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December 10th Meeting

This turned out to be a non-meeting meeting. The Granada Cafe neglected to inform the club that the meeting room had been reserved for a quarterly lunch for retired San Francisco teamsters. They had such a turnout that they spilled out into the regular dining room. Eight G. - M. Lions had a social lunch on a long table in the regular dining room. Al Gentile donated some of his trading pins to the club.

December 17th Meeting

The following members arrived early as a work crew to assemble the Christmas gift packages to be distributed in two days at Mission Educational Center: Charles Bottarini, Handford Clews, Bill Graziano, Sheriar Irani, Dick Johnson, Lyle Workman and Aaron Straus. Businesses from whom gift items were purchased were Safeway, Walgreens, Office Depot, Arrow Paper and Casa Maria Fruit Stand.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Handford Clews led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Bre Martinez gave the invocation. A total of 11 members were in attendance. President Aaron announced that Past Presidents' Night will take place at a February meeting. He also announced that both a joint zone advisory meeting and a new member orientation meeting will take place at a dinner at Far East Cafe on January 8th.

Committee Reports

Entertainment Book Chairman Aaron Straus reported he still has 5 unsold books left.

Bob Lawhon reported University of California School of Optometry accepted the used eyeglasses collected through this club. These glasses have come from UCSF Medical School & Hospital, Premier Eye Care, COSTCO, So. S.F., For Eyes, Site for Sore Eyes, and various personal donations from members, family and friends. Bob further reported he is inviting the head of the Academy of Sciences to be a program speaker.

Charlie Bottarini conducted the Convention Raffle. Winning ticket holders Workman and Salet came up with only a \$1-winning yellow golf ball. Aaron Straus won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing. No Mystery Lion rose. Did the last Mystery Lion Bob Fenech do what he was supposed to do? (Thanks again to Bre Martinez for taking bulletin notes.)

December 19th at Mission Educational Center

The following Lions were at the Mission Educational Center wearing their uniform G. - M. club shirts to help distribute the Christmas packages to the 140 kindergarten to 5th grade students there: Charles Bottarini, Sheriar Irani, Bob Lawhon, Dick Johnson and Aaron Straus. Bi-lingual Ingelside Police Officer Nacho Martinez again served as Santa Claus and Officer Maricella Sainez was his assistant.

January 7th Meeting

This first meeting of the new year was called to order by President Aaron Straus. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Charles Bottarini gave the invocation. A total of 14 members were in attendance. Al Gentile hosted for wine. President Aaron circulated hand-drawn thank you messages from the students at Mission Elementary Center and photos taken at their Christmas party. Aaron announced that Flag Day will be February 20th and Past-Presidents Night will be March 17th.

He also distributed updated calendars to the members. Tail-twister Bob Fenech conducted introductions invoking a policy that a fine of \$2 would be imposed on members not wearing both a Lions pin and member name badge. Paul Corvi told of his recent extended trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Committee Reports

Visitation Chairman Joe Farrah announced the club would be visiting the Burlingame Lions Club at the Burlingame Club Hall on Burlingame Ave. at their lunch meeting of Thursday, January 15th.

Program Chairman Bob Lawhon announced Wendy Nelder will be speaking at the next meeting.

Crab Feed Chairman George Salet announced the price of this year's crab feed will be \$45 per person.

Screening Chairman Bill Graziano reported the club expended \$780 to pay for hearing tests for 78 children at Holy Family Day Home.

Board Meeting

Attendance Chairman Ward Donnelly reported member attendance was 40% for the month of December.

President Aaron reported the club will be ordering three trading pin vests to be raffled after pins are affixed. The president put on the floor for discussion the topic of various committee chairpeople composing manuals for the operation of their respective committees. These manuals would then be passed on to successor chairpeople. The board agreed this is a wise idea and the president directed all chairpeople to follow through.

Charles Bottarini and Al Gentile conducted the Convention Raffle. Winning ticket-holder Mike Castagnetto came up with only a \$1-winning yellow golf ball. Mystery Lion Joe Farrah had no victims. However, errant former Mystery Lion Bob Fenech paid a \$2 fine. Bob Lawon won \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Ben Spiteri, Wanda Greer; 1/4 George Salet; 1/11 Annette Spiteri; 1/14 Joe Farrah; 1/15 Ward Donnelly; 1/20 Ted Wildenradt

COMING EVENTS

1/14 Lunch meeting; 1/15 Visit Burlingame Lions at their lunch meeting; 1/21 Governor's visit; 1/28 S.F. Council meeting at Parkside Restaurant; 1/31 3rd Cabinet meeting

SHORTS

The District Four-C4 third cabinet meeting will be held Saturday, January 31st at William E. Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City. 8 A.M. - Registration & Continental Breakfast, 9 A.M. - Start of Business Meeting - \$18 per person Breakfast and Lunch included. RSVP by January 26th. Send check payable to District 4-C4 to Region Chair Doris Grason, 451 9th Ave., Menlo Park 94025 For further information call (650) 368-1109 or E-mail dgrason@msn.com