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June 28th Installation

The club held its 53rd annual Installation of Officers Dinner Saturday, June 28th at the Basque Cultural Center. Aaron Straus and his officers were officially installed in to office by PDG Don Stanaway. Ward Donnelly was Master of Ceremonies. A total of 22 people were in attendance.

July 2nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Fenech, who led in the Pledge to the Flag. Dick Johnson gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Steve Currier hosted for wine. Galdo Pavini turned in a packet of used eyeglasses. President Bob read letters of gratitude from the Lions Eye Foundation and from the Joseph Farrah Family. He further read announcements of the West O' Twin Peaks 65th Anniversary taking place July 11th and the Ocean-Ingelside Installation taking place July 19th.

Committee Reports

George Salet reported on behalf of Lyle Workman that a net profit of \$1,875 was earned from last year's football pool. Treasurer Clews took exception to this figure. The two pool top prize winners last year were Paul & Linda Annuzzi. Information sheets for participation in this year's pool were distributed.

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported 18 members qualified for 100% meeting attendance in the just completed fiscal year.

Steve Currier announced the completed ~~Crocker-Amazon Playground~~ opened July 1st. A tile will be made and put on a playground bench acknowledging the club's financial contribution to the playground project.

At this point of the meeting, the gavel was traditionally passed from outgoing President Bob Fenech to incoming President Aaron Straus. President Aaron announced the names of committee chairpeople and distributed a prepared calendar for the first half of the year.

In Board action, the club voted to contribute \$500 to the Soldier's Phone Fund for the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion deployed in Iraq.

Absent Ron Seward missed out on \$5 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charlie Bottarini had no victims.

July 9th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of 8 members were in attendance.

Committee Reports

Football pool Chairman Lyle Workman announced some squares are available for this season's pool.

Y & C A Co-Chairman Steve Currier reported winner's checks and funds earned by participating clubs have been distributed. This club earned \$2,467 from the raffle ticket sales.

Program

Aaron Straus introduced Ms. Nicole Koger and three clients who were visiting guests from "New Directions." They were staying at the Marriott Hotel and touring San Francisco. New Directions is a non-profit organization that provides travel tour opportunities for people with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, epilepsy,

cerebral palsy and autism. Others have sensory impairments such as blindness and severe hearing loss. Still others have serious mental or emotional problems due to head injuries or schizophrenia. Dee Duncan, the current executive director, founded New Directions in 1985. Prior to that, she had worked for many years in a residential facility for people with developmental disabilities. There, her duties included arranging trips for her clients. Then, she made a stunning discovery. Following these trips, people's behavior changed dramatically. Their outlooks improved. Not only that, they learned more easily. Self-esteem soared.

Dee Duncan and New Directions also started the Holiday Happiness program. This program is for clients who have no family with whom to share the Christmas holidays. This year, over 100 people with developmental disabilities and 40 staff will participate.

You can help these programs by sending in a donation to New Directions, 5276 Hollister Ave., # 207, Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Their web site is: www.NewDirectionsTravel.com

Absent Bill Welch missed out on \$5 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Ward Donnelly had no victims.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

7/18 Bobbi Damonte; 7/23 Bill Cazatt; 7/25 Grace San Filippo; 7/28 Calista Shea 8/1 Bill Mayta; 8/3 Handford & Margot Clews

COMING EVENTS

7/16 Program Meeting; 7/20 Cabinet Installation at Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae; 8/16 1st Cabinet Meeting

SHORTS

Sam Jordan passed away June 29th after a long illness. He was born July 5, 1925 in Diboll, TX, a small town about 125 miles from Houston. Sam came to San Francisco in 1947 after discharge from the U.S. Navy. He fought in the S.F. Golden Gloves Tournament under the name "Singing Sam," and won the Light Heavyweight diamond belt championship. He opened his Third St. club in 1959 and it remains popular to this day. He was affectionately dubbed the "Mayor of Butcher-Town." In 1963 he ran for mayor of S.F. against Jack Shelley. Sam was a long-time member of the Mission Lions Club. He is survived by his wife Bertha, four sons and four daughters, to whom the club extends its sympathy.

Sheriar Irani is presently at his home in Bombay, India.