

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



We Serve!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Aug. 30 Using Solar Energy in Your Business and Your Home  
Speaker, Richard LaBrie
- Sept. 6 Committee Meetings
- Sept. 13 YMCA of Greater Whittier  
Speaker, Mike Blackmore
- Sept. 20 Who Am I?
- Sept. 27 Whittier Conservancy  
Speaker, Charles Claver

### WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

#### Officers 2007-2008

Frank Hill	President
Drew Sones	First Vice President
Al Campano	Second Vice President
Jerry Perisho	Third Vice President
Doug Lopez	Lion Tamer
Bruce Martin	Tail Twister by Committee
Ron Copley	Immediate Past President
Oliver Wyman	Secretary
Mac McFarland	Treasurer

#### Directors

Vince Mele	Past President
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#### Senior

Mike James	Jay Williams
Jim Spaulding	Larry Williams

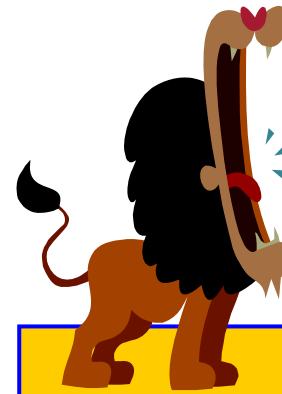
#### Junior

Cal Bryant	Jim Palminteri
Wes Romberger	Dave Williamson

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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

What a memorable Whittier Host Lions evening meeting last week. You can read all about it in this week's "Heard at Club" column. But I want to add a few more words about the man who doesn't want us to talk about him, Jack Mele.

When I introduced Jack last week, he told us he joined the Whittier Host Lions Club in 1956. Think about that. I joined the club in 1954....the human race club. For fifty one years, Jack has been serving his community through our Club. It is easy to forget what a stud he has been for our organization. Past president, board of director, every officer position, tail twister, Lion tamer, two International Lions Con-

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### This Week's Program



## CAMP BLOOMFIELD FOR THE JUNIOR BLIND

Speakers: **Wendy Santana**  
and **Barbara Fisher**



Chairman Of The Day: **Rich Dewberry**

ventions, countless skits and stunts, White Cane Days, our old recycling center, the Horse Show, the old Lions fundraising Minstrel Show, Sight for Kids and on and on. Except for his fathering of Past President Lion Vince, he has always come through for us.

Jack spent thirty years at Whittier High School. English teacher, social studies teacher, baseball coach, football coach, administrator and finally, he served as principal. No wonder they named the baseball field after him. In the same year, Jack was Whittier High School Principal, Mayor of the City of Whittier, and President of the Whittier Host Lions Club. Clearly being President of our Club was his grandest achievement.

Our Club has a long standing tradition of excellence. This year we will make a special effort to honor other Lions who have served us through the decades. It is important that we recognize the history, legacy, accomplishments, as well as our long standing years of service we have provided to the less fortunate over the past 85 years. But ultimately, we will be remembered for the leaders and visionaries who laid the foundation for our current success. Men who recruited and mentored. Men who truly believed in service to their community. Men who wrote checks and more importantly, gave of themselves. Men like Jack Mele.

Jack, it has been our honor that you have chosen to be affiliated with the Whittier Host Lions Club.

Yours in Lionism,

President Frank

### Jack mentioned the LIONS CLUB MINSTREL SHOWS



Ed Perry



Ed McClean, Monte Wicker, Wally Cullis



Monte Wicker



Alta & Ed McClean



### HEARD AT CLUB

By Larry Dicus and Jerry Perisho

On July 16, 2007

Last week's special Thursday evening meeting was very well attended by nearly one hundred of **Jack Mele's** close friends and associates. Dozens of Lions, their spouses and guests gathered in tribute to our long-time member and Past President at the Jack Mele Baseball Field on Whittier High School's campus. Upon arrival behind home plate, we were treated to pizza, salad, peanuts and Crackerjack, and a bevy of **Vince Daigneault's** special concoctions. This was Gatorade made from real gators, my friends! There were many special guests, including **John Fellegi's** son, **Robert**. After pizza and libations, we all were coaxed into Jack Mele Left Field to pose for a photograph with **Jack and Erlene Mele** under the new Jack Mele Scoreboard. Pictures should be on our web site soon. Video-photographer **Tim Keeler** captured the evening on video tape, including all of us singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" with Jack in front of the scoreboard.

After the photo opportunity, President **Frank Hill** convened our meeting; we all sat in the VIP section of the Jack Mele Bleachers. Lion President Frank invited the Whittier Host Lions Chorale (Lions **Wayne Martin, Monte Wicker, Red Williams,**

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**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: olvymn@juno.com

**Donating Blood Saves Lives!**



Two open heart surgeries were cancelled at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital during the first week of August due to an inadequate on-hand blood supply. Donating blood saves lives! Mark your calendars for our next in-house blood drive:

Thursday, November 1, 2007 at the Masonic Temple from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Larry Dicus, Dave Williamson – ably assisted by Beverly Harris) to lead us in the National Anthem and Quakertown for our guests. Lion Lane Thomas gave a superb invocation and then Lion Tamer Doug Lopez asked each Lion to introduce himself and his guests. It was great to see so many guests!

Following introductions, Lion President Frank provided a brief history of Whittier Host Lions Club's role and long partnership with Whittier High School. He then welcomed our own Jack Mele to the microphone to share a little history about his experiences at Whittier High, as a civic leader (Mayor and City Councilman) and as a Past President of the Club.

Jack talked about the wonderful legacy surrounding the 106 years of Whittier High School and the many athletic accomplishments during that history. Whittier High School is one of only 43 high schools in the country to claim a President of the United States as a graduate. There have been many other distinguished alumni as well, including the director of Toy Story, John Lasseter. He provided examples of Whittier High School's distinguished athletic history; it is one of only 2 high schools in the state to own 16 CIF championships in wrestling. Jack spent 30 years at Whittier High School, progressing from teacher, to baseball and football coach, to principal. He related tidbits of the CIF successes of some of the school's baseball and football teams.

Jack also shared stories about his time on the Whittier City Council. He told about a memorable trip when he was supposed to fly to Sacramento to meet with the Governor and accidentally got off the plane in San Jose. San Jose city staff had to drive him to Sacramento to make his dinner meeting with the Governor. When he retired, members of the Whittier High School PTA sang "Do You Know the Way to San Jose" to him!

Jack introduced John Peel, a member of the Whittier High School Alumni Association, who thanked the members of our Club for helping to make installation of the solar-powered scoreboard possible. Our Club provided funding for about one-third of the cost and the Lions logo is prominently displayed.

Before we adjourned, Lion Doug Rowan, an avid USC football fan, presented to Jack, an avid Notre Dame football fan, a USC football poster signed by Trojans football coach Pete Carroll. Finally, Lion 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Jerry Perisho presented Jack a distinguished award that he had coerced his "close personal friends" at Lions International to send. It was the coveted "You Don't Know Jack" Award for Jack's service to Lionism and the Whittier community, and for having a debilitating athletic injury named after him, the Jack Mele Groin Pull.

That's all for now, from your roving reporters Larry Dicus and Jerry Perisho.



