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September 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile at 6:45 P.M. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 17 members were in attendance. The president announced that the monthly board meeting will take place at the Sept. 19th meeting.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi proposed and the club approved increasing the number of raffle tickets sold to 260 and increasing the number of tickets printed to 275. Giulio reported the I.A.S.C. raised the price per person \$1 to \$17.50 for the meatballs and spaghetti dinner to be held on the November 25th drawing date.

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus reported the 2002 books are on hand and 20 have already been sold @ \$20. He further reported Peace Poster Contest letters have been mailed to 40 San Francisco schools targeting students ages 11 to 13.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reminded members that the speaker at the next meeting will be Jeannine Toussaint, District Director of National Association For The Visually Handicapped. Bob also turned in two large bags of used eyeglasses from Sight For Sore Eyes.

Governor's Visit

District Governor Art Pignati, Vice-District Governor Michelle Jester, Cabinet Treasurer Al Morando and Region 1 Chairperson Jocelyn Mina were at the meeting in an official capacity. In updating the club on the state of the district, Governor Art informed the club that the Mount Zion Club, organized in 2000, had to disband due to transfers of many of its members. The governor used the occasion to present a certificate to Lyle Workman recognizing Lyle as the club's most productive worker. Governor Art also inducted in to the club new member Lionel Mayrand. Lionel was sponsored by Bob Lawhon, and Lionel's E-mail address is Lionel@filetax.com. Congratulations, Lyle and Lionel!

In the Convention Raffle, Michelle Jester drew a ticket held by Lionel Mayrand. Lionel came up with only a \$2 winning white golf ball. Absent Steve Kish missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion identified himself.

September 12th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bill Graziano, as President Al was reported off on a fishing trip. Pledge to the Flag was led by Al Fregosi, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Bob Lawhon had Chuck Hoffmann, an employee of AFLAC, as his guest. Bill announced that a Region 1 advisory meeting will take place at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Serramonte on October 15th.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi

arranged for the distribution of the lists of ticket purchasers to the members.

Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Jeannine Toussaint, District Director, National Association For The Visually Handicapped, 3201 Balboa St., S.F. 94121, (415) 221-3141, Email - staff@navh.org, Website -- <http://www.navh.org> This 47 year old non-profit organization provides products and services for the HARD OF SEEING. Among their services is the largest loan library - over 7,000 titles - of large print books in the U.S.

The needs of the partially seeing are different from the needs of the totally blind. Referring them directly to agencies for the blind can result in marked psychological trauma. They are not blind and most do not need canes, guide dogs or braille. They want to use their residual vision to the maximum extent possible; they want to remain in the normal sighted world. This is what NAVH offers - the chance to continue the productive lives they led before their vision deteriorated -- and for the young who were born with or acquired impaired vision -- an opportunity to lead constructive, contributing lives.

Tax deductible contributions are appreciated.

Absent John Madden missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ted Wildenrad had no victims.

SHORTS

Bill Graziano and three of his pals went on a fun trip to Whitefish, Montana September 5th. Did the trip to Montana have a higher priority for this zone chairman than visiting his own club with the other cabinet officers? We're just kidding, Bill.

Handford & Margot Clews and Margot's brother Bob Menicucci are presently traveling with a golfing group to Lisbon, Madrid and Malaga, Spain. Just the three of them are preceeding the trip with a one-week stay at the Hilton in Paris.

In the first game of the club's football pool, Giulio Francesconi won half of the first quarter and half of the final. Check the rules to see if this is allowed, Lyle.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

9/11 Al Fregosi; 9/14 Sam & Grace San Filippo; 9/18 Al Gentile; 9/26 Mike & Lorraine Castagnetto; 9/28 Terence Lee; 10/1 George & Kathy Salet

COMING EVENTS

9/19 Board meeting; 9/30 Governor's Appreciation Party for 2000-01 Cabinet & Committee officers; 10/3 Board meeting; 10/10 Lunch meeting; 10/15 Region 1 advisory meeting; 11/25 Charity Raffle Drawing