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September 17th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Handford Clews led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Lyle Workman gave the invocation. A total of only 9 members were in attendance. President Aaron announced that the S.F. Council will hold its monthly meeting on Sept. 24th. He also reminded members of the November 13 - 15 Cabinet Meeting in Carmel.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus reminded members he has Entertainment Books.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman announced that in only the second game of the season, Joe Farrah is already a repeat winner.

Steve Currier reported this club will be sharing a table with the Outer Mission Residents at the October 12th Excelsior Festival.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reminded members that a representative from Enterprise For High School Students will be speaking at the October 8th lunch meeting and that October 15th will be a Ladies Night/49er Night at Bertolucci's.

Program

Joe Farrah introduced retired photo-journalist Fred Pardini. Fred is an Excelsior District native, who graduated from Balboa High School. He was a reporter-photographer for Balboa's *Buccaneer*, and earned an A.A. degree in photography at City College. After being discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1955, he went to work at the *Call-Bulletin*, then the *S.F. Examiner*. From 1969 until his 1998 retirement, he worked at KGO Channel 7. He served as President of the Press Photographers Ass'n. Fred spoke of what was involved in making the transition from still photography to moving pictures. He spoke also about sports photography and filming from a helicopter. During his long career, he met and photographed many celebrities including Eleanor Roosevelt, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. He also photographed Joe & Emily Farrah's 1959 wedding. Another club connection is that Fred worked at Bill Tonelli's Central Drug Store from 1943 to 1949.

In the Convention Raffle, the winning ticket drawn by Al Fregosi was held by Al Gentile. Al came up with only a \$3-winning yellow golf ball. Absent Bill Cazatt missed out on \$9 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Charles Bottarini had no victims.

October 1st Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Pledge to the Flag was led by Al Gentile, and the invocation was given by Chaplain Bill Graziano. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Wine was hosted by Dick Johnson. Lyle Workman distributed updated club rosters. President Aaron circulated a draft of the new "Who Are The Lions?" pamphlet. Aaron also circulated announcements and registration forms for the November 13 - 15 2nd Cabinet Meeting and Golf Tournament in Carmel.

Other golfers in the club opted out of contention to represent the club in the upcoming St. Luke's Hospital Golf Tournament so a determination was made that Bob Fenech will be the participant.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson

reported the project is underway. Members are asked to send their checks in. Ward Donnelly is the first member to submit checks for himself and all of his ticket purchasers. The Early Bird Drawing will take place at the October 15th meeting.

Bill Graziano announced that the menu selection for the October 15th Ladies Night meeting at Bertolucci's will be fish, chicken or London Broil. Notify Bill at (415) 822-9659 or williamgraz@aol.com if you will be in attendance and your menu choice. Invite guests.

Board Meeting

Treasurer Handford Clews gave a report and reviewed the budget for the current year.

The board voted to solicit by mail to the members contributions to White Cane Days.

Ward Donnelly sold tickets for the Convention Raffle. Mahendra Dave drew a ticket held by Joe Farrah. Joe came up with only a \$4-winning yellow golf ball. Absent Steve Kish missed out on \$12 in the Attendance Drawing. Mystery Lion Lyle Workman pointed to Bre Martinez as a non-handshaker.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 Donna Francesconi

COMING EVENTS

10/4-5 White Cane Days; 10/8 Lunch meeting; 10/15 Ladies Night at Bertolucci's; 11/14-15 2nd Cabinet meeting; 11/30 Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner

SHORTS

Al Gentile has moved to a higher rent district at 1312 Skyview Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

Bob Fenech recently returned from a business trip to Ireland.

Aaron & Suzie Straus' expanded Daly City house was featured in a recent *Chronicle* story on solar powered heat and energy.