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March 2nd Meeting

No bulletin notes of this meeting reached the bulletin editor.

March 9th Meeting

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March 16th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Lawhon. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, and Ward Donnelly gave the invocation. A total of ten members were in attendance. Aaron Straus hosted for wine, this being Past-Presidents Night. President Bob announced a notice of a nominating of officers committee meeting will be going out to all past-presidents.

Aaron Straus informed the club he has learned Zone 3 has been spun off into Zones 1 and 2. This club is now in Zone 1. The zone chairperson is Jayne Leon of the Chinatown Lions Club.

The following past-presidents rose and gave the club a review of their respective year(s) as club president: Dick Johnson, Ward Donnelly, Joe Farrrah, Bob Fenech, Handford Clews, Chas. Bottarini, Aaron Straus, and Bill Graziano. Then Aaron Straus was asked to persuade the past-presidents why he should be accepted into the past-president ranks of the <u>Geneva</u>-Mission Lions Club. Aaron had served as president of the Mission Lions Club. Aaron was unanimously accepted so he nailed his name plate on to the club's past-presidents plague.

Ward Donnelly distributed 100% attendance pins to all members present for their meeting attendance during the year 2003-04.

Committee Reports

Bill Graziano reported a total of 34 people will be attending the upcoming March 19th ladies lunch meeting at the I.A.S.C. Bill also reported the club sold a total of 1,421 books of Y & C A rafffle tickets.

Bob Fenech reported the club's golf tournament and dinner will take place at Sharp Park Golf Course on August 17th. Mystery Lion Bill Graziano pointed to Bob Lawhon as a victim. Absent Charles Stuhr missed out on \$16 in the Attendance Drawing.

March 19th Ladies Lunch-Meeting

This was a special lunch at the I.A.S.C. where wives and partner of deceased Lions were invited as guests of the club. Those in this category who were able to attend were Wanda Greer, Anne Benetti, Irene Tonelli, Grace San Filippo, Claire Holl, Sophie Zagorewicz, Dorothy Pearson and Donna Francesconi. A total of 38 people were in attendance.

Charlie Bottarini led in the Pledge to the Flag, and Joe Farrah gave the invocation. After general introductions, the microphone was turned over to Galdo Pavini. Galdo gave the audience some background on the program speaker who is Jeanette Pavini, the daughter of Galdo and Patricia. Jeanette is a 4th generation San Franciscan who graduated from Epiphany Grammar School and Immaculate Conception Academy High School. She showed a gift for public speaking early by winning contests given by Sons of The Golden West and Lion Clubs. Four years ago, after doing small movie roles and commercials, she signed on with CBS KPIX Channel 5, and is presently their consumer reporter. Jeanette won the Peninsula Press Award for 2003.

Jeanette played some informative video tapes. The first tape gave an inside look at what goes on in the studio to put a report or newscast together. Then she played tapes of her consumer reports on comparative prescription prices and an investigative report on an operator who fraudulently accepts donated automobiles intended as charitable contributions.

Jeanette distributed consumer information sheets recommending good shopping sites for garden accessories, shoe bargains, cookware bargains, designer knock-off furniture, bedding and linen deals, etc. You may sign up for her free weekly newsletter at subscribe@thinksavvy.com

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The club is grateful to Bill Graziano for initiating and organizing the lunch. Also to Handford Clews for acting as master-of-ceremonies. Thanks to Zenaida Lawhon for the table decoration and the beautiful orchids she purchased for the ladies.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Paul Corvi

COMING EVENTS

4/5 Region 1 Student Speaker Runoff; 4/2 Y & C A Drawing Dinner at Oyster Point; 4/6 Board meeting; 4/13 Lunch meeting; 4/20 - 4/24/05 District Convention

SHORTS

The Region 1 Student Speaker Contest runoff will take place Tuesday, April 5, 7 P.M. at Wallenberg High School, 40 Vega St., S.F.

The San Mateo Lions Club will be celebrating the first anniversary of their chartering with drinks and dinner on Thursday, April 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2000 Bridgepoint Circle, San Mateo. \$20 per RSVP to Mary Cravalho (650) 342-1864

On March 12th, the district gathered 1,655 pounds or approximately 13,000 to 15,000 pairs of used eyeglasses at the residence of Lions Chester & Thelma Ajero. The collection is being turned over to Lion Gene Anderson of the Lions In Sight in Vallejo. Of the fifteen participating clubs, S.F. Host brought in the most amount of glasses at 320 pounds.