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## January 5th Meeting

This first meeting of the new millennium was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ed Damonte, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Tail-Twister Bob Lawhon conducted introductions and extracted fines.

## Committee Reports

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that the program speaker for the meeting of Jan. 19th will be Lionel Mayrand. His topic will be tax matters.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported Handford Clews has the tickets for the event, and the initial distribution of the tickets is being allocated according to last year's sales. Ticket sellers are going to be responsible for attending to details such as people requesting chicken.

Visitation Chairman Charley Bottarini is scheduling a visit to the Burlingame Lions at their meeting hall at 12:10 P.M., Thursday, January 13th. Charley also reported he picked up a carton of used eyeglasses from Ray Squeri. Regarding used eyeglasses, the club directed Secretary Ward to order a half dozen used eyeglasses collection boxes from Lions International.

President Bill belatedly presented Lyle Workman with a 100% Attendance pin. Bill also announced that the meetings of March 8th and June 14th will be held at the I.A.S.C. due to conflicts at The Granada. Mark these changes in your calendars.

Ed Damonte drew the winning ticket held by the Donnelly/Graziano team in the Convention Raffle. They got a \$4 winning white golf ball in return for their investment. Absent Bruno Ceccarelli missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims.

## January 12th Meeting

This lunch meeting at The Granada was the official district governor's annual visitation to the club. Pacifica Lion Jack Wolf, DG, brought the following cabinet members with him: Administrative Assistant Harold Muller, VDG Elma Loreda, Secretary Maxine Frazier and Zone Chairman Lyle Workman. Seven members of the Burlingame Lions Club and Rudy Loreda, PDG of the Golden Gate Lions Club were also visiting. A total of ten members of this club were in attendance. Charlie Bottarini led in the Pledge to the Flag. Joe Farrah gave the invocation.

## Committee Reports

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini reminded members that this club will be visiting the Burlingame Club the next day.

Football pool chairman Lyle Workman announced the club will be following the Minnesota Vikings/St. Louis Rams game, with the Rams being the home team.

President Bill announced that, due to pressing family obligations, Terence Lee won't be able to

chair the scholarship committee. Is there a volunteer out there for this worthwhile project?

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reminded members that the speaker for the next meeting will be Lionel Mayrand. Bring a guest or two.

Flyers advertising the Feb. 26th Crab Feed were distributed to all present.

## Governor's Presentation

The first thing District Governor Jack Wolf did was to make sure the club was handed four copies of the long-awaited district roster. Then he gave an inspiring talk on the "four ships": friendship, membership, leadership and partnership. He also stressed the need for members to invite new people to become Lions.

## SHORTS

Bill Tonelli's children gave him a web TV for Christmas. He is now on the internet at wtonelli@webtv.net While you are at it, add the following screen name to your E-mail address book: DONSTANAWAY@YAHOO.COM

Former member Charles Grisenti, 73, passed away December 24th in Sunnyvale after having fought cancer. He is survived by his wife Aldine, two children and two grandchildren. He was manager of the Excelsior Branch of Hibernia-Bank at the time he was inducted into the club in March 1979, and his sponsor was Joe Farrah.

Mission Lion Aldo Lazzarini passed away Jan. 10th. Les Davis, PDG, passed away on Jan. 5th in Sacramento. Les was a former member of the So. S.F. Lions Club and more recently a member of the Jackson, CA Lions Club.

The Ed Damonte and Handford Clews couples are on a one-week golf trip in Acapulco.

Al Kleinbach officially retired as of the beginning of the year. However Hilda's Pastries in Auburn is still in the hands of the next generation.

Jenny Craig should be using George Salet as their spokesperson instead of Monica Lewinsky. Have you noticed George's slimmer profile?

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 Ted Wildenradt; 1/27 Larry Farrell; 1/31 Ron Faina, Frances Spediacci; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah

## COMING EVENTS

1/15 Lions Eye Foundation meeting in Modesto; 1/19 Program meeting; 1/22 Millbrae Cioppino Feed; 2/2 Board Meeting; 2/4-2/6 MD4 Convention at Primm, Nevada, 2/16 Student Speaker Contest; 2/19 Cabinet Meeting; 2/26 Crab Bash, 5/11-14 District Convention