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## April 12th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and Larry Farrell gave the invocation. A total of only five members were in attendance.

President Bill reminded members that the next meeting will be a ladies night at DeLancey St. Restaurant.

Secretary Ward announced that the S.F. Council's next monthly meeting will be April 26th at the Dragon Wok Restaurant, hosted by the Chinatown Lions Club.

Visiting the club were Millbrae Lions Art Pignati and Mike Gianni. Mike spoke on behalf of Art's candidacy for vice-district governor. Art distributed some campaign literature, and had an informal roundtable discussion with this club's members. He also presented the club with two nice bottles of wine and a \$10 donation to the club's convention fund. This Lion is well on his way to higher office.

## Committee Reports

Y & C A Chairman Joe Farrah announced winners of the raffle as follows:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Club</u>
Elle Smermes 1607 First St. Napa, CA	Ford Focus	Sunset
Jean E. Bennett 135 Stanley Ave. Pacifica, CA	\$4,000	Pacifica
Benavides 506 Cardoza Rd. Tracy, CA	\$1,000	Ocean-Ingelside
Fred Reid 1358 Fell St., S.F.	\$ 100	Geneva-Excelsior
Esther Schlocker 122 Connecticut St., S.F.	\$ 50	Geneva-Excelsior

President Bill again 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 Wildenrad, Tail Twister, Giulio Francesconi; Board Members, Lyle Workman, George Salet, Dick Johnson, Gino Benetti, Ed Damonte and Charles Bottarini

No Mystery Lion identified himself. Absent Ron Faina missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

## April 19th Meeting

This ladies night meeting was held at the De Lancey St. Restaurant. A total of 21 Lions, ladies and guests were in attendance. Self introductions took place.

## Committee Reports

Flyers and data on the upcoming golf tournament and bar-b-q were distributed. Sign up your foursomes and sell hole sponsorships.

President Bill reported that Aaron Straus of the Mission Lions Club asked Bill to ask this club to entertain the idea of the Mission Lions merging with this club. There was a general discussion of the idea. Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly and Handford Clews will visit the Mission Lions at their meeting next Wednesday to further explore a merger.

## Program

Waiter Michael Gordon and waitress Ellisia Stoker, participants in the De Lancey St. Foundation program, both spoke on what the program is. There presently are about 400 participants. It is sort of a half-way house for people who have been involved in non-violent crime to get back on their feet. When recovering alcoholics, drug addicts, etc. seem to be ready for gainful employment, the foundation will find them an apartment, pre-pay 3 months rent, and do what it takes to get them going on their own. One G.-E. member observed perhaps this is a cause this club can contribute to.

Thanks to Ward Donnelly for taking bulletin notes of this meeting.

## SHORTS

Mike Castagnetto, Jr. fell from the roof of a house April 12th. Fortunately he landed on his feet so his injury was not serious. He was treated at S.F. General.

When is the last time you brought a guest to a meeting?

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/17 Pat Pavini; 4/18 Galdo Pavini; 4/19 Marcy Stuhr; 4/25 Bill Graziano, Bill Shea; 5/11 Harriet Kleinbach; 5/14 Giulio & Donna Francesconi; Jim & Marilyn Kerr

## COMING EVENTS

4/26 S.F. Council Meeting; 5/3 Board Meeting; 5/10 Lunch Meeting; 5/11-14 District Convention