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December 6th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Donnelly. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ron Seward, and the invocation was given by Ed Damonte. A total of 15 members were in attendance. Tail-twister Giulio Francesconi conducted introductions.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi reported the project earned a net profit of \$7,546. He recommended that the club prints and makes available for sale more than 250 tickets in the future. This is to enable newer members to get more involved in the raffle.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported tickets for the event will be available early January. The price of the tickets will be increased to \$40.

Y & C A Co-Chairman Dick Johnson regrets the delay in kicking off the project. He requested authorization of a club check to purchase the first 800 books of raffle tickets.

A message from Aaron Straus was read and circulated. He is requesting manpower for the annual Christmas Party for the Mission Educational Center, which has been taking place for over 30 years.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced and distributed flyers regarding the club's upcoming Dec. 13th Christmas Party at the I.A.S.C., \$32 per for steak or salmon. The club agreed to host a member's spouse or guest for this party. This will be the club's last meeting of the year as the **December 20th meeting has been canceled.**

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported attendance for the month of November was 34%.

Convention Chairman Charley Bottarini announced the convention raffle grand prize has grown to \$150. Ron Seward drew a ticket held by Donnelly/Fenech. Bob Fenech pulled a \$1 winning white golf ball. Al Gentile was present to pick up \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion identified himself.

December 12th Work Party

The following showed up at Aaron Straus's vacated care facility at So. Van Ness Ave. & 23rd St. to assemble Christmas gift bags to be distributed Friday at the Mission Educational Center: Aaron & Suzie Straus, Joe & Emily Farrah, Charley Bottarini, Dick Johnson and Handford Clews. These gift bags will go to 130 children - Kindergarten through 5th Grades. Call Aaron at 415-826-1717 if you can help with the Friday distribution.

December 13th Christmas Dinner

A total of 30 Lions, ladies and guests were at the I.A.S.C. for the annual holiday dinner. Former assemblyman and Marina Lion Charley Meyers and his wife happened to be there having dinner, and they chatted with some of this group. They extend

holiday greetings to all of their friends in the Geneva-Mission Lions Club. President Ward Donnelly displayed the club's new charter in its beautiful frame. Ward then appointed three senior members to try to decide on an appropriate place to hang the charter. Any ideas? It was a noteworthy occasion as it was exactly 50 years ago when the Geneva-Excelsior Club was chartered. Incidentally, does anybody know where the original charter is? The subject came up in conversation, and everybody was scratching their head. Then President Ward announced who earned 100% Attendance Awards during the past year and presented the awards to recipients who were present.

Perennial songmaster Handford Clews took over, distributed song sheets, and led the group in the singing of holiday songs. This is no easy task.

Lyle Workman brought a variety of 2001 calendar samples from C.M. Amos Printing to give to all that wanted some. Very thoughtful of you, Lyle.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon deserves a lot of gratitude for putting the party together.

SHORTS

The Lionettes gathered for their annual holiday dinner at Bertolucci's on November 29th. A total of 18 Lionettes, daughters and guests were there. Bobbi Damonte donated some prizes and other prizes were acquired by Chairladies Estelle Bottarini and Lorraine Castagnetto. A drawing was held to determine the prize winners. Well done, Estelle and Lorraine. Irene Tonelli and Emily Farrah were chosen as chairladies for 2001.

The culprit who snatched Donna's wallet from her purse at Pier 1 Imports on Dec. 5th has the wrath of Giulio Francesconi to deal with.

Omission: Bill Tonelli was among the major ticket sellers in the club's recent Charity Raffle.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer; 1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

12/20 meeting canceled; 1/3 Board meeting; 1/10 Lunch meeting; 1/17 Program meeting