

Whittier Host Lions Club
P. O. Box 245
Whittier, CA 90608



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

A night of hilarious laughter . . .
Our mystery guest will tell ALL . . .
No secrets left on this historical event
which has focused the world on Whittier!

Thursday evening, April 16, 5:30 pm
Greenleaf Masonic Lodge
on Beverly Blvd. Attendance by
reservations only. Bring a friend!

WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

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Meetings:
Masonic Temple
Mar Vista & Greenleaf, Whittier, CA
Thursday at Noon
11:45 to 1:15 Belongs to our Community

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President's Message

By Drew Sones



"Hon-Dah" from high atop
the Mogollon Rim in
Northeast Arizona,

Our road trip here took
us over twelve hours with
several stops for rest and refreshments
and weather ranging from 80° to dark
clouds, rain, hail, 50 mph wind gusts,
and finally snow as we arrived at our
destination.

Once again I will ask Lion first VP
Al Campano to take the reins and lead
you Lions at our next meeting. How-
ever, I will return for our evening
meeting on April 16th at the Greenleaf
Masonic Lodge on Beverly Blvd (not
at our daytime meeting place on
Greenleaf and Mar Vista). It starts
at 5:30 pm with liquid refreshments

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This Week's Meeting

Our Program Chair, Andy
Howard, has not given out
the identity of this week's
speakers, but we know the
subject is



Identity Theft

President's Message continued

(drown your IRS sorrows for free) and remember the first 20 arrivers receive a lobster dinner while the next 20 receive a filet mignon dinner and the rest of us receive chicken – all for only \$15.

But that is not the end of the festivities as we will continue our tradition of bringing the latest and most interesting speakers to our evening meeting. This meeting will be the first of our Domestic Speakers Program following on the successful steps of our International Speakers Program. Since this meeting is being catered, **you must sign up at Club for this meeting!!!!** Wives, girlfriends, friends and neighbors are invited too.

Another sign up opportunity for Lion actors and hams – the Soroptimists are seeking male actors to assist in their “Laugh Out Loud” fund raising event in May. This should be a hilarious show based on the old “Laugh In” format. We just need a couple more Lions to step forward so that I can laugh out loud in the audience.

Dah-Hon,
Lion Drew



Fellow Lions, For many years members of our Club have been making a presentation on the American flag to students in our local elementary schools (Whittier City School District, East Whittier City School District, Whittier Christian and St. Bruno's). The presentation consists of meeting with the 2nd graders, sharing a brief history of the flag, reciting the pledge of allegiance with them and presenting each with a small American flag. The presentation normally takes around one hour with time for a few questions. The presentations have been very well received by the students, teachers and administrators at our schools.

We are very anxious to get newer members, or older members who have not been involved, into the process. Speaking as one who has made a presentation the last three years I am sure you will find the experience both interesting and rewarding. If you are interested in becoming involved I can be contacted at iwej@msn.com or on my cell at **562.324.9717**. You will be paired up, and will be making the presentation with a member who has made presentations in the past and will show you what is involved.

This is a great opportunity to carry the Whittier Lions banner into the community. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Jim Spaulding
Flag Day Chairman

A Letter from a Previous Scholarship Recipient

Dear Whittier Lions,

I would like to thank you again for your generous financial assistance for college. It has enabled me to attend Stanford University, and I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt that it has been the best four years of my life. I have met an exceedingly diverse group of individuals that I would never have had the chance to meet that have enriched me more than I could ever guess. The quality and care of the faculty here have consistently amazed me and have managed to teach me far more than I would have thought possible in a short 10-week quarter. The breath of extracurricular classes and activities that I have been able to do is quite spectacular, and have ranged from improv classes, to ballroom dance, to joining the club water polo and even the little known Irish sport hurling.

I am graduating this June with a B.A. in Economics. I will be entering the work force though I am still currently engaged in a job search.

With the utmost gratitude,

Ryan Goetz
Class of 2009
Stanford University



Ryan Goetz - A Young Man of Great Character



HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

Rich Casford announced that the financials for the Sight for Kids event (held last Saturday) should end up on the “north side of \$50,000 once a couple of the remaining bills are paid.” Great news!!!

That announcement set the stage for Thursday’s Tail Twister, **Jon “Ming, the Merciless” Prechtl**. Jon, still inspired by the events of last Saturday, got into auction mode just like event auctioneer **Lion Joe Tadlock** did at Sight for Kids. Jon’s auction items were a

meat grinder that had belonged to **Ron Copley’s** mom and courtside tickets for an upcoming Clippers game at the Staples Center. The items had been left after Saturday’s events with no bids. After fining Ron for parting with a family heirloom and piece of Americana, Jon got **Dan Castorena** to pay an impressive sum in a running bidding war with other members for the meat grinder. **Alberto Montes de Oca** will be enjoying the courtside gyrations of the ladies of the Clipper Spirit Dance Team in the near future. Alberto was heard to say, “Who cares about the game, I’m there for the cheer leaders.” If that’s the only reason you’re going Alberto, best not take Sharon!



Others who were subject to the wrath of Ming:



- **Larry Dicus** for his trip to the Galapagos, Peru and other assorted third world countries.
- **Joe Corey** fined for presenting a crock pot (without lid) as an auction item for Sight for Kids.
- **Steve Hernandez** for a late lunch.
- **Lyle Nelson** fined for donating lady’s lingerie from Victoria Secrets as a silent auction item at Sight for Kids. How did I miss that one?
- **Jim Spaulding** for wearing his American Flag shirt.



- **Okie Jay Williams** passed on \$25 to the Club from brother Okie, **Bruce Martin**. Bruce bet the Club that the University of Oklahoma would achieve

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HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

On April 2, 2009

final four status in the March Madness NCAA Basketball Tournament. Sorry Bruce.



Our guests today were **Chris Magdosku**, Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Whittier who came as my guest, and **Don Hampton** who was with us at the invitation of **Xavier Anaya**.

Jack Mele received the Key Membership Advancement Award for bringing in five new members.



On behalf of Horse Show Manager **Jeff Lopez**, and the Horse Show Committee yours truly presented the Club with a check for \$5,000. The money represented the proceeds from our 48th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show as well as reserve funds held in the account. We were down over one hundred horses from last year, mainly due to the economic situation. This had a distinct impact on our bottom line.

Ben Greer was our Lion of the Day. As a fifth generation Californian who grew up near Ft. Lewis, Washington Ben returned to California for his college education. He received a BS from San Diego State. He is currently associated with GM Properties here in Whittier. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the Whittier Host Lions Club, and as Chairman of the Fireworks Committee, Ben is an active member of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce and the Rio Hondo Symphony. He and his wife **Cindy** have four children. His hobbies are playing the guitar and running, with music being his true passion. As a Whittier Host Lion, he enjoys being able to contribute to the community.



The remainder of Club on Thursday was an open committee meeting chaired by **Frank Hill**. The object of the meeting was to explore additional income producing events. A car show and 10K run, among other possibilities were taken under discussion.

That’s about it. I’ll see you all next week at Club.
- **Doug Halliday**

