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## December 12th Party

A total of 17 Lions and ladies were in attendance at the Christmas dinner held at the Flower Mart Cafe. Program Chairman Bob Lawhon arranged an enjoyable night on the town.

## December 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by George Salet, and Bob Fenech gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Dinner wine was hosted by Bob Fenech. President Al announced that the MD-4 Convention will be held in Riverside Feb. 1 - 2 and that the club's Past Presidents Night will take place on January 16th.

A work party consisting of Lions Straus, Farrah, Clews, Gentile, Donnelly, Graziano and Workman arrived at The Granada early to assemble and pack Christmas gift packages to be distributed later in the week to Mission Educational Center students in grades K thru 5. Aaron Straus was a busy Lion purchasing and acquiring all of the gift items and carting them to The Granada. The team did a good job.

Joe Farrah presented to the club American flag lapel pins made of small beads by members of the Woodall Family to benefit recently widowed Kathi Woodall. The packet of 10 pins sold out @ \$5 with orders for 7 additional pins.

## Committee Reports

Handford Clews reported he and Al Gentile went to the Foster City Toys 'R Us Dec. 17th and purchased about \$500 worth of toys, which they delivered to the Children's Ward at S.F. General Hospital. These toys were given to patients at a party that took place that day between 2 and 4 P.M. Nice going, Lions Handford and Al.

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Charles Stuhr confirmed the club event will take place at The Granada on a Feb. 20th ladies night meeting. Zone Chairman Bill Graziano reminded members that the Zone Student Speaker Runoff will also take place at a Ladies Night at The Granada on March 13th. This normally lunch-meeting date will be a dinner meeting.

Y & C A Chairman Aaron Straus asked members to turn in to him sold/purchased raffle ticket stubs and receipts.

A winning ticket held by Straus/Workman was drawn in the Convention Raffle. They missed out on the \$151 prize by coming up with only a \$2 winning white golf ball. Absent Chuck Ayala missed out on \$8 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charles Bottarini had no victims and wished everybody a "Merry Christmas."

## December 21st Gift Distribution

Aaron Straus, Bob Fenech, Al Gentile and Joe Farrah showed up at 9:30 A.M. at the Mission Educational Center at 30th & Noe Sts. for the club's annual distribution of Christmas gift packages to the students there. Students at this school are newly arrived Spanish-speaking children of Grades K thru

5 who are getting their first year of public school education. The designated Santa Claus person was unable to appear due to a family emergency so Fenech, Gentile and Farrah did a coin toss to determine who would fill in. Joe Farrah was the odd man so he donned the Santa Claus suit. The students were paraded in to the cafeteria grade by grade to meet Santa Claus and receive their gift package. They displayed their gratitude by thanking Santa and giving him hugs and kisses. They also sang Christmas songs in unison. Bob Fenech was official photographer for the event. Joe Farrah got an unexpected bonus reward when a couple of the young attractive Latina faculty members requested to be photographed sitting on "Santa's" lap. Al Gentile doubled as wardrobe manager by helping Joe in and out of his suit. The event was finished by 11 A.M.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri

## COMING EVENTS

1/2 Board Meeting; 1/4 Francesconi Memorial Lunch at Basque Cultural Center; 1/9 Lunch Meeting; 1/16 Past Presidents Night; 2/1 - 2/2 MD-4 Convention; ~~2/23 Grab Feed~~; 5/2-5/5 District Convention

## SHORTS

Some food for thought to get the club off to a running start in the new calendar year is to set a nomination of officers meeting, to schedule convention meetings and to have some club visitations. Also, think about inviting a guest to a meeting.