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February 16th Meeting

This Ladies Night meeting at the I.A.S.C. was called to order by President Bill Graziano. A total of 12 members and 4 ladies were in attendance. Bob Fenech led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. Visiting was a delegation of six Millbrae Lions led by their Visitation Chairman Mike Gianni.

Committee Reports

President Bill announced that the meeting of April 19th will be held at the DeLancey St. Restaurant. Dinner will be \$25 per.

Crab Feed Chairman asked for a show of hands of who will be helping set-up the day of the Crab Feed. He also stated that Cathy Salet will be phoning wives for hors d'oeuvres. He also asked members to donate prizes for the raffle.

Speakers Contest

The meeting was turned over to Student Speaker Contest Chairman Paul Corvi. Paul announced the topic as "Community Service - - Whose Responsibility Is It In The New Millenium?" The three competing speakers were Jea Hyoun of Lowell High School, Erin Badillo of St. Ignatius, and Denise Chan of Mercy High School. The winner of \$50 cash was Ms. Hyoun. The runners-up were each awarded \$25. Judging the contest were husband and wife lawyers Greg Bulliung and Linda Fong, and Toastmaster Frank Gelini.

February 26th Crab Feed

The club's annual Crab Feed at the Recreation Center For The Handicapped was again an apparent total success. A capacity crowd of 505 were in attendance. Many requests for tickets had to be turned down. Observed Lions from other clubs were Pete Campanile, Ron Seward and Sigrid Engelen. The club extends its gratitude to the many Lions and ladies who worked hard. Among them are: the following Lions unpacked the 1,700 pounds of cracked crab and set up the dining room: Dick Johnson, Handford Clews, Paul Corvi, George Salet, Ward Donnelly, and Joe Farrah. Al Gentile and Charley Bottarini ordered the liquor and beverages, set-up (and also took down) and ran the bar. Thanks to the bar-tenders who helped them before and after dinner. The kitchen crew was Mike Castagnetto Sr. and Jr., Todd Spediacci and Brad Barisic. These working Lions were somewhat rewarded by a nice cold cuts and beverage lunch layed out by the kitchen crew.

Ward Donnelly gave up his voice in conducting the raffle. A large professionally made sign announcing the raffle was donated to the club by the sign maker. Cash in the amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100 were the major prizes. Gratitude is extended to the donors of the other raffle prizes and to the ladies who sold the raffle tickets. The delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres were consumed

in short order. Thanks to the ladies who prepared and brought the hors d'oeuvres and to Cathy Salet for coordinating this job.

Handford Clews again did a great job in handling ticket sales and seating arrangement. This is a difficult task because of last minute changes in attendees. Thanks also to the Lions who sold the tickets. Lyle Workman again came through with the printing of signs and table assignments.

Finally George Salet, overall chairman, is to be praised for putting this all together. As George kept assuring the club in his periodoc reports, "Everythig is under control." George is going to reserve the facility for the same Saturday next year and is going to prepare a manual for future chairmen to use as a guide.

SHORTS

Michael Farrah, Jr., Joe Farrah's nephew, will appear on the March 7th primary election ballots as a candidate for the S.F. County Democratic Central Committee.

Gino Benetti is recovering from surgery he underwent Feb. 17th at Peninsula Hospital.

The Youth & Community Activities raffle ticket sales project is winding down. Mail your ticket stubs and checks to Joe Farrah as soon as possible.

Emma Giuffre is currently residing in a convalescent home on Trousdale Ave. in Burlingame.

Handford Clews, Joe & Nick Farrah will be participating in the Reno Hilton's invitational craps tournament on March 4th. They expect to finish win, place and show. The hotel/casino is putting up \$15,000 in prize money. Cheering them on will be Margot and Emily.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/27 Pauline Woodall;

COMING EVENTS

3/1 Board Meeting; 3/8 Lunch Meeting at the I.A.S.C., 3/15 Past President's Night, 3/18 Abalone Feast at Foster City, 4/19 Meeting at DeLancey St. Restaurant; 5/11-14 District Convention