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November 21st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. George Salet led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of 9 members were in attendance. President Al circulated literature from the Hanna Boy's Center in Sonoma describing their activities and offering to present a program at a club meeting. Al also acknowledged receipt of district convention registration forms and is seeking a chairman for same. Al further announced representation at the S.F. Council meetings will rotate among club members.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported a total of 259 tickets have been sold to date. He has about 15 unassigned tickets available for sale.

Aaron Straus reported that \$300 for the Mission Educational Center was used to purchase 12 Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families of students there. The club decided to use the meeting of December 19th as a work party to assemble Christmas gift packs for the school. Three or four Lions are needed to distribute these packs between 10 and 11:30 A.M. on Friday, December 21st at the school located at 30th & Noe.

Zone Chairman Bill Graziano announced that his ~~Zone Student Speakers runoff~~ will take place at a club meeting in March.

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported that club attendance for the month of October was only 29.6%.

Bob Fenech sold Convention Raffle tickets. Ted Wildenradt held the winning ticket but came up with only a \$3 winning white golf ball. Absent Galdo Pavini missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. There was some confusion about the Mystery Lion because Dick Johnson had made a Mystery Lion appointment by E-mail, which the recipient had not yet opened. Be on notice that Bob Fenech is the next meeting's Mystery Lion.

November 25th Drawing

The annual fund-raising Charity Raffle drawing took place as successfully as could be expected. Two records were set: the 123 people who were in attendance and the 273 tickets that were sold/purchased. Dick Johnson did a Lionistic job conducting the drawing and he and Al Gentile are to be congratulated for the manner in which they took over the project in mid-stream. Of course, Giulio Francesconi deserves the most praise for doing the tedious ground work and setting the parameters for the project. Who noticed that Giulio's numbers came up in the final score of the 49er football pool that Sunday? This was as it should be. Congratulations to the winners who were in order: Jim & Mary Kleinbach; Al Gentile, Mike Scuderi & Karl Bettencourt; Al Gentile & Jack Schutz; Jamos & Bernice Merefold; Joe Venosa; Helen Robatto/Bill & Irene Tonelli; Cresta Bros. Gang; Pauline Woodall & Marie Favero; Lester &

Patricia Garrison; Pauline Woodall & Scotty Falls

December 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Ward Donnelly, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Al Gentile hosted for wine in celebration of being a drawing winner. President Al announced that the club's Christmas dinner/party will take place next week on Wednesday, December 12th, 6:30 P.M. at the Flower Mart Cafe on 6th & Brannan Sts. Cost will be \$30 per person for an entree choice of prime rib, fish or pasta. Notify Bob Lawhon (RobertCLawhon@yahoo.com) if you will be attending and what your entree selection is.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported the raffle earned a net profit of \$9,200, an increase of \$1,700 over last year. This total amount has been sent to aid families of victims of the World Trade Center/Pentagon tragedy. The club decided to call the future raffles "The Giulio Francesconi Geneva-Mission Lions Club Charity Drawing."

Handford Clews volunteered himself and Ron Faina to shop for Christmas toys to be given to patients at the Children's Ward of General Hospital.

Lyle Workman and George Salet held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle. George came up with only a \$4 winning white golf ball. Absent John Madden missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Joe Farrah named Al Gentile as a non-handshaking victim.

SHORTS

Bill Graziano, Sr., 84, father of Zone Chairman Bill Graziano, passed away Thanksgiving Day following colon surgery on Nov. 16th at California Pacific Medical Center. Bill was a general contractor, past-president of ABCA and I.A.S.C., and a veteran of WW II. He attended many of this club's activities. His funeral took place at All Hallows Church on Feb. 27th. The club extends its sympathy to Bill and the Graziano family.

Lupe Hasselburg, Bobbie Damonte's mother, passed away Tuesday in Cupertino. The club extends its sympathy to Bobbie and her family.

There will be a memorial lunch for Giulio Francesconi, noon, Friday, January 4th at the Basque Cultural Center in So. S.F.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Ben Spiteri; Wanda Greer

COMING EVENTS

12/12 Christmas Party at Flower Mart Cafe; 12/19 Program meeting; 5/2-5/5 District Convention; 1/2 Board meeting