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April 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Acting Tail Twister Ed Damonte conducted introductions. Bob Fenech graciously hosted for wine. President Bill announced that candidate Art Pignati and a delegation from the Millbrae Club will be visiting this club at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah reported the club sold a total of 434 books. The shortfall of 60 books from the prior year is attributed to the fact that the Sea Scout Ship Gryphon didn't participate this year. The drawing took place Saturday, April 1st but the winners haven't been announced yet. The Bill Tonelli Perpetual Trophy for the club member who sold the most books will be retained by Bill Tonelli who sold 19 books. Four members failed to return unsold books even though they were reminded to do so. Names are available upon request.

Golf Chairman Lyle Workman announced the club's annual golf tournament and steak bar-b-q will take place Wednesday, June 21. The tournament will be at Harding Park. Hole sponsorships @ \$50 are needed.

Zone Chairman Lyle Workman reported the Zone 3 Student Speaker Runoff of March 11th was won by Adeeshela Hannah, a 9th grader from Sr. Martin Academy. She represented the Ocean-Ingelside Club. This club's speaker was runner-up. A speaker from the Golden Gate Lions did not appear. Judging the event were English professor Maurice Fitzgerald and attorney Michelle McGill.

President Bill announced the nominees for office for the year 2000-01 as follows:

President, Ward Donnelly; 1st V-P., Al Gentile; 2nd V.P., Joe Farrah; 3rd V.P., Bob Fenech; Secretary, Bob Lawhon; Treasurer, Handford Clews; Lion Tamer, Ted Wildenradt, Tail Twister, Giulio Francesconi; Board Members, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Dick Johnson, Gino Benetti, Ed Damonte and Charles Bottarini

Secretary Ward read a thank you note from Gino Benetti for candy and good wishes. Gino is undergoing kidney dialysis at Peninsula Hospital on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Ward Donnelly reported he attended the March meeting of the S.F. Council held at the I.A.S.C. and hosted by the Park Gate Lions Club. The Council had 20 requests for eyeglasses, which it distributed amongst the clubs represented at the meeting.

Charley Stuhr missed out on winning \$4 in the Attendance Drawing by leaving the meeting early. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman identified Mike Castagnetto, Giulio Francesconi, Bill Graziano and Ward Donnelly as his victims. Sneaky guy, that

Lyle.

SHORTS

Joe Albrecht, MD, passed away March 8th at the age of 85. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. Joe transferred to this club from the West O' Twin Peaks Club in September, 1995. The club extends its sympathy to the Albrecht Family.

The World Wide Web now reaches even to Woodland. E-mail address for the Fainas is: RonandLinn@hotmail.com Ron and Linnie E-mailed an invitation to all club members and spouses attending the district convention to a bar-b-q dinner at their house Thursday, May 11th.

Al Gentile will be in Italy April 11th thru May 8th.

Oops! The district roster indicates the San Bruno Lions meet each first and third Tuesday of the month. Visitation Chairman Charley Bottarini scheduled March 14th (second Tuesday) for this club to visit San Bruno. Charley, Larry Farrell, Ward Donnelly and Bill Graziano showed up at Martinelli's but were the only Lions there. It is assumed Charley at least bought drinks if he didn't pay for dinners. With whom at San Bruno did Charley coordinate this visit? The club went back to Martinelli's to officially visit San Bruno on March 21st, at which time George Salet stole their club bell. George is returning the bell to them tonight because they claim he stole it unfairly after the meeting was adjourned.

Giulio & Donna Francesconi depart April 9th for a 13-day trip to New York and Spain. They will be visiting Donna's daughter in N.Y., and cruise from Barcelona to Gibraltar and Madrid.

Handford & Margot Clews leave April 8th to spend a week in sunny Palm Desert.

Charley Bottarini is recovering from surgery to remove a painful spur from his foot.

Al & Blanche Fregosi will be returning to the mainland the end of this month.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/10 Al Kleinbach

COMING EVENTS

4/9 Lions Eye Foundation Meeting at Eureka; 4/12 lunch meeting, Millbrae to visit; 4/19 Ladies Night Meeting at DeLancey St. Restaurant, notify Bill Graziano if attending; 5/11-14 District Convention