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June 6th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Steve Currier, and Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 17 members were in attendance. Dinner wine was hosted by Al Gentile and Dick Johnson. President Al announced that the next lunch meeting would be held at the I.A.S.C. Al also announced that leadership training classes for incoming club officers will be held at the Burlingame Lions Hall on June 17th and 26th. Invitations to the following club Installation of Officers dinners were circulated: Millbrae at Green Hills on June 8th, San Bruno at So. City Steak House on June 14th and Pacifica at Nick's on June 30th. Secretary Bill Graziano read letters of gratitude from S.F. General Hospital, Teen Challenge, and St. Mary's Adult Care.

Committee Reports

Golf Chairman Lyle Workman distributed packets to golfers for the July 17th tournament. He announced the price of the bar-b-q dinner was set at \$35. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30.

Handford Clews reported that the menu selection for the club's annual July 13th Installation of Officers dinner at the Olympic Club will be roast prime rib, chicken breast or salmon. The evening's package including cocktails, wine, dinner, baked Alaska dessert, and dancing will be \$75 per. Capacity is limited so get your reservations in to Handford. PDG Kenneth Newman has accepted the club's invitation to officiate as Installing Officer. Ward Donnelly will preside as master of ceremonies.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reported he has the Mission Police Precinct captain lined up to speak at the August 21st meeting.

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus reported 2003 books are becoming available but seller's commission is being reduced. G.-M. may not participate in sales.

Galdo Pavini gave a report on the April 21st meeting of the Lions Eye Foundation trustees held at the Burlingame Lions Hall.

Board Meeting

The board voted to grant \$5,000 to the Neighborhood Parks Council towards the improvement of the Crocker-Amazon Park playground. An acknowledgement of the club's contribution will be in the form of an engraved plate on a playground bench.

The board authorized Aaron Straus to proceed to rent a storage locker for the club's property.

June 12th Meeting

This lunch meeting at the I.A.S.C. was called to order by President Al Gentile. Pledge to the Flag was led by Al Fregosi, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Attendance Chairman Ted Wildenradt reported club attendance for the month of May was 25%.

Handford Clews urged members to get their reservations in for the club's July 13th installation of officers. He further observed that Ettore Frizza has been dropped from the club rolls for non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

Al Fregosi suggested that at one meeting a year the names of all G.-M. Lions in good standing

who have passed on should be called out in memoriam. Al was unanimously appointed chaplain for this undertaking.

Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims.

The club is mourning the loss of Past-President John Madden, 53, who passed away at Kaiser Hospital in So. S.F. on June 6th. He was inducted into the club on October 15, 1980, sponsored by Handford Clews. John served as president for the term 1987-88. He was zone chairman the following year. John was a graduate of Riordan High School and Golden Gate University. He was an insurance broker for over 30 years. His survivors are wife Linda, children John K. and Kelly, sister Helen Barbato and brother William, and mother Frances, to whom the club extends its sympathy. Funeral Mass was at Corpus Christi Church on June 10th.

SHORTS

Blanche Fregosi recently stumbled on a curb in Palo Alto and fractured her knee cap. The club wishes Blanche a quick recovery.

Pauline Woodall recently returned from a two-week trip to Greece and Turkey.

Where are they now? Former member Rich Sanchez is now a member of the Burlingame Lions and has a car body repair shop at 917 California Drive in Burlingame. Former member Gil Smail had to give up his Mission St. barber shop and is now cutting hair at Barbera's Barber Shop on Magnolia in back of Burlingame Plaza.

A message was received from Ron Faina thanking all of the members of the club who called or sent cards to him. He is feeling good and getting stronger every day. The doctors were surprised how fast he recovered from surgery and sent him home two days early.

Joe & Emily Farrah represented the club at Millbrae's June 8th Installation of Officers at Green Hills Country Club. The dinner was preceded by a cocktail party at the Hillsborough residence of Lew and Bea Grassberger.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/10 Bill & Calista Shea, Irene Tonelli, Margot Clews, Mike Castagnetto; 6/11 Linda Madden; 6/16 Kathryn Hammerstedt, Chas. & Marcy Stuhr; 6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

6/19 Program meeting; 7/3 Board meeting; 7/8 - 7/15 International Convention, Osaka, Japan; 7/13 Club Installation at Olympic Club; 7/17 Golf Tournament & bar-b-q dinner.; 7/21 Cabinet Installation at Green Hills Golf & Country Club.