

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



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Dec. 27 No Meeting; Holiday Recess
- 2008**
- Jan. 3 Committee Meetings
Jan. 10 History of our Sight For Kids Event
Lion Rich Casford
Jan. 17 Lion Jon Prechtl, Motor Sports
Racing Enthusiast
Jan. 24 No Meeting - Everyone at Horse Show
Jan. 31 Committee Meetings
Feb. 7 Student Speakers Contest
Feb. 14 **EVENING MEETING**
Bring your Valentine
Feb. 21 O.A.S.I.S. Ken LeVigne of La Serna HS

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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WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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President's Message By Frank Hill



This Week's Program
at St. Matthias Church
(Home of Orlingua School)
7056 Washington Ave.
Corner of Washington and Wardman
in Uptown Whittier

Fellow Lions,

While most of the attention about running the Club falls on me, your humble President, but the reality is we are governed by a diligent bunch of Lions who keep the Club humming along...your Club Officers and Board Members. Once a month, on the second Wednesday of every month, we gather at 5:30pm in the basement of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital to conduct the Club's business. I would encourage every Club member to sit in and participate and if you're interested, our democratic organization is always looking for more leadership candidates. Here are some highlights from last weeks Board meeting.

Secretary Oliver "The Enforcer" Wyman presented the minutes from the last meeting as well as discussed and dispersed our correspondence. In addition, Oliver prepares our club report that lets District 4L2 know of all activities we are involved with. As you can imagine, everyone is afraid to mention any corrections to the minutes for fear of receiving the legendary "Wrath of the Wyman."

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Orlingua School
for the Hearing Impaired
Lunch & Tour of Playground

Speaker

Elisa Roche

Director of Operations and Development

Chairman of the Day: Hearing Committee Chairman
Oscar Narro

We'll be meeting at our regular 11:45am to 1:15pm time. Steve Hernandez will serve lunch at the regular \$12 per meal price.

President's Message (continued)

Next up our Treasurer, Mac "Hundred Bucks a Barrel" McFarland, who presented our financials. The bottom line: we're in the best shape we have ever been. Mac's presentation was the perfect transition into our agenda item from Scholarship Committee Chairman, Lion Vince "Beence" Daignault. Beence reported on our anonymous \$6,500 donation in honor of departed Lion Bill Millikan. Because of our strong cash position, the Club was able to match \$3700 in other Club members Millikan funds, for a total of \$10,200 and add it to our Scholarship Committee Endowment. With the Club match in honor of Lion John Fellegi earlier in the year, it is conceivable that we will exhaust our total \$25,000 of Club funds we have set aside this year...in other words our endowment could grow by over \$50 grand this year! Further down the agenda, I reported on our task of securing a fireworks stand across the street from Fry's Electronics near Crossroads Parkway and the Pomona Freeway. If successful, all of the funds from this future fundraiser will be dedicated to building up our Scholarship Endowment. It is this type of fiscal prudence that will get us to our Club goal of a \$1,000,000 endowment for the Whittier Host Lions Scholarship Endowment.

Major Donor Committee Chairman, Jon "Major Domo" Prechtl reported on our successful Oralingua playground project and the possibility of doing more for the forty-eight hearing impaired kids who attend. Jon also reported on other worthwhile projects also under consideration and being researched. And you guys thought the only thing Jon did in a major way was eat.

1st Vice-President and Horse Show Chairman Drew Sones filled the Board in on all the hard work he and Co-Chairman Cal Bryant have put into this year's All Arabian Horse Show. The Horse Show is one of our major fundraisers and has a lot of moving parts, so Drew and Cal are carrying on a long time Whittier Host Lions tradition. Ads and Sponsor Chairman Ken Casford says, "Get in your sponsorships...it all goes right to our bottom line." The Board rejected Drew's suggestion that we open up a division for mules and donkeys this year. For you new Lions, sign up for a work shift, but bring your family to watch all the horses and costumes...it is quite a spectacle.

In other Club biz, Jerry "Too Tall" Perisho reported on our efforts to assist other Lions Clubs and the San Diego fire victims.....Membership Committee Chairman Jim Liberti-Palmenteri needed follow up phone call help and was rescued by Board member Vince "The Meek" Mele.....Larry "Da Govnar" Dicus reported on a 1/26 Melvin Jones dinner and requested our help filling food baskets on Saturday, Dec. 22, with the Santa Fe Springs Lions, plus we kicked in \$400 bucks for good measure.....we discussed the success of our meetings honoring Lions Jack Mele and "Fast Eddie" McClean and we made plans for similar events.....Dave "Bashful" Williamson and Ron "I still liked the sound of President" Copley reported on the Club's historical archives progress.....Rich "Sight for Kids Chairman" Casford, is looking for an Auction Chairman and the Club is also looking for someone to coordinate our video camera crews.....and finally, we decided we will once again compete as two-time defending champions of the Soroptomists' Showcase of Stars talent contest. After winning the competition with our precision folding lawn chair drill team, and the history of dance professional choreographer crew, I'm sure the Club will need to tighten up our chin straps and cinch up our athletic supporters.... Gentlemen, it's game time.

Your Whittier Host Lions Pharaoh,

Francisco



Christmas Food Distribution



Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Norwalk Lions are providing volunteer manpower for the food distribution project at Little Lake Park in Santa Fe Springs on **Saturday, December 22nd**. Our club is being asked to support the effort by providing volunteers that Saturday. We're asking our members to commit to a 3 hour shift. Shift 1 will be from 9:30AM-Noon and Shift 2 will be from Noon - 2:30PM. Meals will be provided for volunteers. Please wear your Lions shirt and/or hat. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community during the Christmas Season. Please sign up at Club or on the web at www.whittierhostlions.org.



We encourage any Whittier Host Lion to contribute to the relief fund for fire victims in the San Diego area. Please make a check out to "Lions District 4L6". The Whittier Host Club will match donations up to an accumulated total of \$1,000. Checks can be handed to Third VP Jerry Perisho, to Treasurer Mac McFarland or mailed to our Lions Club's PO Box 245, Whittier, CA 90608.

Any Club member interested in helping us video special programs and events please contact Pres. Frank Hill.



Remember Gil's Offer. .

Lion Gil Hernandez will make a donation to the Scholarship Fund for every Lions Club oil change.



No Club on Dec. 27
Merry Christmas



HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO



Our newest member **Troy Silva**, who owns and operates *Orchards Fine Foods* on Whittier Blvd next to *Blue Hills Nursery*, was introduced. This means yet another membership check cleared the bank. All kidding aside, Troy, we are delighted that you have joined. Welcome!

Lion **John Franco** wants all to know that he hasn't been able to attend meetings lately due to his father's illness. John's dad lives in Las Vegas so a lot of John's time has been spent there. We hope all goes well.



Ken Casford reminded us that those who wish to sponsor a class or place adds in the program for the upcoming **Lions Horse Show**, need to get the required forms and checks in as soon as possible.

President **Frank** put out a call for a video co-coordinator. The position is more management than the actual video operator. We have a number of folks who are taking pictures or recording at Club (**Monte, Sparky, Wayne Martin, Mike Loyet** and others) on a continuing base. Frank mentioned that it would be a great help if someone arranged and coordinated their greatly appreciated efforts. Those interested please see Frank.

Jeff "I may be new at this, but I get the big bucks" Ball was our Tail Twister. Jeff hit the deck running and didn't look back.



Lion and Past Chamber **President Joe Corey** was held to account by Jeff for attending all the past Chamber ribbon cutting ceremony events involving food or females, but not being at our Christmas Party. Actually Joe was in Erie, PA, so no harm, no foul.



All members were fined \$1 for parking at Club. This was to aid the pro-green cause and help lower carbon emissions. I guess we all became tree huggers!

Social Committee Chairmen **Chris George** and **Doug Rowan** were fined for not showing up at the committee meeting they called last Monday (12/10) at Lion **Al Campo's Havana House** and cigar emporium on Greenleaf Ave. It seems they were both sick. Chris, who was at Club on Thursday had little voice, and sounded terrible. Jeff also fined **Robert Ruiz**, who did show up for the committee event. Robert was fined for not smoking all the cigars Al had set aside for the meeting. Can't win for losing!

Don Wood recently returned from a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. He bragged about paying \$35 one night for a motel room while on his trip. That sounds like the "No Questions Asked and Hot Pillow Inn" just outside Yuma, Arizona. (NEVER ASK ME HOW I KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE!) Don had the opportunity to make up the difference between what he paid and a more reasonable room rate at Club on Thursday.

Jeff asked why John "Sparky" Hodroff was not at Club on Thursday. **Drew Sones** volunteered that the "Sparkster" was not there because he was tied up in Drew's attic at home. I know Sparky is an electrician and sometimes can be found in an attic or two, but I'm not even going to get close to that one! Net result: Drew was fined for not allowing Sparky to come to Club! Immediately **Ron Copley** responded that Sparky had been tied up in his attic a week ago! OK, moving on



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HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE



Tail Twister Jeff found that a number of our members haven't a clue when it comes to correctly identifying college fight songs. Jeff had a "Name That Tune" game where he played a recording offering up a few notes of a college's song. He then asked members to identify the song.

First to embarrass himself was **Drew Sones**. Drew, in front of his son Colin, failed to correctly identify the BYU fight. However, he did know where the Las Vegas Bowl between BYU and



UCLA would be played. Think about that one! **Del Hovden** didn't know the Arizona State song, but **Mike James** did. However, Michael said the University of Texas song was that of Harvard's. Harvard is too snooty to have a fight song, Mike. It's way too by Jeff to name the season's merely hoisted the white flag was standing with the fine cash box, it's the Poinsettia Bowl where power-Right???



Gregg Williamson of surrender, went over to where **Leon Lisa** and paid his twenty bucks. Everyone knows house Utah plays equally powerful Navy.



Finally, our resident "Native Sons of Oklahoma" **Jay Williams** and **Bruce Martin** were asked by Jeff to stand and sing the Oklahoma fight song. They started off with "Boomer Sooner Oklahoma". However Jeff, who played the Merle Haggard recording of "I'm proud to be an Okie from Muskogee," quickly corrected them.



Chairman of the Day, **Rich Casford**, introduced Thursday's program. The award winning California High School Gold Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. **Doug Norquist** played a number of swing and jazz tunes. To help celebrate the holiday season they also played "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Silent Night," and "We Three Kings" in jazz arrangements. Pretty cool!

Doug Norquist thanked the Club for our recent donation of a \$4000 sound system for the band room at Cal High. He told us that this performance was the band's first outing of the year. Prior to December the students had been in the school's marching band. He asked if they could be invited back for a second concert at the end of May for a comparison of how much they have improved over the school year. Doug added that the kids really enjoyed performing at Club. We totally enjoyed having them! Rich presented the group with a check. They concluded their performance with an updated version of the 1920's tune "My Buddy."



That's about it. I'll see you all next week at Club.

- Lion Doug Halliday

Lion Dave Williamson talks about New Member Behavior Etiquette training.



Save These 2008 Dates



Thursday, Jan. 24
to Sunday, Jan. 27



46th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show
at LA County Fairgrounds

Saturday, March 8



12th Annual Sight For Kids Wine Tasting
and Dinner at Whittier Community Center

Tuesday, May 13



Joint meeting with Soroptimist of Whittier at
Friendly Hills Country Club; We WILL NOT have
a regular Lions Club meeting on Thursday May 15.

Saturday, June 7
to Sunday, June 8



Annual "Relay For Life" to support the American
Cancer Society at Whittier College football field



California High School Gold Jazz Band

HEARD AT CLUB By Doug Halliday On Dec. 13, '07

With the usual singing and flag salute, Thursday's meeting was in full swing. **Larry "Red" Williams** gave the invocation.

Lion Tamer **Doug "How do you like my new haircut?" Lopez** had members introduce their prospective

guests. They were **Robert Stevens** who was the guest of Lion **Michael James**, **Colin Sones** who was with his dad **Drew**, and **Paul Presendum** who was with us at the invitation of **Robert Ruiz**. The late **John Fellegi's** son, **Robert Sotele** was also present. We were honored to have two lovely ladies with us for lunch. They were **Beverly Harris** who came to Club with **Monte Wicker** and **Jan Lopez** who was the guest of **Bill Wood**.



Our Lion of the Day was **Robert Ruiz**. His sponsor was President **Frank Hill**. A native of Los Angeles, Robert grew up in L.A., Downey and Whittier. A La Serna High graduate, Robert worked for the Department of Defense in photo analyses est in politics that had him working on sev- for the California State Assembly. Robert retail store in Uptown. He also has a Robert currently serves as President of the Whittier, Robert lives not far from his



Robert joined Lions six month ago. He also cultivated an inter- eral campaigns including Frank's run owns and operates *Melrose Vintage*, a wholesale business in Los Angeles. Uptown Association. A resident of Mom and Dad and other family mem- bers.



Frank had several announcements for us on Thursday. One of the key bits of news came from the Scholarship Committee. Chairman **Vince Daigneault** reported that \$10,369 has been raised to date in the memory of **Bill Millikan**. At the last Board Meeting a decision to donate \$1,000 to the fire victims in San Diego was agreed upon. The money will be sent to Lions District 4L6 where it will be dispersed to those most affected by the fires.



Larry Dicus International contact Larry. wife Kushiani sign ups could



stated a breakfast meeting is being planned on December 31st with Lions President Mahendra Jayanthipal. All those interested in attending should The meeting will be in Pasadena on New Year's Eve. Mahendra and his are here participating in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. Larry said also be done on the web site.

Larry also mentioned that we have been asked to join with the Lions Clubs of Santa Fe Springs and Pico Rivera for a holiday food distribution to those in need. The event is planed for December 22nd at Little Lake Park in Santa Fe Springs. Members are needed to fill the 9:30am -Noon shift as well as the Noon - 2:30pm time slot. See Larry or visit the web site to sign up.



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