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February 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Ward Donnelly. Handford Clews led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 12 members plus visitor Bre Martinez were in attendance. Membership Chairman Bob Lawhon is going to schedule an indoctrination lunch with applicant Bre. Bre's E-mail address is BRE@habitatsf.org and her cell phone # is 260-5300. Al Gentile hosted for wine.

Also visiting was a delegation of the "Al Russell For Vice-District Governor" campaign committee. They were Past District Governors John Benson and Ray Kliewer from the Burlingame Lions Club and San Carlos Lions Paul Cademartori, Randy Witte and candidate Al Russell. They circulated an invitation to attend a campaign fund-raising dinner at the Museum of San Carlos History, 533 Laurel St., San Carlos which took place Saturday, March 1st. The club is also going to be celebrating its 65th Charter anniversary at a lunch at the Villa Hotel. Russell has had a long history as an active Lion in District 4-C4. He is a past-president of both the Burlingame and San Carlos Lion Clubs as well as the Peninsula Council of Lion Clubs. He is a realtor and resides in Redwood City.

This being Past Presidents Night, ten past presidents were hosted for dinner. This was scheduled to also be nomination of officers night but time ran out so the acting president announced this will take place at a later date.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported the raffle prizes he had in hand, again asked for ladies to bring hors d'oeuvres, and for Lions to help set up the dining hall. Ticket coordinator Handford Clews reported he has some unsold tickets available.

Flag Day Chairman Aaron Straus asked for and obtained some volunteers for the upcoming event.

John Benson drew a ticket held by Bob Lawhon in the Convention Raffle. Lawhon, looking for the \$200 orange golf ball, came up with only a \$3 winning white Titelist. Steve Currier won \$4 in the attendance drawing. Again no Mystery Lion.

February 21st Flag Day

150 American flags were distributed to seven classes of students at the Mission Educational Center. Assisting in the presentation were Aaron Straus, Bob Lawhon, Mehandra Dave, Sheriar Irani and Bre Martinez. Along with the flag, the students received an informational flyer and a cup of ice cream.

February 22nd Crab Feed

This is the first time in many years the annual crab feed did not sell-out to capacity. Capacity is 516 and 489 tickets were sold. There was a good turn-out of members to help set up the dining room and enjoy the cold-cuts lunch. Too many Lions and ladies worked in various capacities to list names. Of course, overall chairman George Salet, kitchen-master Mike Castagnetto, ticket coordinator Handford Clews, and bar-masters Al Gentile and Charlie Bottarini must be singled out. This event is apparently stepping up in class because at the end of the evening a large group of young revelers were seen departing in a very long stretch Lincoln limousine.

March 5th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Bob Fenech hosted for wine.

The president announced that the meeting of March 19th will begin at 6 P.M. because it will be both a convention and nomination of officers meeting. He read an announcement from the Millbrae Lions regarding their March 22nd Crab Feed to take place at St. Dunstan's Hall. Price is \$37.50.

Committee Reports

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet reported the event went very well excepting that the raffle dragged on. 1,750 pounds of crab was consumed, and the event earned \$8,173.

Visitation Chairman Charlie Bottarini announced the club will visit the So. San Francisco Lions Tuesday, March 18th at their 12:15 lunch meeting at Bertolucci's Restaurant, 421 Cypress Ave., So. S.F.

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson reported he has the registration forms for this year's district convention taking place at the Red Lion Inn, Sacramento from May 7th to May 11th. Dick reminded members that the cost of their attendance to the convention is hosted by the club.

Bill Graziano reported that he and Membership Chairman Bob Lawhon took member applicant Bre Martinez to an indoctrination lunch at the Flower Mart Cafe. Bre's application was unanimously accepted by the board of directors later in the evening. Welcome to the Geneva-Mission Lions Club, Bre. A formal induction will be taking place soon.

Bob Fenech drew Charlie Bottarini's ticket in the Convention Raffle. Reaching for the \$220-winning orange ball, Charlie came up with only a \$4-winning white Titelist. Gino Benetti missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. President Bob is going to monitor the Mystery Lion mystery.

COMING EVENTS

3/12 Dinner meeting, visit by Foster City Lions; 3/18 Visit So. S.F. Lions; 3/19 Convention and nominating committee meeting beginning at 6 P.M.; 3/22 Millbrae Lions Crab Feed; 3/26 Region 1 Student Speaker Runoff

SHORTS

Alice Worken, widow of Bernard Worken, PDG, passed away in Reno in mid-February. "Barney" passed away October 22nd.

Joe Engstrom, father of Linda Workman, passed away in San Francisco on February 20th at the age of 82. The club extends its sympathy to Linda and her family.

Millbrae Lion George Habeeb, PDG recently suffered a heart attack. He underwent an angioplasty at Kaiser Hospital, S.F., and is now at home comfortably recovering.

Lorraine Castagnetto has been at Seton Hospital being treated for double pneumonia, emphysema, and a slight stroke. The club wishes Lorraine a quick recovery and return home.