

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



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2008

- Feb. 14 EVENING MEETING - Valentine's Day
Bring your Valentine
- Feb. 21 O.A.S.I.S. Ken LeVigne of La Serna HS
for At-Risk Youth
- Feb. 28 Who Am I?
- Mar. 6 Committee Meetings

MARCH 8 - "SIGHT FOR KIDS" EVENT 6:00p

- March 27 Heather Zuhlke, professional TV
writer and member of the Writers Guild
of America

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,

SERVE can come in lots of flavors. **We Serve**, by supporting worthwhile organizations in our community. **We Serve**, by paying for eyeglasses and eye exams for needy kids. **We Serve**, by building kitchens, playgrounds, and pediatric wards. Last Thursday, **We Serve**, by helping one of our own.

Just before Christmas, Glenn Watje's son-in-law was driving in the rain and an animal ran across the road. Chris swerved and had a minor accident, or so they thought. Apparently, he hit his head and the nightmare began. Chris lost his job, lost his health insurance, and most importantly, the MRI's can't figure out what is wrong. Glenn and Bonnie's daughter Amy, is juggling four kids, doctor and hospital visits, and financial strain.

Every Thursday, we have a Welfare Report. Last week, we had good news and bad news. The good news: Cal Bryant's stent was not blocked and his ticker is in

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This is a great Lions Club tradition. Come **this week** to see some of the brightest and most eloquent speakers our local high schools have to offer. Rules state that the speakers must be timed and they must not be disturbed during their speeches. So, we will ask all attending Lions Club members to arrive on time, and if you are to be late or if you need to move around during the competition, please be very quiet.

Subject for Speeches
"Immigration - My Solution"

Student Speakers
Committee Chairman
Donovan Dean



President's Message (continued)

much better shape than he thought. Cal is out of the hospital and basking in his Horse Show success. Cal no longer needs to walk around carrying a pair of jumper cables in case he needs a jolt. The bad news: Chris continues to struggle. That's when the Whittier Host Lions Club snapped into action.



In an impromptu show of concern, the call went out to pass the cups and raise a collection for Chris and Amy. Every table responded and soon we had to dump the cash into the tail-twisting boxes. Bruce Martin got up to do his tail-twisting and someone yelled out, "Let's add all of the fines we collect to the Chris and Amy fund." The roar of approval left no doubt we were going to do just that. Bruce and his Okie math found that normal fines of two and five dollars became tens and twenties topped off by Donovan Dean turning himself in on his anniversary and writing a check for every good year of marriage.... and another sixty bucks was added to the pot. About this time, Glenn came in late to the meeting oblivious to what was going on. But we weren't done.

An emergency Board of Directors meeting was called, a quorum was obtained, and on the spot, the Board decided we would match whatever was collected that day from members. In a spontaneous show of affection for Glenn and Bonnie and all they have done for the Whittier Host Lions Club, Treasurer Mac McFarland presented Glenn with a check for \$1400 dollars. Overcome with emotion, Glenn stood up to try and thank us, but couldn't say anything. He didn't need to, we knew what he meant. Gentlemen, when we say, **We Serve**, it is not an empty slogan.

In the last few years, while our community giving and service has grown exponentially, so too has our service to each other grown exponentially. We can be proud of how we have responded to Lions Ron Copley, John Fellegi, John "Sparky" Hodroff, Cal Bryant, Bill Millikan and others in their time of need. **We Serve** our community. **We Serve** each other. It's a great time to be a Whittier Host Lion. Get to Club and feel the vibe.

Your Majestic Imperial Whittier Host Monarch, **Frank**

P.S. It's not too late to help Chris and Amy. If you missed the meeting and would like to participate, get a hold of Mac.



We Serve!  **We Serve!**  **We Serve!**



Valentine's Party
February 14th - 5:30 pm
Bring your favorite Valentine

featuring **The NewlyWed Game**

HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

wife, Bonnie, with the help of their family doctor, were able to get him into an outpatient program at St. Jude's Hospital in Fullerton. To help with the accumulating expenses the cup was passed at Club on Thursday

Additionally, all the funds raised from Thursday's Tail Twisting were earmarked for Glenn's son in law's family. Frank called an emergency Board of Directors' meeting right after Club. Their decision was to match cup and Tail Twisting monies. The net result is a check for \$1400 will go to the family to help defray incoming bills. Glenn was overwhelmed. Having the ability as an organization to help those in need, especially a family member of one of our own is truly a wonderful, as well as a powerful, thing!



Bruce "The pride of Oklahoma" **Martin** was Thursday's Tail Twister. He produced a picture of fellow Oklahoman **Jay Williams** and wife attending the La Habra High CIF football championship game. No fine for a brother Oklahoman!



Donovan Dean presented the Club with a \$60 check in celebration of his and wife Doris' 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob Bruce was on the Tail Twister's birthday list. He submitted a check for \$73 in tribute to as many years.

Jon Prechtl didn't know that Senator Barack Obama attended college locally at Occidental. Jon was fined accordingly.



Gregg Williamson was found sporting two-tone black and white shoes at Club. He was fined \$20 for each shoe! Gregg, you are a snappy dresser! However, I would bet that you don't do that again! And finally, the Tail Twister caught up with **Andy Howard**. Andy went down in flames because he didn't know who played in the first Super Bowl.

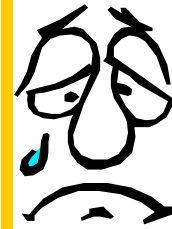


The remainder of the meeting was spent in committees. That's about it. - **Doug Halliday**



How to call the **POLICE** when you're old and don't move fast anymore.

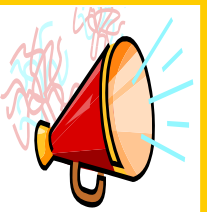
George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and he said, "No". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up. Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!" **Don't mess with old people!**



Tears 'n' Cheers

By Larry Williams

What a blessing it was for everyone at Club on Thursday to share in helping a brother Lion and his family. Glenn Watje's son-in-law, Colin (Chris) Woolford, was involved in a traffic accident several weeks ago and suffered some severe injuries. He's now out of the hospital, but not out of the woods. Chris had his first night home last Thursday and didn't do too well, Glenn told this reporter, so Bonnie (Glenn's better half) is taking care of the four children. Chris suffered frontal lobe damage to the brain, Glenn said, which finally was diagnosed following a second MRI. Unfortunately, because of the situation, Chris was not given assurance that his job would be held for him, and bills have continued to mount. He still faces continued medication and rehab (three times a week) for pain management, drug management and occupational therapy, Glenn said.



The blessing came when everyone was given the opportunity to help out in a financial way. Nearly \$700 was gained by the Tail Twister extraordinaire, Bruce Martin, and the board voted afterwards to match that amount. "Our biggest concern are for Amy (Glenn and Bonnie's daughter) and the children (Zane, Sadie, Chloe and Luke)," Glenn said.

In other cheers, we helped Donovan Dean celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary and Bob Bruce his 74th birthday. Best to ya, guys!



Cal was out of the Heart Cath Lab results were good – none of his area of his heart that is not receiving sufficient amounts of blood so the flow going stronger. Cal went home that evening and is feeling better. Please let the Club know he thanks them for their prayers.



at PIH Thursday afternoon and the stents are blocked. He still has an

Quakertown

Whittier Host Lions Club version

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HEARD AT CLUB

By "Under the weather"
Doug Halliday

Blood drive Thursday started off with some of the guys going to the back room of the Masonic Temple and giving the gift of life. Meanwhile, in the front room our meeting got off to a start sans Lion Tamer, **Doug Lopez**, and key musical support person, **Wayne Martin**.



Besides missing two key people we also didn't have any guests! However, with President **Frank Hill** asking **Al Stoll** to be the Lion of the Day we were quickly back on tract and once again in our old familiar groove.

Lion Al has been a Whittier Host lion since 1997. The late **Chuck Huxtable** sponsored him. Growing up in Norwalk Al attended Little Lake Schools, Whittier High, and Whittier College. He graduated with a BA in History. During World War II Al served in the Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. He was stationed locally with the Marine Corps as one of their "Docs". Right after the end of fighting in the Pacific, Al was stationed in Hawaii until his separation from active duty. He was married for 52 years to his late wife Bobbie. They had three children, and two grand kids. Always involved in real estate, Al has owned *Four Star Real Estate* for over 50 years. A former weekend tennis player, Al now enjoys fishing and gardening. As a sports buff he pulls for the USC and Whittier College football teams, as well as the UCLA Bruins basketball squad. On the professional side of sports, Al roots for the "Boys in Blue," the Los Angeles Dodgers. Also a trendsetter, Al presented the Club on Thursday with a check for \$500, thus purchasing the first table for the upcoming **Sight for Kids** Auction.



There were several announcements on Thursday. **Donovan Dean** reminded all that at next week's meeting we will host the **Student Speakers Contest**. The topic of their speeches is how the immigration problem should be resolved. It should be interesting.



Jim Spaulding needs additional volunteers for the **American Flag program** that will be presented for 2nd graders at our local schools. Those interested should see Jim.

Ben Greer will be heading the new **Fire Works Committee** that is in the process of being formed. The Club will be selling fire works over the Fourth of July. We will have a stand located near Crossroads Parkway and the 60 Freeway (a prime location). According to Pres. Frank, the Whittier Host Lions will be in possession of enough explosives to level most of the City of Whittier and the City of Industry too. Now that's scary!



Regarding member welfare **Cal Bryant** went into the Cardiac Lab at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Thursday morning for an evaluation. Portions of his heart are not receiving enough blood. Hopefully corrections can be made without surgery.



Glenn Watje's son-in-law is out of the rehabilitation hospital following his car accident and accompanying head injury. The accident happened last year. Since then his medical insurance has run out and he was let go from his job. Glenn and his

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