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November 10th Meeting

This lunch meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Dick Johnson, and Charles Bottarini gave the invocation. A total of 9 members were in attendance. President Bob reported an application for membership has been submitted by Ernie Braun, a Dolores St. neighbor of his sponsor, Gerry Lowe. He further reported he delivered 300 pairs of used eyeglasses to U.C.'s School of Ophthalmology. Bob announced the Daly City Gateway Club will be holding its annual Holiday Party at the Doelger Senior Center on December 5th between 1 and 4 P.M.

Aaron Straus displayed eight painted posters done by students ages 11 to 13 from schools participating in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. The participating schools were Corpus Christi, St. Elizabeth, St. John and Cornerstone Academy (formerly Simpson Bible College on Silver Ave. at Cambridge.) The theme for this year's competition was "Give Peace A Chance." The members judged the posters to select a winner to be sent to the district cabinet meeting taking place in Carmel that weekend. All of the posters showed talent but the winning one was done by Brandon Woo, 13, from Cornerstone Academy. His poster will compete with posters from other clubs to determine a district winner.

Committee Reports

Aaron Straus delivered 4 books of Y & C A raffle tickets to each member present. Other members will receive their books in the mail. You are expected to sell or purchase at least the 40 raffle tickets and get the stubs and proceeds back to Aaron soon. Don't make Aaron ask for same---his job is time consuming enough.

Aaron reminded members that the Thanksgiving lunch for 150 students at Mission Educational Center, 30th & Noe Sts., is set for Wednesday, November 24. First serving will be at 11:30 and the second will be at 12:45. The food being purchased at Boston Market is costing \$670. Paper products are being purchased at Party City. The Christmas Party at Mission Educational Center will be December 17th.

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported 229 raffle tickets had been sold/purchased to date. This is short of the 275 target.

Mystery Lion Bill Graziano didn't fool anybody. Absent Terence Lee missed out on \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

November 16th visit

Handford Clews, Charles Bottarini, Bob Lawhon and Joe Farrah made a club visit to the So. San Francisco Lions Club at their lunch-meeting at the Basque Cultural Center. So. S.F. had 20 members in attendance. Some of their announced upcoming activities are a December 12th Christmas Party at Oyster Point Yacht Club and a December 21st distribution of gift baskets to needy So. S.F. residents. They sell Entertainment Books and raised \$2,000 on White Cane Days.

District Governor Ray Rosenthal was present to make his official visitation. He announced that an 11 year old from Foster City won the district Peace Poster Contest in judging that took place at the Carmel cabinet meeting. He further reported the MERLO team is active exploring the possibility of starting new clubs in East Palo Alto and pockets of

San Francisco.

November 17th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawhon. Ward Donnelly led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. A total of 8 members were in attendance. A visiting guest of Bob Lawhon was Franco Cirelli, CFO of Phacil, a S.F. computer system company. Franco grew up in the Excelsior District and graduated from Balboa High School and UC Berkeley. President Bob informed the members that the meeting of December 15th will be a work party to assemble the gift packages for the annual Christmas visit to Mission Educational Center.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Co-Chairman Dick Johnson reported ticket sales reflect a shortfall of 20 to 25 tickets from the maximum target of 275. Members are urged to go all out to sell at least one additional ticket prior to this coming Sunday's drawing. Everything is in place for the annual drawing-dinner at the I.A.S.C.

Y & C A Co-Chairman Bill Graziano reported the club is in receipt of 1,000 books of raffle tickets and 850 of these have been distributed. During the week, Bill made numerous phone calls and contacts to interested parties and groups from the past regarding participation in raffle ticket sales.

Al Gentile has undertaken making arrangements for a club Christmas party. This will be a dinner taking place Wednesday, December 8th instead of the lunch meeting that is usually on that second Wednesday. The dinner-party will be at *Ristorante Mare*, 404 San Pedro Road (intersects Highway 1) in Pacifica. Spouses, friends and family are welcome to attend. Menu selection will include a choice of veal, chicken or two kinds of fish. It is important that you notify Al at (650) 342-1709 how many will be attending.

District Governor Ray Rosenthal was present to make his official visit to the club. He has adopted a policy to not bring members of his cabinet along on these visits as a time saver. Ray reported that the state of the district is healthy with the number of members on the plus side even though 45 members have been lost to attrition. The district is exploring the possibilities of starting new clubs in East Palo Alto, San Francisco's Hunter's Point and at Lowell High School. Ray told of the many district Lions who attended the recent USA/Canada Forum held in Reno and the benefits gained from that attendance.

Bill Graziano had appointed a Mystery Lion who was not present. Absent Bill Mayta missed out on \$4 in the Attendance Drawing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/20 Kathy Salet; 11/27 Chas. & Estelle Bottarini; 12/4 Blanche Fregosi; 12/7 Victoria Spiteri

COMING EVENTS

11/21 Charity Raffle; 11/24 Mission Ed Center; 12/1 Board meeting, 12/8 Club Xmas Party; 12/15 Work party meeting; 12/17 M.E.C Christmas Party; 1/29 Cabinet Meeting; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention