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May 3rd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Lyle Workman led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. TailTwister Bob Lawhon, sporting the new shirt he brought back from his trip to Manila, conducted introductions. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Wine with dinner was through the courtesy of Millbrae Lion Art Pignati.

President Bill announced that the club's annual Installation of Officers has been set to take place at the Basque Cultural Center on Saturday July 8th. He also announced there would be no meeting the next week due to the district convention. Bill read a warm letter from Dorothy Pearson thanking the club for the donation to the Lions Eye Foundation in Howard's name.

Secretary Ward submitted to the club the application for membership of Ettore Frizza. The board voted to accept same.

Committee Reports

Ward Donnelly reported on his attendance at the last S.F. Council meeting. His Chinatown parking tab came to \$24. The club may share some of this.

Lyle Workman reported a mailing has gone out to all former participants in the club's annual Charity Golf Tournament. It will be held June 21 at Harding Park, \$110 per player. Hole sponsors are needed.

Bill Graziano, Handford Clews and Ward Donnelly reported on their last week's visit to the Mission Lions Club to discuss the merging of Mission with this club. There don't appear to be any obstacles. Providing District Four-C4 and Lions International approve the merger, the board of directors voted to change the name of this club to Geneva-Mission Lions Club.

Mystery Lion Bob Lawhon had no victims. Absent Dick Johnson missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

May 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Charles Bottarini, and the invocation was given by Joe Farrah. A total of twelve members were in attendance. Visiting was Mission Lion Ron Seward. Acting tail twister Charley Bottarini conducted introductions and collected fines. Ward Donnelly read a note from the Squeri Family thanking the club for the donation to the Lions Eye Foundation in memory of Ray.

Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Al Gentile reported that the following attended last week's district convention at Sacramento: Al Gentile, Ron & Linnie Faina, Bill Graziano, Ward Donnelly, Handford & Margot Clews, and George & Cathy Salet. A good time was

had by all. The club again served Starbucks cappuccino and biscotti cookies at the Saturday food fair. This club was presented an award for its youth project. Winning the golf tournament was San Bruno Lion Bob Marshall, Jr. Saturday night's entertainment was a lively musical group featuring a talented vocalist who did impressions of well-known singers. Next two years' conventions will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento.

Paper work for the merging of Mission Lions Club with this club was submitted to District Governor Jack Wolf. Handford Clews stated he will telephone Lions International to learn the status of the merger since nobody had any additional information.

Golf Chairman Lyle Workman had tickets for sale for the bar-b-q @ \$30. He reported he expects between 50 and 70 participants in the tournament. He again urged members to sign up foursomes and to sell some hole sponsorships for the June 21st event.

No mystery Lion identified himself. Charley Bottarini won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing and donated same back to the club.

SHORTS

Add Ed Damonte to your E-mail address book. He is at edamonte@pacbell.net Ron Seward is at LRS72@aol.com

Raymond Squeri, 71, passed away May 1 after a courageous battle with cancer. Ray was inducted into this club January 1955. His sponsor was former member Joe Welch. He was president of the club 1973-74. He was an optometrist on Geneva Ave for 47 years. He is survived by his wife of 38 years Marylin, two daughters and two grandchildren. Ray was a member of the U.C. Varsity Basketball Team and an avid golfer. The club extends its sympathy to Marylin and the Squeri family.

Techies: the URL for the club's home page is www.lionclubs.org/geneva.html/

Dick Johnson conducted a one-man lunch meeting at the Granada Cafe on Wednesday, May 10th. He didn't get the word that meeting date was canceled.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Ed & Bobbi Damonte; Estelle Bottarini; Sam San Filippo; Sophie Zagorewicz; 5/27 Rose Fraher; 5/28 Bruno & Jennifer Ceccarelli, Linnie Faina; 5/29 Ron & Linnie Faina; 6/2 Bill & Irene Tonelli

COMING EVENTS

6/3 Millbrae Installation; 6/7 Board Meeting; 6/14 Lunch Meeting; 6/21 Golf Tournament, Bar-B-Q; 7/8 Installation of Officers