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March 20th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Chas. Bottarini, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Visitors were Emily Powell Palmer, President of the Balboa Alumni Assoc., Gladys Oliver Shannon, board member of the Balboa Alumni Assoc., and Joe Valencia, a Balboa Alumnus and member of the Excelsior Legends. Mahendra Dave had as his guest Ms. Chay Samudrala of the City of Hope.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported revised figures indicate the event earned a net profit of about \$9,000.

Y & C A Chairman Aaron Straus reported some members still have not turned in receipts and raffle ticket stubs. Are you stragglers waiting for threatening phone calls?

Program

Steven Currier, President of the Outer Mission Residents Association, gave an overview of this five-year-old improvement organization, its goals and accomplishments. The association is presently focused on a project to rebuild Crocker Amazon Park's playground in cooperation with the Neighborhood Parks Council and the S.F. Park & Recreation Dept. It will take at least 300 volunteers to make this dream a reality on Build Day scheduled for June. The project's website and telephone number are www.PlaygroundCampaign.org, 621-3260. E-mail may be sent to playgrounds@sfneighborhoodparks.org. Tax deductible contributions are invited and checks should be made payable and mailed to: Crocker Amazon Playground, Neighborhood Parks Council, 783 Buena Vista West, San Francisco 94117. Steve will attend this club's future meetings and keep the club informed of the project's progress.

Charlie Bottarini announced that the prize in the Convention Raffle has grown to \$250. Visitor Joe Valencia held the winning raffle ticket, but drew only a white golf ball out of the pouch. Visitors cried "Foul." Absent Al Fregosi missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion George Salet had no victims.

April 3rd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Charles Stuhr, and Ted Wildenradt gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Joe Farrah had Steve Currier as his guest, and Mahendra Dave had Ashok Kumar Bhatt as his guest. Mr. Bhatt is a commissioner with the S.F. Public Utilities Commission.

President Al announced that there won't be a meeting on Wednesday, May 1st because the district convention will be taking place that week, and that the May 8th meeting will be a dinner/ board/meeting instead of a lunch meeting. The May 15th meeting will be a Ladies Night at Bertolucci's Restaurant in So. S.F. Entree selections for that night will be chicken breast, London broil or salmon. Mark these meeting changes in your calendar now to avoid confusion. Al reminded members that the Youth & Community Activities drawing-dinner is being held at the I.A.S.C. on Saturday, April 13th. Price is \$28 per person. Contact District Chairman George Salet for reservations.

Committee Reports

Y & C A Chairman Aaron Straus reported he has turned in receipts to Treasurer Handford Clews,

and, together with twelve participating groups and organizations, a total of 1,171 books of raffle tickets were purchased/sold. Sadly, several of this club's members never responded to appeals that they at least return to the club unsold books of raffle tickets in their possession. Aaron earned a club salute for a difficult project well undertaken.

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson reported registration forms have been completed and are about to be submitted. The club will again be serving turnovers at the Saturday International Square. Handford Clews and Charles Bottarini will be participating in the Thursday golf tournament. It is not too late for others to sign up for the golf tournament.

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported that attendance to club activities is on the upswing and that attendance for the month of March was 37.7%.

No Mystery Lion identified himself. Last meeting's Mystery Lion George Salet paid the mandatory penalty for failing to appoint a successor. Absent John Madden missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

SHORTS

A "Swing For Swings" community ball will be taking place on Saturday, April 13th at the Crocker Amazon Rec Center, Moscow at Madrid Sts., 7 to 9:30 P.M. to raise money to construct the new play space at Crocker Amazon Park. Suggested contribution is \$10. Support the proposed new playground by attending this fun-filled event that will feature refreshments and the design of the new playground.

Congratulations to the Palo Alto Host Lions Club, which will be celebrating its 75th Charter Anniversary on April 6th.

Chinatown Lions is preparing for its 36th Miss Teen Chinatown Charity Fundraiser which will be held April 6th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in S.F. For more information call Lion Jackie Ko at 415-731-7087.

Kudos to Foster City Lion Fred Sommer who donated his Mercedes Benz to the Lions Eye Foundation instead of trading it in towards the purchase of his new vehicle. The L.E.F. raised \$24,000 from the sale of the Mercedes. Fred serves on the Advisory Council of the L.E.F.

John Madden entered Kaiser Hospital April 3rd for treatment. The club looks forward to seeing John back to his insurance office actively working.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

4/10 Al Kleinbach; 4/17 Pat Pavini; 4/18 Galdo Pavini; 4/19 Marcy Stuhr; 4/20 Ted Wildenradt

COMING EVENTS

4/6 Region 1 Student Speakers runoff; 4/10 Lunch meeting; 4/13 Y & C A Drawing Dinner; 4/17 Program meeting; 4/27 District Student Speakers runoff; 5/1 Meeting cancelled; 5/2 - 5/5 District Convention; 5/8 Dinner & board meeting; 5/15 Ladies Night dinner-meeting at Bertolucci's