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October 10th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bill Graziano. Handford Clews led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Bob Lawhon gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Secretary Bill Graziano announced that the Charity Raffle Early Bird Drawing will take place at the next meeting. He circulated registration forms for the November 16 - 17 Cabinet Meeting in Carmel. He also circulated a half page message from Lions International that appeared in the October 9th edition of the Wall Street Journal. This message told of the establishment by Lions International of a World Trade Center/Pentagon Disaster Victims Fund to aid victims and their families of the Sept. 11th attacks.

Committee Reports

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that the Outer Mission District's Supervisor Sandoval may make an appearance at the Oct. 17th meeting. If he doesn't show up, the club has decided to run Excelsior resident Charley Bottarini for this post when Sandoval comes up for re-election. Bob further announced that a program speaker at the meeting of Nov. 7th will be Alison Lewis, the Job Training Director from the Haight Ashbury Food Program.

Last meeting's Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly forgot to name a succeeding Mystery Lion. Tail-Twister, do your duty. Absent Bill Tonelli missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

October 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bob Fenech. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and Lyle Workman gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Visiting the club was Lion Ron Wysynski from the Lindsay, Ontario, Canada Lions Club. Lindsay is a community of 20,000 population 80 miles east of Toronto. Ron spoke about Lindsay and his 35 member club. Among his club's fundraising projects is the lucrative once-a-week bingo game they run. This club has an annual budget of around \$130,000.

Committee Reports

Y & C A Co-Chairman Aaron Straus reported 7 groups out of 12 to date have responded they desire to participate in the raffle book sales. He further reported 26 Entertainment Books have been sold and he still has 4 books available.

Charity Raffle Chairman Giulio Francesconi announced the Early Bird Drawing would be moved ahead one meeting to November 7th. Giulio stressed the need for members to develop new ticket purchasers. There is always attrition for various reasons so lost former purchasers have to be replaced. Giulio has a stack of available tickets for sale.

Charley Bottarini sold tickets for the Convention Raffle. The club visitor drew a ticket held by Bob Fenech. Bob came up with only a \$2 winning white golf ball. Ward Donnelly again

neglected to name a succeeding Mystery Lion. Bill Graziano won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

SHORTS

A Charity Raffle ticket purchaser mailed his \$100 check to the chairman with a letter stating that if he wins first prize he wants the club to donate it to the World Trade Center/Pentagon victims.

The following information was submitted to the Council of Governors at their August 4th meeting by MD-4 Membership Chairman William J. Crawford:

As of June 30, 2001 the membership of Multiple District 4 stood at 27,226, a decrease in membership of 349 from the previous year. Multiple District Four's (California & Nevada) membership has fallen constantly for the past 14 years. This past year we lost a total of 27 clubs, and added only 13 new ones. At the time our clubs were dropped they had on their membership roster 291 members. In addition to the lost clubs last year, MD-4 has a substantial number of very weak clubs. At the current time One Third of the clubs in the Multiple are under minimum strength (less than 20 members.)

From the Oct. 17 edition of the S.F. Chronicle:

~~Dear Abby;~~ Please ask your readers to trick-or-treat for a worthy reason on Halloween.

We need thousands of volunteer "ghouls and boys" to collect used eyeglasses during the third annual Sight Night, a program sponsored by Lions Clubs International and LensCrafters. The glasses will be recycled and delivered to needy people in countries including Tunisia, Bolivia and Mexico. In many developing countries, people have little or no access to eye care, and glasses may cost as much as a month's wages.

Urge your radars to give the gift of sight to kids and adults around the world.

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PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Readers, learn how youth groups can trick-or-treat for used eyeglasses by contacting your local Lions Club or Lenscrafters; visit www.sightnight.org or call the toll-free number (877) 605-4242. If trick-or-treaters don't make it on Halloween, Lions Club and Lenscrafters accept used eyeglasses year round.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Lyle & Linda Workman; 11/6 Linda Workman; 11/10 Marilyn Kerr; 11/11 Gino Benetti, Lyle Workman

COMING EVENTS

11/7 Board/program meeting, Early Bird drawing; 11/14 Lunch meeting; 11/16 - 17 2nd cabinet meeting at Carmel; 11/25 Charity Raffle Drawing