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August 13th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Bob Fenech led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Bre Martinez gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Acting-Secretary Ward Donnelly read an announcement from the Carmelite Nuns of Valparaiso, Nebraska of the solemn profession and veiling of Sister Mary Rose of the Holy Family. This ceremony took place July 27th and refers to Frances Spediacci, widow of Past-President Mike Spediacci. He read additional announcements of the August 27th meeting of the S.F. Council of Lions Clubs and the August 31st Installation of Officers of the Park Gate Lions Club at the Marriott Hotel.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reported he has received information on next year's Entertainment Books. They will again cost only \$20.

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah reminded members of the upcoming visit to Park Presidio Lions Club and reported a visit to Foster City Lions Club has been scheduled for their dinner-meeting of Tuesday, September 9th, 7:15 P.M. at the Foster City Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd.

At this point of the meeting, a dish of ice cream with a glowing candle was brought in to Bre Martinez in recognition of her 27th birthday.

Bob Fenech's ticket was drawn in the Convention Raffle but he came up with only a \$1-winning yellow golf ball. Absent Charlie Stuhr missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Handford Clews had no victims.

August 20th Visitation to Park Presidio

Only Joe Farrah and Aaron Straus showed up for this inter-club visit so it doesn't qualify as an official visit as the required minimum number of visitors is 3. Park Presidio has been meeting at the Lincoln Park Clubhouse at Clement St. & 34th Ave. for many years. A total of 15 of their members were in attendance. They have a golf tournament and fund-raising crab bash coming up.

August 20th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Dick Johnson led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Bill Graziano gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. Al Gentile had as his guest Chuck DiPilla, a retired podiatrist from Dana Point, CA. Aaron gave a report on the August 14th "My Fair Lady Pageant" at the San Mateo Fairgrounds, which Aaron chairs and serves as master of ceremonies.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson asked members to get corrections/deletions/changes on the distributed printouts of former raffle ticket purchasers turned in to him promptly as the first mailing is scheduled to go out in early September. Dick further asked members to line up replacement ticket buyers for lost buyers. 262 out of a printed 275 tickets were sold/purchased last year.

Joe Farrah announced that the program speaker for the September 17th lunch meeting will be Fred Pardini. Fred had a long career as a news-cameraman with the San Francisco Examiner and Channel 5 TV, and he will speak about events and personalities he covered during his career.

Program

Lionel Mayrand gave a presentation and slide show describing how he is going to enlist financial advising and tax preparation offices across the nation to become collection centers for used batteries, cell phones, hearing aides and eyeglasses. He intends to funnel the eyeglasses and hearing aides through local Lion Clubs. Lionel further told of a retiring San Jose Ave. client of his who has a dental office with six stations. The dentist desires to donate all of his dental chairs, drills, compressors, X-Ray, tools, supplies and equipment to a clinic in Costa Rica. This will fill a shipping container. Lionel is asking for the club's advice and help towards packaging and transporting these items to Costa Rica.

Chuck DiPilla drew a ticket held by the team of Johnson & Donnelly in the Convention Raffle. Dick came up with a \$2-winning yellow golf ball. Dick rejected the golf ball because he stated no self-respecting golfer would want to be seen playing with a yellow ball. Absent Bre Martinez missed out on \$3 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion identified himself. Whom did you appoint, Handford?

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

8/30 Marilyn Squeri; 9/1 Patricia Ferrera, Rosalinda Corvi; 9/2 Diane Johnson, Mahendra Dave, Sheriar Irani; 9/11 Al Fregosi

COMING EVENTS

8/27 S.F. Council Dinner Meeting at Lincoln Park Country Club; 9/3 Board Meeting; 9/9 Visit Foster City L.C.; 9/10 Lunch Meeting; 9/17 Lunch meeting; 10/15 Ladies Night at Bertolucci's; 11/30 Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner

SHORTS

David Menicucci, brother to Margot Clews, passed away August 12th. David spent a career working as an electrician at the family-owned Arc Electric Co. Bill Cazatt and Charles Stuhr were among the pall bearers, and Charles Stuhr delivered a eulogy at the funeral at Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame.

The club extends its sympathy to Margot and her family.

Aaron Straus, Mahendra Dave and Joe Farrah represented the club at the August 16th Cabinet Meeting. As District Sight Conservation Chairperson, Mahendra gave an interesting demonstration and presentation of the Primer Magnifying Device for the visually impaired.

The new district rosters were distributed at the meeting. All club presidents, secretaries, cabinet officers and committee chairpeople receive one. Extra copies are available from the cabinet secretary @ \$6 each.

District Newsletter Editor Emil Kantola informed the assemblage that the monthly newsletter may be read on the district's home page at <http://www.lions4c4.org/> A directory of all current cabinet officers is also here. Of current interest to Geneva-Mission is the news that Pacifica Lions are raffling off a trading pin vest @ \$10 per raffle ticket.