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November 19th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Bob Fenech led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Mike Castagnetto gave the invocation. A total of 13 members were in attendance. Bob Fenech and Dick Johnson hosted for wine. President Aaron reported he will purchase turkey breasts and pies from Boston Market for the November 26th Thanksgiving lunch for the students at Mission Educational Center. Plates and napkins will be purchased at Party City. The total cost to the club will approximate \$400. Members who will be serving should be at the site by 11:15 A.M. for the 11:30 and 12:30 servings.

This meeting was supposed to be the occasion of the district governor and her cabinet making their official visit to the club but apparently there was a mixup in communication so only Joe Farrah represented the cabinet. Joe gave a brief report on the recent Carmel cabinet meeting. President Aaron presented Joe with a replica of the club banner for his appearance. The re-scheduled date for the governor's visit is January 21st.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported he has cash in hand for 247 raffle tickets sold/purchased. Members are urged to make a last minute push to sell the remaining 28 tickets.

Y & C A Region 1 Chairman Bob Fenech reported 1,500 books of raffle tickets have been ordered by this club.

Bob Lawhon drew Bob Fenech's ticket in the Convention Raffle. Fenech came up with a \$4-winning yellow golf ball. Bill Tonelli missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing. Again no Mystery Lion. A search of the records reveals Lyle Workman at the October 1st meeting was the last Mystery Lion. Tail-twister, do your job.

November 26th at Mission Educational Center

The following six members were at M.E.C. to serve their first American Thanksgiving lunch to 140 Spanish-speaking kindergarten to 5th grade students: Aaron Straus, Sheriar Irani, Dick Johnson, Charlie Bottarini, Bre Martinez and Joe Farrah. After the students presented a rehearsed program of songs, they lunched on salad, turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce, milk and pumpkin pie. The most impressive aspect of this event was the media turnout. The school district's Public Information Office sent out a customary press release. Cameramen and reporters from four of the major television studios, the *S.F. Chronicle*, *Examiner*, *Independent* and a Chinese newspaper were on hand to report the story.

November 30th G. Francesconi Raffle Drawing

Chairman Dick Johnson is to be congratulated for the total success of the drawing - - all 275 printed tickets were sold/purchased, thanks to some last minute purchases at the event itself. 108 people attended the drawing dinner. Following are the prize winners, and the sellers of the tickets are in brackets:

- #1 #268 Nat, John & David Sangiacomo (Clews)
- #2 #140 Marty & Elizabeth Martinez (Martinez)
- #3 # 53 Josephine Campagna (Clews)
- #4 #161 Alice Mandoli (Tonelli)
- #5 #250 Gino & Anne Benetti (Benetti)
- #6 #220 George Salet (Salet)
- #7 # 12 Nancy Caton (Lawhon)

- #8 #259 Mike Keys (Clews)
- #9 #186 Art Menicucci (Clews)
- #10 # 37 Al Gentile & Jack Schutz (Gentile)

December 3rd Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Lyle Workman led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Galdo Pavini gave the invocation. A total of 12 members were in attendance. Handford Clews had Bernard Transano as his guest. Handford and Al Gentile hosted for wine. Secretary Bob Lawhon announced letters of gratitude were received from St. Mary's Adult Center, Lions Eye Foundation and Mission Educational Center.

Committee Reports

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported attendance for the month of November was 46%.

Zone Chairman Joe Farrah reported the district had its first organizational meeting of a new San Mateo club at San Mateo's City Hall on December 2nd. This was being chaired by Al Russell.

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus announced he still has remaining books for sale.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon reported former S.F. Supervisor Wendy Nelder will be speaking at the January lunch meeting.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors approved the following contributions: \$250 to *Enterprise for High School Students* and \$250 to *San Francisco Beautiful*.

Aaron Straus will see how the Pacifica Lions are doing with their raffle of a trading pin vest to guide this club on how to proceed with the extensive collection of trading pins donated to the club by Lions Bill Gellen and Bill Tonelli.

Ward Donnelly sold convention raffle tickets. Guest Bernie Transano drew the winning ticket held by him and Dick Johnson. They came up with a \$4-winning yellow golf ball. Lyle Workman turned over the \$6 he won in the Attendance Drawing as a penalty for a four-meeting gap without a Mystery Lion. Mystery Lion Bob Fenech pointed to Ward Donnelly as a victim.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

12/10 Lunch meeting; 12/17 Program meeting; 12/19 Mission Educational Center Christmas Party; 1/7 Board meeting

SHORTS

An E-mail from Paul & Rosalinda Covi informs us they are again traveling to exotic locales. Now they are "Down Under" traveling through Australia and New Zealand. They will return to the States Christmas Eve.

Congratulations to Charlie & Estelle Bottarini, whose 60th wedding anniversary fell on November 27th.

Martin Eberhardt passed away November 29th at the age of 89. Marty transferred to the Park Presidio Lions after the South Of Market Club gave up its charter.