 to help the new Arc San Francisco Lions Club get started. This is a club for persons with "Developmental Disabilities." It will be meeting at 1500 Howard St.

SHORTS

Bob Fenech, Ben Spiteri; do you guys have enough juice at the Hall of Justice to fix the parking ticket Al Fregosi got in front of The Granada on Nov. 10th?

Joe & Joann Sangiacomo of the Daly City/Colma Skylions, Mike Markovich and Vern Berkowitz of the Daly City Gateway Lions, Elliott Bartholomew of the Millbrae Lions and Joe Farrah coincidentally met about noon at the So. S.F. Costco on Nov. 15th

COMING EVENTS

12/8 Lunch meeting at I.A.S.C., 12/15 Christmas dinner at Rick's Restaurant, 1940 Taraval at 30th Ave., S.F., 1/5 Board meeting, 1/12 Lunch meeting, Governor's visit, 2/4-2/6 MD-4 Convention at Primm, Nevada