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April 16th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Bob Lawhon delivered a patriotic invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Convention Chairman Dick Johnson reported he will take it upon himself to order new shirts for the upcoming district convention. Dick further reported that none of the Y & C A raffle tickets purchased/sold through the club won a large prize.

Program

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon presented Bre Martinez who introduced her colleague, Ed Kim, Director of Volunteer Services for Habitat For Humanity. They both work out of the office at 78 Ocean Ave. (at Alemany Blvd.). Habitat For Humanity has been in San Francisco since 1996, and has completed building 12 houses for clients. Ten houses are currently under construction. The average house costs only \$170,000 to build because almost all labor is volunteered. The organization was founded in south central Georgia in 1976. The houses are sold to purchasers at no interest loans, but the purchasing family must have contributed many hours of labor towards construction. Funding for Habitat's program comes from many sources, including individuals, corporations, private foundations, community organizations and faith groups. Habitat does not accept government funds for the construction of its homes.

Since this was the last meeting prior to the district convention, Convention Chairman Dick Johnson sold many raffle tickets because winning tickets and golf balls would be drawn until somebody pulled the \$200-winning orange golf ball. Winning raffle tickets were drawn for Bob Lawhon, Donnelly/Fenech and Lyle Workman but they all failed to find the elusive orange ball. Joe Farrah, sitting in Handford Clews' customary seat, finally came up with the orange ball. Absent Steve Currier missed out on \$3 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Chalie Bottarini had no victims.

District Convention

A total of 23 members and guests from this club attended the annual district convention at the Red Lion Inn at Sacramento. They were identified by their new green uniform shirts. International Director John E. Rabideau of the Churchville, NY Lions Club was the district's special guest. A total of 126 ballots were cast in the voting. Ray Rosenthal of the Foster City Lions Club was elected as the new vice district governor by a margin of 80 votes to rival Al Russell's 46 votes. The voters also opted to return to the Red Lion Inn for the conventions of 2005 and 2006. Bre Martinez was recognized at the cabinet meeting for being the first female member of this club. She almost had celebrity status. This club won back the Greg Higuera Perpetual Trophy for the most Y & C A raffle tickets sold in the district as well as a plaque for clubs with 25 to 49 members. In the Thursday golf tournament, Ray Rosenthal had the longest drive and his son Ilan won the men's low gross. Incoming District Governor Jocelyn Mina named Chester Aharo to be her secretary, Al Lopez to be treasurer, Rosie Jones to be Region 1 chairperson, and Benjamin Chin to be Zone 3 chairperson. In a post-convention shuffle, VDG Jocelyn appointed Joe Farrah to be Zone 3

Chairman. Zone 3 will be the following clubs: G.-M., Korean-American, Soma Arc, S.F. Host and West O' Twin Peaks. Convention Chairman Dick Johnson is to be congratulated for coordinating this club's participation at the convention. He and Diane made the hospitality room very inviting. Thanks also to Charlie Bottarini for transporting club supplies and equipment back and forth. Aaron Straus arranged for the apple turnovers served at the Saturday food fair.

May 14th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. The president announced the upcoming Installation of Officers dinner will cost \$35 per. Cocktails will be at 6 P.M. and dinner at 7.

Board Meeting

The district governor has asked each club for \$100 to defray the cost of her hosting lunch for visiting district governors at the council of governors meeting taking place in this district. This request was approved subject to reimbursement of \$50 owed to this club by the district.

Absent Ernie Lowe missed out on the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Bre Martinez was late so the Tail Twister fined her \$1 for being tardy.

Editor's note: Rapid and thorough communication is important for an organization such as this club. This issue was delayed in being published and some of the contents is stale because the Lion who was delegated to take bulletin notes at the May 14th meeting procrastinated in getting the notes to the bulletin editor.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

5/5 Ted & Vernelle Wildenradt; 5/14 Jim & Marilyn Kerr; 5/22 Anne Benetti; 5/26 Ed & Bobbie Damonte, Estelle Bottarini, Sophie Zagorewicz; 5/27 Rose Fraher; 5/28 Linnie Faina; 5/29 Ron & Linnie Faina; 6/1 Emily Farrah, Paul & Rosalinda Corvi; 6/2 Bill & Irene Tonelli

COMING EVENTS

5/21 Program meeting; 6/4 Board meeting; 6/11 Dinner meeting; 6/18 Lunch meeting; 6/28 Club installation of officers; 6/30 - 7/4 International Convention in Denver; 7/20 Cabinet Installation at Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae

SHORTS

Bill Tonelli, PDG, is back home after undergoing therapy at Mills Hospital for a stroke he suffered. Irene is now administering therapy.

Past District Governor and International Counselor Leonardo Bacci passed away on May 3rd. Lenny was district governor for the term 1956-57. He was a long-time member of the Park Presidio Club and more recently a member of the Burlingame Club. A memorial service for him took place May 12th.

For incoming club officers, there will be three leadership training classes held at the Burlingame Lions Club Hall, 990 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame starting at 7 P.M. on the following dates: June 11th, June 17th, July 9th.