

Whittier Host Lions Club
P.O. Box 245
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We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Feb. 4 Bruce Martin on our new dress code and Committee Meetings
- Feb. 11 NIGHT MEETING 5:30pm Special Remembrance of Fellow Lions Who Have Left Us- Beverly Masonic Center

WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

Officers for 2009-2010

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| Al Campano | President |
| Jerry Perisho | First Vice President |
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Day Time Meetings:
Radisson Hotel
Greenleaf & Mar Vista, Whittier, CA
Thursday at Noon
11:45 to 1:15 Belongs to our Community

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President's Message

by Al Campano

In my absence this past Thursday, 1st VP Jerry Perisho took over the helm and ran a great meeting. Considering the heavy rainfall, we had a great turnout for our program and unfortunately, I missed all the fun. I heard, and to everyone's surprise, two beautiful belly dancers briefly interrupted Frank Hill's program on the new NFL stadium. I am not sure how all this came about, but if we get any more surprises like this, I am really looking forward to upcoming programs!

As I'm sure it was mentioned at club last Thursday, the final tally of what we collected out on the streets of Whittier, and which I truly think showed the compassion of the citizens of Whittier for the Haitian earthquake victims, was just amazing. With the support of many Lions and that of the Boys and Girls Club, we were able to raise an astonishing, whopping amount of **\$10,623.92!** Impressive indeed, this collection effort surpassed many of our other street fundraising efforts, that of the Southeast Asian Tsunami and that of Hurricane Katrina. This is truly what Lionism is all about: compassion.

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This Week's Program



The Super Bowl as Religious Festival

Dr. Joe Price, from Whittier College is the author of seven books and fifty essays drawing upon his expertise in religion and culture, especially arts and sports. He will be providing us with some interesting perspectives on the history of the Super Bowl and this year's upcoming game.

No Belly Dancers

Invocation — Lion Wes Murray

Greeter — Lion Gary Halliburton

President's Message continued

I am very proud to be a Whittier Host Lion, and to have taken part in such worthy cause as this. Congratulations - Whittier Host!

Now, with spring fast approaching, our only major fundraiser is right around the corner. Our Sight for Kids Wine Tasting and Dinner (SFK), is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th. Last year we were able to raise \$86,000, and that alone was a feat in itself considering the state of our economy. Frank Hill and Mark Henderson are diligently lining up our major sponsors that make a good bulk of our bottom line. Our concentration now lies in the logistics of everything else, from set-up to wines and restaurant participation. Lion Robert Ruiz is the Chairman for SFK this year, and he will need everyone's help and participation in the next few months. This is also the time we start asking for donations for our silent and live auction items, all-new please, and let's not forget items for the ladies as well. Our next SFK meeting will be this Monday the 25th at Lion John Wilson's house, hope to see you there!

You won't want to miss this Thursday, we have another wonderful program lined up, Dr. Joe Price from Whittier College will be giving a Pre-Super Bowl Presentation. This will be great fun and you'll definitely want to invite a guest.

Once again, great job on the Haitian earthquake collection and please let's not keep this a secret, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, spread the word, and let everyone know, Whittier Host and the great things we do, not only for our community, but the world around us!

Yours in Lionism ó President Al

For a Rainy Day, We had a Great Crowd



Two tables aren't even in our pictures!

A Very Unusual Club Meeting!





HEARD AT CLUB

by John Wilson

On January 21, 2010

HEARD AT CLUB continued



After a thoughtful invocation by Rev. Ken Casford, Larry "Red" Williams introduced our guests: Dan Norton (guest of Lion Dick Norton), Michelle Harako (the lovely wife of Lion Dean Harako), George Galvez (guest of Lion Xavier Amaja), John Hocken (guest of Lion Wes Murray), David Klaff (guest of Lion David Williamson) and Rosa Masterson (guest of Lion Lyle Nelson). And we also welcomed Javier Jimenez for attending his first meeting as a Lion! Welcome, Lion Javier. And thank you all for coming!



Red Williams then interviewed our very own Lion Sam Shlitz, as our Lion of the Day. Sam was born and raised behind the Iron Curtain in Moldova, a teenie-weenie country sandwiched between Romania and the Ukraine. Sam's courageous escape plan from communism in 1980 was quite daring. He joined the soviet track team in the 1980 Summer Olympics, ran the 200 meter and when he got to the finish line, he just kept running! He became a proud American in 1981 and never looked back. Sam flourished in the land of freedom and became a successful small business owner (He owns Fix Auto Whittier). He married his lovely bride, Janet, back in 1972 and they have two children. What makes Sam tick? Fast motorcycles, fast cars and beautiful Moldavian women! (Who doesn't like that?). Congrats, Sam!

Welfare Report: Welfare Chairman Jerry Perisho delivered the terrible news that Lion Eric Day's son-in-law passed away this week. Please keep Eric and his family in your prayers. On the better news front, Lion Ron Copley is at home recovering from surgery and is doing great.



Announcements



Lion Mac McFarland announced that our last minute Lions fund raiser on the streets of Uptown Whittier for Haiti raised a whopping \$10,643 bucks! That's a one-day, on-the-street record! Good job, Lions! And a special thanks to Lion Leon Lesa for heading the effort!

Social Committee co-chair Chris George announced our upcoming get together for a Whittier College Basketball Game on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, at 6:30 PM.

Lion Frank Hill read a letter from Lion Jim McBride's daughter. Susan wanted to thank the Lions for singing "Quaker Town" at Jim's funeral service. Susan also contributed \$500 to our scholarship endowment fund in her father's name. Thank you, Susan! Jim will never be forgotten.



Lion Greg Gunter then announced that he's looking for volunteers to help set up a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Rose Hills Memorial Park on March 23rd.



And Lion David Williamson reminded us (for the 14th time) about the Whittier Museum's "Victorian Feast" this February 5th, 6th and 7th. David said that he'll be dressed as the Duchess of Argyll. So enjoy the mutton and stay clear of that smallpox!

Tail-Twister Extraordinaire Doug Lopez was in a foul mood, tossing out fines to: All doctors in the house. Everyone wearing a tie. Doug Rowan for his Trojans trouncing the Bruins. Ken Casford for an all-encompassing and pretty damned funny invocation. David Williamson for appearing on Telemundo. George Williams and John Johnson for anti-social behavior. Our very own Mexican Mafia (Dan Castorena, Javier Jimenez, Ruben Armienta, Alberto Montes de Oca, Frank Hill and Dean Harako) to raise a "protection" fund for when Bill Wood and his bride travel south of the border, Bruce Martin for wearing a forty year old tie (It had a mustard stain from 1982). And last but not least, Frank Hill for charging a woman \$50 for a kiss (at the corner of Greenleaf and Painter) during our Haitian fundraiser.



Today's Program: Assistant International Liaison Frank Hill was supposed to give us the latest on the NFL coming to the southland. But just five minutes into his presentation, an impromptu bachelor party for Bill Wood broke out with entertainment provided by two gorgeous belly dancers! Whoa Nelly!!! With Pilar's alluring and hypnotic hip gyrations, this observer cannot remember if Frank ever finished his presentation. - John Wilson