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February 13th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bill Graziano, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson. A total of 10 members were in attendance. A visitor from the Sunset District was Bob Ariani. President Al reminded members that the student speakers competition will take place at the following meeting and it will be a ladies night.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet stated he will need Lions at 10 A.M. on Feb. 23rd to help set up the dining room. Ticket manager Handford Clews reported sales at the capacity of 515 tickets for the event. Handford continued he is contributing two tickets for the March 10th performance of "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" at the Golden Gate Theatre as an additional Crab Feed raffle prize.

Z.C. Bill Graziano gave a report on the Third Cabinet Meeting. It was announced that Regional Chairperson Jocelyn Mina is a candidate for vice-district governor.

Lyle Workman owned up to the fact he neglected to appoint a mystery Lion to succeed him.

February 15th Flag Day

Flag Day Chairman Aaron Straus and Joe Farrah distributed small American flags to all of the students in six grades at the Mission Education Center. The pupils were also given an information sheet including the Pledge of Allegiance, facts about the American flag and the Geneva-Mission Lions Club. The sheet was bi-lingual. Aaron made a presentation to the pupils on the significance of the stars & stripes and also had a quiz session with the pupils. Teachers translated to the pupils from English to Spanish. Then Aaron and Joe won their hearts by distributing cups of ice cream as a reward for their attention.

February 20th Meeting

This ladies night meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Fenech, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 12 Lions and 6 ladies including daughters Yvette Salet, Roxanne Gentile and Theresa Farrah were in attendance. Parents of student speakers were also in attendance. President Al asked for a final turn-in of outstanding Y & C A raffle tickets and receipts. Al also reminded everybody about the March 9th Crab Feed the Millbrae Lions are holding at St. Dunstan's Hall in Millbrae to benefit widowed Kathi Woodall and her nine children. Tickets @ \$40 may be obtained by contacting PDG George Habeeb at (650) 588-4326.

Stand-in Convention Chairman Dick Johnson announced he has the district convention registration forms and reminded members that the club picks up the tab for their attendance to the 3-night convention in Sacramento. Members pay only for their wife or guest. Block out May 2 - 5 in your calendar and inform Dick to count you in.

Student Speakers Contest

Paul Corvi conducted the annual competition among high school students. This year's topic is "Energy--What Is the Future?" Judging the competition were District 11 Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval, Gerry Blumenthal and Matthew Lavrinets. The contestants were Ryan Connelly, a freshman from Riordan, Ben Kantor, a senior from Lowell and Benjamin Leong, a senior from St. Ignatius, who was voted the winner. He was awarded \$50 and the runners-up \$25. They also received certificates of participation. Benjamin will face the winners of the Golden Gate and Ocean-Ingelside club contests in this

zone's runoff taking place at this club's March 13th ladies night dinner meeting at The Granada Cafe. Normally this second meeting of the month is a lunch meeting. The other three clubs in Bill Graziano's Zone 3 did not conduct a Student Speakers Contest.

February 23rd Crab Feed

The following fifteen Lions reported for duty at the Recreation Center For The Handicapped Saturday morning to unpack the 1,700 pounds of crab, deposit same in barrels, set up the bar and dining room; and to get the kitchen work started: Castagnetto, Clews Workman, Wildenrad, Straus, Gentile, Fenech Lawhon, Fregosi, Salet, Bottarini, Johnson, Graziano, Corvi and Farrah. This turnout demonstrated good club spirit. They were rewarded with a nice cold cuts, cheese and French roll lunch at 12:30. The fresh crispy French rolls had just been delivered by Royal Bakery.

The 517 patrons were greeted by a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres prepared and delivered by the ladies of the club. Thanks again, ladies. You are jewels. Al Gentile and Charlie Bottarini headed the hard-working bar team consisting of other Lions relatives, friends and Rosalinda Corvi as a "go-fer." Handford Clews had the seating well organized with clearly posted signs at the respective tables.

Estelle Bottarini, Diane Johnson, Margot Clews and other ladies staffed the raffle ticket table. George Salet used his computer wizardry and Kinko's Copy Shop to create the graphic artistic signs taped to the table advertising the non-cash raffle prizes and their donors, to whom the club is appreciative. Bob Fenech assembled all of the prizes and Ward Donnelly conducted the raffle drawing. Announcing the winning ticket numbers over the crowd noise is challenging. Total raffle ticket sales are not in yet.

Mike Castagnetto and his crew of Mike, Jr., Todd Spediacci and his loyal friends did their customary great job of preparing the tasty salad, pasta and marinated cracked crab. Dinner patrons were heard asking, "Who are these talented people in the kitchen?" It is rumored that Lorraine Castagnetto was standing by with doses of valium in case the situation in the busy kitchen became chaotic. The bar re-opened and dancing followed the dinner.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet is to be congratulated for managing this successful event two years in a row. He has it down to a science. Who is going to step forward to follow in his footsteps?

SHORTS

Al Gentile has been keeping secret the fact that he is on the Web. His E-mail address is AMGentile@yahoo.com

Memo to Blanche Fregosi: have one of these new global positioning devices installed in Al's car. Al, a newcomer to San Francisco, got disoriented while trying to find his way to the crab feed site Saturday.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/27 Pauline Woodall

COMING EVENTS

2/27 S.F. Council; 3/5 Board Meeting; 3/9 Millbrae Lions Crab Feed; 3/12 Zone Student Speakers Runoff dinner meeting; 5/2 - 5/5 District Convention