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November 19th Visit

Bob Fenech, Joe Farrah, Dick Johnson and Charlie Bottarini represented this club on a visit to the San Bruno Lions at the 16 Mile House Restaurant in Millbrae. 19 San Bruno Lions were in attendance. Lions Eye Foundation Executive Director Don Stanaway was there to make a presentation on the L.E.F. In response, San Bruno Lions pledged to raise \$10,000 for the L.E.F. and purchased a \$1,000 Helen Keller Fellowship in memory of Hank Sari. The San Bruno Lions made a point of letting the G.-M. Lions know S.B. was the district's top seller of Y & C A tickets last year. This sounds like a challenge. The G.-M. visit was productive because Bob Marshall, Sr. and Don Stanaway each purchased Charity Raffle tickets while we were there.

November 20th Meeting

This ladies night meeting at Bertolucci's was called to order by President Bob Fenech. Bob led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 13 members and 7 ladies were in attendance. Also in attendance were S. F. Public Utilities Commissioner Ashok Bhatt and D. J. Canepa, legislative assistant to Supervisor Leland Yee.

The scheduled S.F. 49ers travel director was unable to attend due to a job requirement but all was not lost. The 49ers sent two of their attractive "Gold Rush" girls in costume. They are Tiffany Burnett and Claudia Ponce, who posed with the members for photographs.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon introduced Patricia McLaughlin and 6 youths from "Cause We Care." This is an organization of 11 to 14 year old boys and girls from St. Gabriel School and parish in San Francisco dedicated to helping their community with projects and deeds such as sorting fruit at the S.F. Food Bank, preparing sandwiches to feed the homeless through St. Vincent de Paul's Dining Hall, cleaning the beach, and their biggest project, collecting used eyeglasses for processing and distribution by the Lions Club. They brought with them and presented to this club over 1,000 pairs of collected used eyeglasses. They can be reached at (415) 564-5836 and causewecare22@hotmail.com. Their website is causewecare.us/

November 24th Drawing

The 24th Giulio Francesconi Memorial Charity Raffle drawing took place successfully at the I.A.S.C. 113 people were in attendance for the champagne and spaghetti & meat balls dinner. Domenic Saso and his accordion again provided the music. Co-Chairmen Al Gentile and Charlie Bottarini are to be saluted for promoting the sales of 269 raffle tickets. The prize winners are as follows: \$12,500 Joe Workman (Lyle's son); \$1,000 Robert Menicucci (brother of Margot Clews); \$500 Bernie Bernard; \$250 Patricia Ferrera; \$100 Ward & Mark Trowbridge; \$100 Bob Fahey & Jim Gladius; \$100 Galdo Pavini (husband of Patricia Pavini); \$100 John Boosten; \$100 Fred Flecklin; \$100 Bob & Paul Fenech.

December 4th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Mike Castagnetto gave the invocation. A total of 16 members were in attendance. President Bob announced that a New Member Orientation Meeting

will be held at the Burlingame Lions Hall, 7 P.M., December 16th. Attendees should notify Cabinet Secretary Maxine Frazier at (650) 991-0754.

Secretary Ward Donnelly received letters of gratitude from the Lions Eye Foundation and Teen Challenge. District Governor Michelle Jester sent a letter thanking the club for the opportunity to speak during her November 6th visit. Also received was an invitation from the Salvation Army to participate in their annual Service Club Kettle Day taking place December 20th.

Committee Reports

Youth & Community Activities Chairman Dick Johnson distributed four books of raffle tickets to all Lions present, and other Lions will be receiving their four books. Dick repeated that all members are expected to sell or purchase at least four books. He would like to see early returns of receipts and ticket stubs.

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini reported the So. San Francisco L.C. will be visiting this club on January 15th.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Al Gentile reported the event earned a net profit of about \$8,000.

Aaron Straus reported he has 21 unsold Entertainment Books. Aaron also reminded members to be at the December 18th work party meeting as early as 5:30 P.M. to assemble the gift bags for the December 20th visit to the Mission Educational Center. The club is still waiting for a member to step forward to don the Santa Claus suit for that visit.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced that the speaker at the January 8th meeting will be John Cunnane, Supervising Park Ranger at the S.F. Maritime Museum.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews reported three members are still delinquent in their dues. They will be receiving letters.

The board voted in favor of purchasing for \$315 the "Primer" image magnifying instrument to be presented to the Bernal Heights Senior Center at 151 Cortland Ave. for use by visually impaired seniors there. Lion M. Dave is donating the TV to be used with this instrument.

Steve Currier held the winning ticket in the Convention Raffle, but came up with only a \$4-winning white golf ball. Absent George Salet missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing. Still no Mystery Lion appeared.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer

COMING EVENTS

12/11 Dinner meeting; 12/16 New Member Orientation; 12/18 dinner work party meeting; 12/20 visit to Mission Educational Center; 1/1 holiday; 1/8 Board lunch meeting

SHORTS

Paul & Rosalinda Corvi are again traveling to exotic regions according to an E-mail received from them after Thanksgiving from Santiago, Chile.