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## January 13th Visit

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini brought Handford Clews, Joe Farrah, Galdo Pavini, Ward Donnelly, Al Gentile and Bill Graziano with him to the Jan. 13th lunch-meeting of the Burlingame Lions Club. Joe Farrah suggested to Burlingame President Charles Pascal that if he visited G.-E. more often he would be able to better handle pronouncing Italian names. Program speaker was three-term Burlingame mayor Rosalie O'Mahoney. She is a professor of mathematics at CSM. Mayor O'Mahoney gave an informative state-of-the-city talk with emphasis on the new soccer/golf/recreation facility built on the old city dump site.

## January 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. The invocation was given by Bob Lawhon. A total of twelve members were in attendance. Gerry Lowe of J & J Sheet Metal was a guest of Giulio Francesconi, and Bruno Muzzi was a guest of Al Gentile. The Granada Cafe increased the price of dinner from \$15 to \$18.

## Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported that Lions in need-of-tickets would have to contact Handford Clews in Acapulco.

Al Gentile informed the members that Gino Benetti will be undergoing colon surgery on Feb. 17th.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Paul Corvi sent in a report that speakers from George Washington and S.I. High Schools have been lined up for the Feb. 16th event.

Eye Foundation Advisor Joe Farrah reported the fund-raising wine tasting event won't be held this year. However Foster City Lions Club is sponsoring a gourmet abalone feast at the Foster City Recreation Center to benefit the Lions Eye Foundation. Recommended donation per person is \$100.

## Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Lionel Mayrand. He is president of "Complete Business Services," a provider of tax advise and tax preparation. Both Lionel and his father are former Lions so he is quite familiar with the Eyeglass Recycling Program. He explored the probability of this Lion Club being able to give back to a used eyeglass donor a valuable receipt that may be used as an income tax deduction.

Farrah & Fenech held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle. They missed out on \$250 by drawing a white golf ball worth only \$2. Ward Donnelly donated back to the Convention Fund the \$8 he won in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Bill Graziano nailed Ted Wildenradt and Joe Farrah.

## January 26th S.F. Council Meeting

The Council held its monthly meeting at the I.A.S.C. It was hosted by the Park Presidio Lions Club. A total of 13 Lions were in attendance including Ward Donnelly, Charles Bottarini and Joe Farrah from this club. Other clubs represented were Marina-North Beach, Merced Heights, Chinatown, Ocean Ingelside and Park Presidio. Ron & Linnie Faina's two daughters served and bused the dinners.

President Stephen Lee called for a moment of silence in memory of Aldo Lazzarini. He asked for a volunteer to fill out Aldo's year as council treasurer. The Police & Fireman's Award Night was discussed. Because of the light turnout last year, a proposal was made for individual clubs to honor peace officers and firefighters nominated from their respective police precincts and firehouses at this council event. The Council will so notify the clubs. The Council will again present two \$250 scholarships to college-bound high school seniors selected by the S.F. School District.

A request for eyeglasses for a needy student at Visitacion Middle School was assigned to this club. Other requests were assigned to the Castro and Chinatown Clubs.

Next month's council meeting will be hosted by the Ocean Ingelside Lions club.

## SHORTS

Brisbane Lion Frank Walch passed away Jan. 14th at age 90.

Anne Perri, wife of Mission Lion Mike Perri, passed away in Sonoma on Jan. 17th. Anne was 83.

There was some discussion and debate at the last meeting regarding the handling of collected used eyeglasses. District Eyeglass Recycling Chairman Paul Charles sent out a report dated Nov. 1, 1999 stating the glasses are broken up and the metal frames are separated from the plastic frames. The precious metals are melted bringing the Lions 32 cents per pound. Geneva-Excelsior netted \$30.47. Paul Charles proposes that we return to sending all of the glasses intact to be used by needy people in third world countries instead of for the few dollars and cents we can get from the metals.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/13 Lorraine Castagnetto; 2/16 Charles Bottarini, Charles Stuhr, Dick Johnson; 2/19 Doroth Pearson; 2/23 Ed Damonte

## COMING EVENTS

2/2 Board Meeting; 2/4-2/6 MD4 Convention at Primm, Nevada, 2/16 Student Speaker Contest; 2/19 Cabinet Meeting; 2/23 S.F. Council Meeting; 2/26 Crab Bash, 5/11-14 District Convention