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November 7th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Bob Fenech. Ward Donnelly led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Visiting the club on an open invitation was S.F. Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval. Because this supervisor represents the Outer Mission District, he lives at Edinburgh & Avalon. He spoke of his career and pending issues at City Hall. The club will now scrap its plans to run Charley Bottarini for Sandoval's post.

Galdo Pavini and Lyle Workman turned in bags of used eyeglasses.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported a total of 231 tickets have been sold to date. He has about 20 unassigned tickets available for sale. Dick conducted the Early Bird Drawing for a free raffle ticket. The winner was John Fiore, a St. Peter's High School classmate of Past Presidents Bob Woodall and Ray Squeri.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Charles Stuhr reported he sent invitations to several high schools and received a response from St. Ignatius. The club contest will take place in mid-February.

Y & C A Chairman Aaron Straus reported a book-counting work party took place Nov. 1st at George Salet's shop. Books of raffle tickets have been mailed to all of the club's members plus 1,100 books have been distributed to various participating organizations. Aaron further reported he has two Entertainment Books for sale.

Galdo Pavini gave the club an update on the Lions Eye Foundation as reported at their recent meeting in Reno.

\$93 was in the Convention Raffle kitty. The winning ticket held by Bill Graziano brought him only a \$3 winning white golf ball. Absent Al Fregosi missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Dick Johnson had no victims.

At the Board Meeting following the regular meeting, the club voted to purchase for \$60 a book of raffle tickets to support the Lions Float being constructed for the Rose Parade. This year's parade theme is "Good Times," and the Lions Float will be a large St. Bernard rescue dog.

November 14th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Mike Castagnetto, and Handford Clews gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Wine was hosted by Mike Castagnetto. President Al announced that next week's Nov. 21st meeting will take place as scheduled even though it is Thanksgiving Eve. Al also stated he will appoint a member to represent the club at meetings of the S.F. Council of Lion Clubs.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported a total of 246 tickets have been sold/purchased to date. Dick asks that all

outstanding unsold tickets be returned to him by the next meeting.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that the club's annual Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 12th, location as yet undetermined. Bob further announced he will begin setting up some club visitations.

The club is saddened with the loss of Past President Giulio Francesconi who passed away at age 74 on November 11th to the effect of pancreatic cancer.

Giulio became a member of the club December 17, 1975, was sponsored by Charles Stuhr, and served as president during the year 1980-81. Although Giulio served the club in many capacities, probably his biggest contribution was launching the successful fund-raising Charity Raffle back in 1978. Giulio was a native of North Beach and a graduate of Galileo High School. He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Giulio and a partner founded the Tick-Tock chain of fast food restaurants in San Francisco. Following his retirement from the restaurant business, Giulio became a certified financial planner. The club extends its sympathy to Donna, her family and the Francesconi family.

SHORTS

An E-mail received October 18th from Paul & Linda Corvi sent greetings from Iquitos, Peru, their last outpost before heading into the Amazon River-Jungle. They hope to exit in about 13 days in Manaus, Brazil.

Club President Al Gentile departed Nov. 6th to the Biloxi, Mississippi area for a week attending a reunion of his WW II Marine comrades. He probably found his way to a riverboat casino or two while there.

Joe & Emily Farrah will be representing the club at the district's 2nd cabinet meeting being held in Carmel this weekend.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 11/28 Bernard Worken; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

11/16 - 17 2nd cabinet meeting at Carmel; 11/21 Program meeting; 11/25 Charity Raffle Drawing; 12/5 Board meeting