

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



We Serve!

## COMING MEETINGS

- Sept. 6 Committee Meetings
- Sept. 13 YMCA of Greater Whittier,  
Mike Blackmore
- Sept. 20 Whittier Comm. Theater's  
"Sound of Music" featuring  
our own Red Williams
- Sept. 27 Whittier Conservancy,  
Charles Claver

### WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

#### Officers 2007-2008

Frank Hill	President
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Bruce Martin	Tail Twister by Committee
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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 Frank Hill



Fellow Lions,

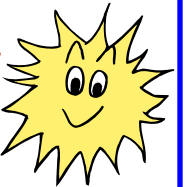
If you missed Club last week, you missed a great meeting. Visiting Lions from the Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs clubs told me they were both awed and giggling. Last time I heard those two words together, I was on my honeymoon. Doug Lopez had done his Tail Twisting homework, and I don't know about you guys...but I never get tired of Doug standing up Bill Wood for a fine about dating Doug's mother. We had lots of fun, but we got serious about our service mission with our purchase of back-to-school clothes for a family in need. Most impressive, even though we could have gotten some easy publicity for Lions with our donation, we decided it was better to contribute behind the scenes than take the chance that the kids might be embarrassed. Thursday was a day that we can all look back on and say we are proud to be a member of the Whittier Host Lions Club.

A "tip of the hat" to Editor Wayne Martin for filming and editing the John Fellegi Memorial

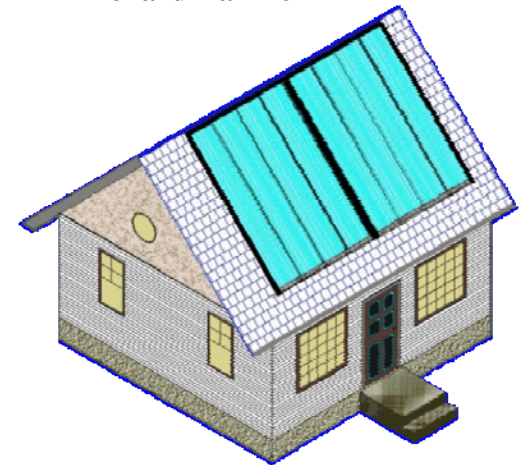
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### This Week's Program

Using Solar Energy  
In Your Business  
And Your Home



Speaker  
**Richard LaBrie**



Chairman of the Day **Oscar Narro**

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## President's Message (continued)

Services at the family's request. Because of family in Hungary, Canada and Costa Rica, Heidy asked if we would record the service. The Club presented Heidy with twenty copies that not only had great sound and video quality; they were edited with tremendous tenderness and sensitivity. I got emotional seeing all of Lions singing "Quakertown" at John's graveside. A little bird told me Wayne spent three days editing. Thanks for all you do Lion Wayne.



Another Lions "Tip of the Hat" to Lion Dr. Dan Duran who has agreed to step in as Chair of our Youth Committee. I know you guys share my confidence that Dan will do a great job for us. Thanks to Lion Del Hovden for his many years of service as Youth Chairman and let's all hope the goat doesn't testify so this nasty case against Del will be dropped.



Mark your calendars for the day, October 18 @ 5:30 pm. Security details have been worked presentation of the In addition to having high level in Oak Brook, Illinois, our own Lion Third Vice President and Program Chairman Jerry Perisho has made arrangements through the State Department for a major policy address. Get your reservations in early. I'm sure this meeting will be a sell out and we'll be turning away Kiwanians at the door.



next evening meeting: Thurs- Apparently all the visa and se- out so this will be an encore "International Speakers Series". contacts at Lions International

A new Club tradition we are starting is to take a moment to honor some of our own members for their years of service. What could be more touching than Jack Mele receiving the first ever Lions International "You Don't Know Jack Award?" Oh yes, my service-minded colleagues .....



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## HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

On July 23, 2007



If you weren't there then you missed a great lunch, and a big turn out. Last Thursday's lunch of lasagna and spaghetti was excellent. **Steve Hernandez**, let's go Italian again!



The ever-popular platinum recording artists, "The Lion-aires" (**Eddie, Mac, Monte, Larry and Red**), took center stage and lead us in the signing of "God Bless America" and "Quaker Town." As always, **Wayne** "I'm growing this beard regardless of what my wife Beverly says" **Martin** was on the piano in accompaniment. **Red Williams** lead the flag salute, and **Bill Millikan** gave the invocation.

Lion Tamer **Doug Lopez** took the mike and called for the introduction of guests. We certainly had a full slate. First to be recognized were **Jorge Vasquez**, and **Cindy Frith** from the Santa Fe Springs Lions. **Sylvia Arcos** of the Pico Rivera Club accompanied them. Also present was **Diane York**. These



folks were invited to attend our emergency board meeting to be held after our general meeting. The subject of the meeting was to find a way to best help the family of Maria Hicks. Mrs. Hicks was the Pico Rivera grandmother murdered on August 10th by gang members when she tried to halt their tagging efforts near her home.

Other guests were retired Whittier Union High School District employee **Lee Panagos** who was the guest of **Larry Dicus**, and **Jay Green**, the guest of **Doug Lopez**. **Wes Murray** and **Mitch Carty**, both back for their third times, were the guests of **Ken Casford**, and **Mac McFarland** respectively.



Our Lion of the Day was **Frank Gutierrez**.

A native of East Los Angeles, Frank grew up in La Mirada. As a graduate of St Paul's High School, Frank was a stand out wide receiver on the Swordsman's football team. Still an avid sports fan, Frank pulls for the Oakland Raiders of the NFL, USC football, and the Dodgers. He and his wife Mary Ann have three children. Frank is active in local real estate and the owner of the *El Marlin* restaurant. *El Marlin* is located at 14223 E. Leffingwell Road in Whittier, not far from the intersection of Valley View.

President Frank took the podium and worked his way through a long list of announcements. We must be busy!

**Dan Duran** is the new Youth Committee Chairman. He replaces **Del Hovden** who has done an outstanding job.

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**President's Message (continued)**

...there is more to come. Mark your calendars. December 6 at our Thursday lunch meeting, we will try our first ever Whittier Host Lions Club interpretation of the old TV series .."This is Your Life." It wasn't easy to get this Lion to agree to be recognized; in fact it was like pulling teeth. Our honoree? It will be none other than the daredevil with the drill, the guy who tells me he's down to his last 116 canisters of illicit laughing gas, our fellow Lion who paid off his house on Cadbury with gold fillings he pried out of unsuspecting patients...you guessed it, our own Past President Lion "Fast Eddie" McClean.



Come to Club. Bring a guest. Sponsor a new member. Remember, every Lion is challenged to come up with one new member this year. Be part of the momentum. We can have fun and serve. Yours in Lionism.

*Frank*

**MAJOR DONOR COMMITTEE**

The Major Donor Committee meets after Club this week to discuss several important spending possibilities.

More members are needed on the committee. Please contact Jon Prechtl and let him know of your willingness to participate.

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**JOHN FELLEGI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



Your donations are requested for honoring the life of Lion John Fellegi. Our Club will match dollar for dollar your contribution to the fund.



Ben Greer trying to avoid a fine by giving reasons for the current national mortgage and real estate melt down.



Mac McFarland demonstrating his fastball pitch he threw out to open a minor league game at Dunn Tire Park in Buffalo, NY.

**Heard at Club continued**



Mark your calendars for the evening of October 18<sup>th</sup>. That's the date the Soroptimist will dress as the bawdy-serving wenches. This will be the pay off on their now lost bet regarding the new membership contest for 2006/2007. **Vince Daigneault** had a comment. He felt the ladies should also pick up the bar tab for the "adult beverages" that will be served that night. Excellent idea Vince!



**Oliver** "This is it" **Wyman** has now employed **Big Jon** "The Enforcer" **Prechtl** to go after any members who have not turned in their 2007/2008 roster information. To those who haven't. ....goodbye!

Frank asked the membership if they could contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in the memory of **John Fellegi**. Funds that are given will be match by the Club. A list of the names of all that contribute will be given to the family. Frank acknowledged the great job done by **Wayne Martin** on the production of the DVD of John Fellegi's services. Copies were given to the Fellegi family and their friends. Well-done Wayne!

**Jerry Perisho** was mentioned for his semi-hard work in arranging for the award given to **Jack Mele** at last week's evening meeting. The plaque, "You Don't Know Jack Award" was presented to our honoree on the occasion of the dedication of the sports field and scoreboard at Whittier High School in his name. Jerry contacted numerous individuals whom he claimed he knew at Lions Club International in Oak Brook, Illinois, hoping for their help in getting the project moving forward. To a person, he received no callbacks or any email responses from his so-called friends at headquarters. To his credit, Jerry was still able to make the award happen. Way to go Jerry!



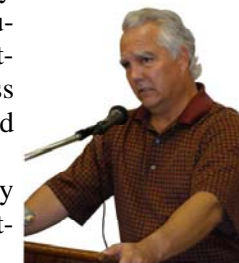
**Doug** "I do double duty" **Lopez** was also our Tail Twister for the day. Using the **Bruce Martin** approved tail twisting concept of "I don't care if it's a guest or a member, I just want to stand someone up," Doug called on guest **Lee Panagos**. As noted earlier, Lee is a retired employee of Whittier High. At the request of Tail Twister Doug, Lion **Leighton Anderson**, a Trustee for the Whittier Union High School District, critiqued Lee's past job performance. All went well as there was no fine. Anyway, come back again soon Lee! No fines until you join. **Jack** and **Vince Mele** both graciously donated \$100 each to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of John Fellegi.



Doug recognized **Chris George** and **Jerry Perisho** for the hard work they put in organizing the "Evening with Jack Mele" event at WHS. Chris graduated from La Serna while Jerry matriculated from Cal High. Seems no Whittier alumni worked on the arrangements. Seeing this gross inequity, Doug asked all of the Whittier High alumni to stand and pony up \$1 each.



Our Tail Twister called **Bill** and **Don Wood** of Community Honda fame on the carpet. It seems that there was an attempted price adjustment by Don after Bill had quoted a price on a car. Doug



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## Tears 'n' Cheers

By Larry Williams

Only one need was shared last week at our Club meeting: John "Sparky" Hodruff is still experiencing some post-surgery pain, but hopes to be back with us soon.



### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY - PART ONE

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved.

Among the objects adopted in those early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." This call for unselfish service to others remains one of the association's main tenets.

Just three years after its formation, the association became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and '60s.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired. (copied)

### Girrrrrlllll

A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, brow-lift, lip enhancement, boob job, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital.

While crossing the street on her way home, she was hit and killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said that I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of that ambulance?"

God replied, "Girrrrrlllll, I didn't even recognize you!"

### New Member Notification

The following individual has applied for membership in the Whittier Host Lions Club:

#### Wes Murray

Retired and Resides in Whittier  
Sponsored by Ken Casford

Any comments concerning the applicant must be sent via mail no later than two weeks from this notification to the following:

Whittier Host Lions Club  
Attention: Club Secretary  
P O Box 245  
Whittier, CA 90608  
Or email: olvyymn@juno.com

### Heard at Club continued

had arranged for the purchase of a car for Whittier College exchange student **Leonie Ebert**. Leonie, as you may recall, is from Germany where her parents are both active Lions. During her time at Whittier College she is staying at the home of **Doug** and **Marilee Lopez**. Needing independent transportation, Doug arranged for the purchase of the car. That's when the confusion started. Anyway, it all ended well.

**Mark Henderson** finished paying for his recent vacation to Italy when he paid his fine for what sounded like an absolutely great trip. **Damon Williams**, who, in his spare time is a high school basketball referee, was held accountable for the recent NBA referee scandal. Damon paid \$10 and now all is well in the NBA. Speaking of being held accountable, Doug had local real estate gurus, **Jon Prechtl**, **Ben Greer**, **Vince Mele**, and **Frank Gutierrez** fined for personally causing the current national mortgage and real estate melt down!

**Rich Dewberry** was our Chairman of the Day. Rich introduced **Barbara Fisher**, Manager of Giving for the Junior Blind Foundation. Barbara gave us an update on the activities and programs of the foundation in general as well as at Camp Bloomfield in particular. Camp Bloomfield, located in Malibu, hosts a wide range of summer camp experiences for children and adults who are visually challenged. The major aim of the camp is to help promote independence and increased self-esteem through a number of activities that run the gamut from horse back riding, surfing, rock climbing and sky diving!



After the general meeting ended an **Emergency Board Meeting** was called by Frank. As noted earlier in this column, the reason for the board meeting was to consider what our Club could do to help the Maria Hicks' family in light of their recent and terrible tragedy. **Diane York**, owner of the private school where a daughter of Mrs. Hicks is employed and the grandchildren attend, gave background information on the incident and the resulting family situation. Based on this and in concert with the Lions Clubs of Santa Fe



Springs and Pico Rivera, we will also donate \$500 to help the grandchildren with their back-to-school needs.

That's about it. See you all next week at Club.

- Lion Doug Halliday