

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



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Dec. 13 Cal High Jazz Band;
Followed by Committee Meetings
Dec. 20 **AT** Oralingua School - Lunch & Tour
St. Matthias Church - Social Hall
Corner of Washington & Wardman.
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

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



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President's Message

By Frank Hill

Fellow Lions,

The Whittier Uptown Christmas Parade got us all in the holiday spirit. It was crisp and clear and the Whittier News estimated there were 30,000 on the parade route to cheer on the large contingent of Whittier Host Lions and the Eyemobile. Visualize this: Lions Drew Sones and Steve Nichols holding up our huge Whittier Host banner with Alberto Montes de Oca in the middle. Alberto hung onto the bar but his feet never touched the ground as Drew and Steve carried him down the parade route. Leon Lesa drove the most important dignitary in the entire parade in his Mustang convertible....your current Lions President.....as I waded to the adoring masses. Sitting next to Leon was Wendy Lopez Diaz, as she watched her husband and new Lion Daniel Diaz, carry their four month old Ryan down the entire parade route while proud Grandpa Doug Lopez took approximately 627 photos.

Behind our convertible were my couriers and attendants dressed out in Lions vests and Santa hats. A Lions "Tip of the Yellow Cap"

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This Week's Noon-Time Program



The Lions Club will honor the life and service of a long-time Club member, Dr. Ed McClean

Chairman of the Day
Lion Third VP Jerry Perisho

This is the second in a series of programs that are designed to honor long-time Lions Club members whose service to the Club and to the community have been above and beyond the call of duty. The first service honoree was Lion Jack Mele, who was honored last August during the dedication of the Jack Mele scoreboard at Whittier H.S.

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to Rich Dewberry, Doug Halliday, John Turco, John Yearian, Don Pappé, Jim Spaulding, Drew Sones, Dick Norton, Mike James, Lyle Nelson, Glenn Watje, Alberto Montes de Oca, Steve Nichols, Lane Thomas, Doug Lopez, Leon Lesa, Larry Dicus, and Daniel Diaz. We were followed by new Lion Don Pappé who drove the ominous recreational vehicle converted into the Lions Eyemobile. The Eyemobile was decorated with an inflatable eight foot Santa on the roof and enough garland and lights to rival the roof of the Bright Medical building. Don swerved and staggered down Greenleaf in a few spots, thanks to the coffee and Bailey's provided by Sight Committee Chairman Rich Dewberry. Reports are that the spectators Don clipped will recover just fine. The Tail Twister needs to nail Lion Leon Lesa for volunteering to make his exalted Lions Club President and all of my acolytes wait an extra 45 minutes after he agreed to make an extra trip down the route in his convertible with the Whittier Mayor Owen Newcomer...a Rotarian! In one of my President messages, I mentioned my desire to have the Club members sprinkle rose petals along my route. Lion Dick Norton brought a huge bag of petals he had collected so at the corner of Greenleaf and Philadelphia, the Lions contingent got out and threw the flowers on the ground and got a huge laugh from the crowd.

On a serious note, it is amazing to me how many of the spectators yelled out and thanked us for our service work. We all received lots of comments about our eyeglasses recycling program, which was very gratifying. Twice along the route, I was thanked by parents who pointed to their children and thanked us for their eyeglasses. Looking at these cute kids wearing their glasses, and knowing we helped them with the gift of sight makes all we do worthwhile.

Finally, Lion Scholarship Chairman Vince "Beence" Daigneault is wrapping up our collection in honor of fallen Lion Bill Millikan. It's not too late, but hurry up and write a check in Bill's memory. I am pleased to announce that so far, we have collected checks and cash totaling \$3,639. This amount will be matched in Club funds and a donation will be added to our Scholarship fund endowment. This is a great legacy to a great Lion man, our Lion Melvin Jones award winner, Bill Millikan. Special thanks to new Lion Gil Hernandez and his generous gift in Bill's memory from his oil changes at Barsom Automotive. Gil says he'll donate labor from his next 100 oil changes so he's not done helping.

You don't want to miss this Thursday . . . Whittier Host honoring Dr. Ed McClean at lunch and the Lions Christmas Party in the evening. Get to Club. Feel the momentum. Add to our mojo.

Your omnipotent and all powerful Lions Oligarch, **Frank**



The excellent article titled "Service Club Donates Money, Time to School for Deaf" by Airan Scruby, staff writer in the Whittier Daily News is now posted on our website <http://www.whittierhostlions.org/>. Just click on the link by the newspaper logo.

It would be great to have more members use and view their website. As a reminder, Video of the Fidel Castro meeting is also posted at: <http://www.whittierhostlions.org/video.shtml>



When I asked for Whittier Christmas Parade pictures, Chris George sent this one. I wonder why?



I want to communicate with my fellow Lions as to why I have not been at the meetings lately. It is impossible for me to attend because of my work hours.

I miss going to meetings and I hope to return after the New Year as it looks that I will have a shift change take place that will allow me to attend on a more regular basis.

Please wish Whittier Host Lions all the best for the holidays. Jose M. Cartin





The Holiday Season was officially started at Club by the awesome vocal performance of the Hill Top Singers from La Serna High School. This group of very talented teenagers performed, as they have for the last several years, a beautifully arranged program of Christmas music. Many thanks to our Chairman of the Day, **Chris George**, for arranging this always-popular program.

Prior to the La Serna Choir, **President Frank** got the meeting underway with the song and flag salute part of the program. Lion Tamer **Doug Lopez** gave the invocation. Doug concluded his words by asking for Divine assistance for the Cal High football team in their quest for the championship of the CIF Southern Section.

Among our guests Thursday was the Reverend **Charlie Murphy**. Charlie, a former member, was here at the invitation of **Oscar**

Narro. La Serna H.S. principal **Martin Plourde** was present as the guest of **Chris George**, and **Larry Williams** asked his wife **Pat** for lunch as they kicked off their wedding anniversary celebrations. My wife **Susan** also joined us. She was at Club to sell raffle tickets for a new Chrysler PT Cruiser. The proceeds from the raffle will go to the purchase of new computers for her school's computer lab. The school, Killian Elementary where she is the Principal, is located over the hill in Rowland Heights.

Chris George was our Lion of the Day. Chris, a Whittier native has been part of our organization since the 1990's. A product of local schools and a graduate of La Serna High, Chris went on to Whittier College where he played basketball for the Poets. Armed with a degree in psychology, Chris started his career as a financial advisor and



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planner. His wife Katie is a teacher at La Serna, and they have three children. Chris follows USC and Whittier College sports. He is also a Dodger and Lakers fan. His favorite NFL team is the "Silver and Black" Oakland Raiders. This is in honor to his late uncle Bob Chandler. Bob, as many of us remember, was a standout star football player at Whittier High and at USC under the legendary John McKay. Bob was a wide receiver in the NFL for the Buffalo Bills and later the Oakland Raiders. He led the NFL in pass receptions from 1975 to 1977.

New Lions **Ebie Ghaneian** and **John "Diesel" Yearian** were recognized for passing the arduous obstacles in becoming the newest members of the Whittier Host Lions Club. Basically, their membership checks cleared the bank!



Lion **Steve Nichols**, who owns *Topline Playgrounds*, was honored for his at-cost donation of the playground surface and equipment that was recently installed at Whittier's Oralingua School. The school for hearing impaired children is located at *St. Matthias Episcopal Church* in Uptown. An all Lion work crew installed the playground and surface. Thanks, Steve, You made it possible!

Next Thursday, December 6th, is the date for the annual Christmas Party. If you have not signed up make sure you see Chris George and do it soon! Also on the 6th at our noon meeting, the program will be "**This is your life, Dr. Eddie McClean.**" This should be great fun. I wonder who's going to be Ralph Edwards?

The Social Committee is having a meeting on the evening of December 10th at **Al Campano's Havana House** on Greenleaf Avenue. See Social Committee Chairmen **Chris George** or **Doug Rowan** for the details. If you would like to join the committee, plan to attend for an evening of cigars, Monday Night Football, and brainstorming about upcoming social events.

Susan Halliday, representing the Rowland Unified School District, presented Lion President Frank with a 'Hall of Fame' plaque (actually his own 1991 Rowland High School Hall of Fame Award). Frank then graciously accepted the award for the sixteenth or seventeenth time since originally receiving it. He went on to recount his glory days at Rowland High. After a quick nap by some of the members during Frank's reminisces it was tail twisting time!

Back by popular demand for his final stint as November's Tail Twister was the one and only Dr. **Oscar Narro**. Because of the Hollywood writer's strike Oscar was forced to use material from the 1980's. So no surprise when Oscar called on A.J. Bolton, and A.J. didn't answer.

Guest and former Lion **Charlie Murphy** confessed to Oscar that he had married **Ben Greer** and **Steve Nichols** (to their respective wives, that is). In fact, Charlie ran into Steve and his wife at Whittwood not long ago and had to remind Steve that day was actually his wedding anniversary. Why didn't Steve get fined for that one!

Eddie McClean was fined because the cake at his last birthday party looked like the Malibu fire.

Larry "Red" Williams was fined on the occasion of his wedding anniversary, while **Vince Mele** took a hit because he was working a deal during the Lion of the Day part of Thursday's program.



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Alberto Montes De Orca and his wife Sharon just returned from a two-week trip to the British Isles. So Alberto's fine increased due to his trip. Good to see that we still have good relations with the UK and Ireland after Alberto's visit. You had us worried! Birthday boys Don Pappé, Vince Daigneault, and Mike Abbate were tapped in recognition of their "B Days".

Lion President Frank was called on the carpet for the purchase of a new SUV as well as a new old car (1953 Packard). Cool! Oscar called for a vote to see if Frank should be fined. The only one voting for no fine was Drew Sones. So Drew paid the fine. That seems logical.

The long arm of the Tail Twister finally caught up with Steve Dobbs. Seems Steve had a road trip to South Bend, Indiana, in October to see Norte Dame play football. He was able to slide out of being fined until Oscar caught up with him. You can run, but you can't hide Steve. The Tail Twister will catch you every time!



Ken Casford was fined for knowing the other title to "Silent Night." There is another title?

Finally, Oscar fined all the USC grads for the current controversy between the Trojans and the L.A. Coliseum Commission. No way is SC going to play in the Rose Bowl. The Bruins and Drew Sones own the place!



Two other items to mention, Mike Abbate is on the committee putting together the 2nd annual Murphy Ranch Baseball Golf Classic. The golf outing will be held at

Friendly Hills Country Club on February 25th. The event commemorates 50 years of Murphy Ranch Little League Baseball. Contact Mike via email at www.abbate4@msn.com.



I heard from Drew Sones that Cal Bryant's grandson is very seriously ill in Tucson, Arizona. Lion Cal was absent from Club on Thursday as he was on his way to join family members in Arizona. Cal and family need our prayers and good thoughts at this time.



That's about it. I'll see you next week at Club. - Lion Doug Halliday



Tears 'n' Cheers

By Larry Williams

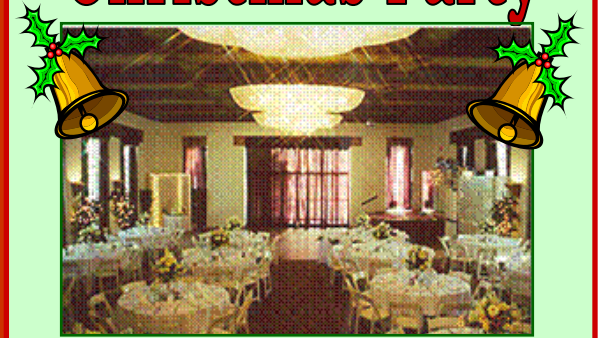
There were plenty of celebrations Thursday at the Lions Club: Birthday congrats were handed out to a trio, Don Pappé, Mike Abbate, and Vince Daigneault, and Larry (Red) Williams brought his bride of 38 years along in celebration of their anniversary. Way to go,



Whittier Christmas Parade



Whittier Host Lions Club Christmas Party



December 6

Crystal Marquis

13007 Philadelphia Street, Whittier
6:00 PM \$40/person
Bring an unwrapped sports ball
For the Boys & Girls Club

RSVP and check to
Whittier Host Lions Club
c/o Christopher George
15141 E. Whittier Blvd., Suite 550
Whittier, CA 90603

Everybody come, now!



"Please RSVP by Dec. 3. Accurate count needed for restaurant seating. Also, the Boys and Girls Club is in need of basketballs."

-Chris George