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August 4th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Pledge to the flag was led by Bob Quinn, and the invocation was given by Mike Castagnetto. A total of 14 members were in attendance. A guest of Al Gentile was Robert Zentino of American Financial Services at 4493 Mission St. Al has been in touch with Robert since they first met on June 22, 2007 when Al and Joe Farrah did a member recruiting walk. Dick Johnson conducted introductions.

Regular and Board Meeting agendas were distributed as well as a roster of community schools and organizations. Maps spotting the schools and organizations were also distributed. President Bre reminded the members of the upcoming Installation of Officers, the Sept. 29th cruise on The Hornblower and that November 17th has been set as Balboa High School Night. She announced that Mission Educational Center Principal Deborah Molloff will be speaking at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reported that the 31st drawing will take place November 28th. After considering several options, he decided the club will continue to sell a maximum of 275 tickets and the grand prize will be \$12,000. Dick asks all members to check their lists of former ticket purchasers.

Mystery Lion George Salet named tardy Bre Jones as a victim. Bre will recover her fine from her babysitter who was responsible for her tardiness. Absent Sheriar Irani missed out on \$10 in the Attendance Drawing. Lucky Al Gentile won \$25 in the Convention Raffle.

Board Meeting

President Bre listed on a large chart the club's beneficiaries and the amounts granted them. Also listed were potential beneficiaries. Discussion followed regarding budgeting for subject grants and possible adjustments to the grants.

August 11th Installation of Officers

The club's 61st Annual Installation of Officers took place at Sodini's Bertolucci's Ristorante. A total of 23 Lions and ladies were in attendance. Officiating as Installing Officer was PDG Ken Ibarra. Visiting from the South San Francisco Lions was Zone Chairperson Sandee Ige. Master of Ceremonies was Dick Johnson. Thank You to George Salet who did a great job organizing the event.

August 18th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bre Jones. Pledge to the flag was led by Joe Farrah, and the invocation was given by Charlie Bottarini. A total of 7 members and 4 ladies were in attendance. Dick Johnson conducted introductions.

Committee Reports

Charity Raffle Chairman Dick Johnson reminded the club that all members have received their list of former ticket purchasers, which should be reviewed. Members should notify Dick of deletions, address changes and deaths. Dick and Lyle Workman are working together to get letters out to members and purchasers by the end of next week. The meeting of September 15th is when the Early Bird drawing will take place.

Football Pool Chairman Lyle Workman reported he has two people on the waiting list for available squares.

Program

The club's guests were faculty from club supported Mission Educational Center, namely principal Deborah Molloff and music teacher Robin Sanders. They distributed informational brochures defining the school's history and mission. Deborah informed the club this is an entry level school from grades K to 5 for Spanish speaking students who are new to the U.S. They are at this school for only one school year, after which they transfer to an integrated neighborhood public or parochial school. Research has demonstrated that these students must perfect their native (Spanish) speaking skills to help them in learning English.

The school was founded in 1972. It has been located at the current Noe Valley site since 1992. The main goals for the students are for them to:

- * Become oral English proficient
- *Achieve academic success in Spanish and English
- * Become familiar with our school system
- * Be introduced to our multicultural society
- * Have their parents engaged in and supportive of their education

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

8/30 Marylin Squeri; 9/1 Patricia Ferrera, Rosalinda Corvi; 9/2 Sheriar Irani; 9/4 Al Fregosi; 9/18 Al Gentile

COMING EVENTS

8/25 S.F. Council meeting; 8/28 District Cabinet Meeting; 9/1 Board meeting; 9/11 L.E.F. Anniversary; 9/15 Early Bird drawing; 9/29 Club dinner and cruise aboard the Hornblower; 9/30 Clinic By The Bay opening; 11/17 Balboa High School Night; 11/28 Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner