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July 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and the invocation was given by Bill Graziano. A total of 12 member were in attendance. Bill Graziano, Sr. was a visiting guest.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi announced that the date for this year's drawing will be Sunday, November 26th, a date on which the S.F. 49ers won't be playing. Giulio submitted to the club for its consideration a recommendation that the 2nd Prize Suntrip to Mexico, the camcorder prize, and the dinner for four on The Hornblower be replaced with cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Mike Castagnetto volunteered to call The Hornblower to learn if the club can get a better deal than before. Giulio will appreciate any member input on this topic.

Aaron Straus announced the Peace Poster Contest will take place in September. The club secretary will order materials for same from the Lions Club Supplies Catalog.

The club declined a request for support from a Southern Calif. Canine Companion organization as the club already contributes towards the Canine Companions in Santa Rosa. Ted Wildenradt drew a non-prize winning white golf ball in the Convention Raffle. Absent Ernie Lowe missed out on \$12 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman identified Aaron Straus as a victim. (Thanks to W.D. for taking bulletin notes.)

August 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. An impressive total of 19 members were in attendance including new member Etro Frizza. (When was Etro inducted?) Al Gentile led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Larry Farrell gave the invocation. Tail-twister Giulio Francesconi put the club on notice he will be diligent in his duties, and then conducted introductions. His Lion was absconded. Considering Giulio already graciously hosted the club to wine, his Lion re-appeared. Visiting the club was Santa Rosa Host Lion Wes Boardman. His guest was Kasar Raymond, a young physician at UCSF who is originally from Pakistan.

President Ward announced that this club will host the S.F. Council meeting on September 27th. He further announced the District's First Cabinet Meeting will be a breakfast/lunch meeting to be held at 420 Ninth Ave., S.F., \$15 per.

The president belatedly presented Bill Graziano with his Past President's Plaque in recognition of his two back-to-back years of service.

Committee Reports

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus introduced Manny Borowsky, Account Executive, and Ms. Courtney Schendel, District Manager from Entertainment Books. Borowsky made an informative presentation on the fund-raising program. Selling price of the next issue of the books will be reduced from \$40 to \$20. The selling period is from Sept. 9th to January 5th. Organizations such as this club earn from 20% to 50% commission on the sales of all books - the more volume, the higher percentage. This club has been assigned a code number which enables club members to sell the books to friends, relatives, etc via the internet while earning the commission credit for the club.

Aaron then briefed the club on the Peace Poster Contest. This is a competition among students aged 11 to 13. Letters will be mailed to nearby middle and parochial schools inviting participation. The club will judge the crayon drawn posters in December, and make cash awards of \$25 and \$50. The winning poster will be forwarded to the district for judging at that level.

Charley Bottarini reported a turn-in of used eyeglasses by Paul Corvi. The club has used eyeglasses collection boxes

available.

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi distributed previous year's purchaser's listings. Members are to promptly edit and update these listings and get them back to Giulio so as the first letters can be mailed. Then Giulio brought up his recommendation to substitute item prizes with cash prizes. After some discussion, consensus agreed with Giulio.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reported he has scheduled a ladies night program dinner meeting for Wednesday, August 23rd at the Flower Cafe at the Flower Mart. Dinner will be \$25 per. Ms Tracy Silvestri of Lenscrafters will speak on the use and distribution of used eyeglasses. Since this date is the fourth Wednesday of the month, there will be no meeting on the third Wednesday, August 16th.

Board Meeting

Secretary Bob Fenech read letters of gratitude from the Lions Eye Foundation and Teen Challenge. He read a letter of resignation from Dr. Bruce Stamper, OD.

The board voted to exempt ailing Sam Jordan from dues for one year.

Aaron Straus recommended the club should consider contacting S.F. Park & Recreation to learn if the club can help with any needs the city's parks, baseball or soccer fields may have. Aaron was authorized to make such inquiry.

Ron Seward and Charley Bottarini sold tickets for the convention raffle. Visitor Wes Boardman drew Charley Stuhr's ticket. Since Charley departed early, Dick Johnson came up with a \$55 winning orange golf ball for Charley. Ward Donnelly blushing won \$14 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Bob Fenech nailed Dick Johnson, Galdo Pavini, Aaron Straus and Paul Corvi.

SHORTS

An article in the July 24th edition of the S.F. Examiner told of Ben Spiteri investigating a 6th St. restaurateur being stabbed in the head with a fork. This club used to have a custom wherein the tail-twister would impose a fine on any member who appeared in the media. The offense: exhibitionism.

Welcome to the internet, Giulio Francesconi. giulio is at gfrancesconi@dellnet.com Was it a safe assumption this screen name had not already been taken?

PDG Bill Tonelli and PDG Leonardo Bacci were honored at a lunch held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Lions Eye Foundation. This took place on July 16th at the Calif.-Pacific Medical Center on the Foundation's 40th Anniversary. Bill and Leonardo, both Foundation past presidents, were presented with engraved cube shaped paperweights in recognition of their many years of service and dedication. Galdo Pavin, Joe Farrah and their wives were among the capacity crowd in attendance.

Joe & Emily Farrah represented the club at the Cabinet Installation held July 22nd at Millbrae's Clarion Hotel. Joe has been elevated to chairman of the district's budget & finance committee.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Bill Mayta; 8/3 Handford & Margot Clews; 8/7 Bob Fenech; 8/10 Bill Tonelli; 8/21 Gino & Anne Benetti

COMING EVENTS

8/9 Lunch Program Meeting; 8/16 Meeting cancelled; 8/19 Cabinet Meeting at 420 29th Ave., S.F., 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.; 8/23 Ladies Night at Flower Cafe, \$25 per; 9/6 Board Meeting; 11/26 Charity Raffle Drawing