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June 4th 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 14 members were in attendance.

Reports

Galdo Pavini reported that all Lions are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Lions Eye Foundation to take place Saturday, July 19th at the California Pacific Medical Center, Pacific Campus, 2333 Buchanan St. at Clay, S.F. A lunch @ \$15 will be served. Contact Galdo at (650) 345-5224 if you are interested in attending.

The Board of Directors voted to donate \$50 to the Lions Eye Foundation in memory of Paul Farrah.

The Mystery Lion was Dick Johnson.

June 11th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 10 members were in attendance. Among the titles assumed by the members during introductions were "Bubba" Bottarini and a pre-mature "Immediate Past President" Bob Fenech. The secretary read a thank you letter from the district governor for the \$100 contributed to help her host the Council of Governors meeting in this district.

Committee Reports

Bob Lawhon reported the club has collected a total of 2,403 pairs of used eyeglasses during the current year. It was suggested that Bob Fenech rummage through these eyeglasses as he started the year off with a broken pair and again has a broken pair.

The club is still awaiting a final tally and fund distribution on the Y & C A raffle ticket sales.

Thirteen reservations have been placed to date for the June 28th Annual Installation of Club Officers to take place at the Basque Cultural Center. Cost is \$35 per. Make your reservation directly with Handford Clews.

Mystery Lion was Charlie Bottarini. Chuck Ayala missed out on the Attendance Drawing. (Thanks to Aaron Straus for taking bulletin notes at this meeting and promptly getting the notes to the bulletin editor.)

June 18th Meeting

This lunch 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 7 members were in attendance. The president found one of his long-missing pairs of eyeglasses in his valise. Let's hope private investigator Bob Fenech does a better job with a missing person assignment.

Bre Martinez turned in a box of used eyeglasses collected at Habitat For Humanity.

Joe Farrah informed the club that former Marina Lion Bill Gellen, a semi-retired pharmacist who presently works part-time at 1800 Sullivan Pharmacy, turned over to Bill Tonelli his collection of about 200 Lions trading pins. Bill is passing these on to the club. Joe reminded the club that the club, at a past district convention, raised money by raffling off trading pin vests donated by Ann Pacheco and Giulio Francesconi.

Program

Program chairman Bob Lawhon introduced

Tim Hutchinson of San Rafael. Tim is a computer web-master who voluntarily facilitates communication between members of the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion deployed in Iraq and their families here. This unit is composed of locally based reservists who were called to active duty, and many of their families are experiencing financial difficulties. Tim has created the Soldiers' Phone Fund, which pays for free telephone minutes for the neediest soldiers. Contributors to the Fund may donate by mail to 223rd Battalion Headquarters, 100 Armory Drive, S.F. 94132, Att'n.: Sergeant Russell.

Absent Ted Wildenradt missed out on \$6 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

6/10 Bill & Calista Shea, Irene Tonelli, Margot Clews, Mike Castagnetto; 6/11 Linda Madden; 6/16 Kathryn Hammarstedt, Chas. & Marcy Stuhr; 6/27 Ben & Annette Spiteri; 7/9 Dick & Diane Johnson, Bob Lawhon

COMING EVENTS

6/28 Club installation of officers; 6/30 - 7/4 International Convention in Denver; 7/2 Board meeting; 7/9 Lunch meeting; 7/20 Cabinet Installation at Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae; 8/16 1st Cabinet Meeting

SHORTS

Paul Farrah, son of Joe & Emily Farrah, passed away at the age of 40 on June 1st. He had been living in Santa Fe, NM. Paul was a graduate of Mills High School in Millbrae, and earned a B.S. degree in computer science at U.C. Davis. At one of this club's 1993 meetings held at the I.A.S.C., he put on a program demonstrating the internet.

Region 1 Chairperson Rosie Jones will be conducting a Regional Advisory Meeting at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Serramonte at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, July 16th. All clubs in Region 1 should be represented.