

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



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2008

- Jan. 24 No Meeting - Everyone at Horse Show
- Jan. 31 Committee Meetings
Blood Drive at Club (Masonic Temple)
- Feb. 7 Student Speakers Contest
- 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

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
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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 HOST LIONS CLUB
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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President's Message By Frank Hill

Fellow Lions,

It's a new year. Two thousand and ocho. Get out your calendars and read along with your presidente; we've got some important dates to cover.

Next Monday, January 14, @ 5pm. **Sight for Kids** committee meeting under the able direction of Rich Casford. Whittier Mailing Products, 13019 Park Street, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. (562) 698-7795. Come and see how we cleared over \$70 grand in pure bottom line profit for our charity work.

Next Tuesday, January 15 from 5:30 to 7:30p at the Hacienda de los Presidente. 8170 Cielo Vista, Whittier, 90605. 562-945-7858 (h). Come to my house and we'll brainstorm our title defense of the **Soroptimist's Showcase of Stars** talent show. We need singers, stage hands, announcers, musicians, and entertainers. You don't have to dance and you don't have to dress up to be of help. I'll buy the pizza and beer. Guaranteed fun.

Next Wednesday, January 16 @ **Whittier College Gym**. 6pm Beence hospitality suite followed by 7:30 game time. Come and support our own Lion Jeff Ball who will be honored at halftime. Chris George, Jeff Ball and Jerry Perisho have all

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This Week's Program



Our Most Highly Exalted
District Governor
2007-2008

Maurice "Mike" Brassard

President's Message (continued)

promised to wear their college basketball uniforms featuring those stylish hot pants, short shorts.

Whittier Host Lions Club 47th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show. Wednesday, January 23rd through Sunday, January 27th. Come join the Lions Club Board at the Saturday night BBQ. If you haven't signed up for a shift, or written a check, St. Peter will be mentioning it to you down the road.

Thursday, February 14th @ 5:30p. Whittier Host Lions evening meeting on **Valentine's Day**. Bring your special someone and we'll entertain the throng with our own version of the "Newlywed Game." I know \$15 bucks is more than a lot of you spend taking your wife out for dinner, but lighten up--it's Valentine's Day!

Friday, February 22, **Whittier Soroptomists "Showcase of Stars"** at the Whittier Radisson Hotel @ 6pm. If your not singing, dancing, stage handing, or tickling the ivories, the least you can do is buy a ticket and bring your wife and support the defending Whittier Host Lions troupe as we make fools out of ourselves.

12th Annual Sight for Kids dinner, Saturday March 8, 6pm in the Whittier Community Center. Wine tasting, taste of Whittier featuring 20 local restaurants, silent and live auctions. If you don't help out at this event, St. Peter won't even have your name on his list.

Saturday, March 22nd, 8:00a to noon. **Oralingua School Work Day**. Come join 40 of your fellow Lions as we convert the old house into classrooms for severely deaf infants. REMINDER: No beer drinking before 8:15am!! I mean it this time.

Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18. **District 4L2 Convention**, Santa Maria. Come join us as we swarm the convention in support of Larry Dicus and his campaign for Vice-District Governor. If you want to come early, there is a golf tournament on Thursday. Most of us will stay Friday and Saturday night and leave first thing on Sunday morning. Beence will put on a hospitality room like the convention has never seen. We have to get these other Lions really drunk or they'll never vote for Larry. Larry's campaign slogan: LARRY DICUS, A MAN OF CHARACTER—A HAIRPIECE OF QUALITY.

Friday, May 30, 86th Annual **Whittier Host Lions Club Charter Night**. Details to follow. But save the date and come see the action as A.J. Bolton tries to stop Drew from taking over as Club president.

Wednesday July 2nd through Friday, the Fourth of July. The first ever Whittier Host Lions' **Fireworks Stand** with all the proceeds dedicated to Scholarship Endowment. Lots of details to follow, but everyone says working together in a booth is a lot of fun. We can barbecue hamburgers, smoke cigars, have our libations, all in the friendly confines of our fireworks stand...it should be a blast.

You can see we've got a lot going on. But that's why we can get so much done. Sign up for a shift. Come to a committee meeting. Attend a social event. Get to Club on Thursday. Come be part of our mucho mojo. It's a great time to be in the Club.

Your Whittier Host Lion Apparatchik, **Frank**



Another Whittier Host Lions Award-Winning Act In the Making!
Soroptomist's "Showcase of Stars"
 Be Part of the Planning!
At President Frank's House **Tuesday, January 15**
8170 Cielo Vista Dr., Whittier, 90605 (562) 945-7858 (h). **5:30-7:30 pm**

SIGN UP TO HELP AT HORSE SHOW!

Ring Clerks needed for the Horse Show. I need to get 4 clerks for Thursday afternoon, 2 for Saturday morning, 2 for Saturday night and both sessions on Sunday.
 Call Jerry Laiblin - 714-670-2754
 or jlaiblinymca@hotmail.com

Whittier Host Lions Blood Donations

At Club

January 31
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

SIGHT FOR KIDS ETC

Committee Meeting

Monday January 14th 5:00 PM

Whittier Mailing
 13019 Park Street
 Santa Fe Springs

HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO



Announcements for the Horse Show abound! Cal “The Enforcer” Bryant needs ring clerks for Saturday morning and evening, as well as Sunday morning and afternoon. Sign up before Cal starts knocking heads and drafting people! He also mentioned that he would like to have a big Club turn out for Saturday’s dinner. Our own Chef Steve Hernandez plans an evening’s “Spanish Delight”. Do not miss it!

President Frank had several announcements from the previous nights Board of Director’s meeting. We will be retrofitting, remodeling, and who knows what else to the old house located in back of St. Matthias Church in Uptown. Oralingua School, which operates in the church’s facilities, would like to turn the house into classrooms. With our help it’s going to happen.

Frank also said we will be in the fireworks business come this 4th of July! We will have a site, rent free, at Cross Roads Parkway and the 60 freeway in the City of Industry. With little overhead, a ton of money will go to our bottom line for scholarships, sight and hearing. Wonderful!



February 22, 2008, is the date the Whittier Host Lions will once again take center stage at the Soroptimist Club’s Showcase of Stars. This year’s theme is a musical history of singing groups. The current idea, under development, is to present two “all girl” groups with our guys in drag. Damon Williams, Cal Bryant, and Mark Scott have agreed to be Patty, Maxine and Laverne; The Andrew Sisters. I’m not sure who will play Diana Ross and the Supremes but it should be just this side of hysterical! By the way, we are the Grand National Champions for this talent contest for the last two years. We need to once again gird our loins and fend off the dreaded Rotarian challenge. Can you gird your loins if you are dressed in drag?



Jon “The Merciless” Prechtl was Thursday’s Tail Twister. Jon launched what he termed was a “preventive strike” against Glenn Watje for disparaging comments made by Glenn at the Christmas Party. Apparently Jon went through the buffet line a little ahead of schedule, and Glenn commented on it. Vengeance is mine if you are the Tail Twister!

Lion President Frank was fined for the Board of Directors being tossed out of their meeting room at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital during their meeting. They finished the meeting at PIH, according to Frank, in a brightly lighted rather antiseptic room filled with other people dress in green colored masks and gowns. Wait! You can’t fine the President! Once again Immediate Past President Ron Copley took the hit. I would bet a million bucks that Ron can’t wait until Frank’s term is over. By the way, PIH is always the ever-gracious host when we have our board meetings there.



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HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE

There’s a new movie out with Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson called the “Bucket List”. In it seniors Jack and Morgan make a list of things they would like to do before they “kick the you know what.” They then set about doing them. Using this idea as a base Jon asks random Lions what some of our senior members would want. Wes Romberger was asked if they would like to fly an F-15 or drive a formula one-race car. Wes said flying an F-15. Jack Terry said he would actually like to remember where he put his



car keys. Jim Palminteri was asked if our seniors would like a seven-course meal or dancing to the band of Tommy Dorsey. Jim chose a seven-course meal. Al Stoll reported that seniors would really like is a “good BM”! Finally, Dave Williamson was asked if our seniors would like romantic moonlight walks or a cruise. Dave chose cruise. Wrong again, as Oliver Wyman responded with the correct answer: “Wild sex with a hot young blonde”!

PP Rich Casford was our Chairman for the Day AND Program Presenter. Rich delivered an update along with a Club history on the upcoming Sight for Kids event. It’s hard to believe the dollar volume this event has generated to the cause of improving children’s sight. In it’s first year Sight for Kids brought in \$12,000. Last year it was \$77,000! With all the upgrades such as express check in and check out, reserve tables, and other refinements Rich and his committee have developed this into truly a great community event.



Also, additional kudos are in order for Mr. Casford. Every time Rich talks about the whys and wherefores of Sight for Kids, or what it means to be a Lion, I feel I have a better understanding of the tradition, honor and pride that goes with being a member of the Whittier Host Lions Club. I know many of you feel the same. Thanks Rich!

That’s about it. My wife Susan and I are off next week to the Emerald Green City of Seattle, and the following week is the Horse Show. So I’ll see you all in three weeks at Club. - Doug Halliday



This year’s contest theme for student speakers is
“Immigration - My Solution”



Let’s Make
Dinner at Horse Show
 on Saturday, Jan 27th
 a **Family Event!**

At our next evening meeting

February 14th - 5:30 pm



Bring your special someone

Special Club Social Event THIS WEDNESDAY!

Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 6:30 pm there will be a **Whittier Host Lions Club** pre-game **TAILGATE PARTY** before the **Whittier College Basketball Game**.

The mighty Poets will be playing Claremont College at 7:30pm. At half-time, **Jeff Ball** will be honored for his support in donating a new scoreboard. Please come out and support a fellow Lion. The game will be held at the

Graham Athletic Center on the Whittier College campus. The Graham Center is located at the end of Earlham Drive on the Whittier College campus. Earlham is located between Penn and Philadelphia off of Painter Ave.

Rob Coleman, a fellow Lion and the athletic director for Whittier College, will be our host for the evening. The pre-game tailgate will be held inside the Graham Athletic Center. Rob will post signs to lead you to the location of our party. If you have any questions, you can reach Rob on his cell phone at 646 228-1316 or you call the College at 562 907-4200 and ask for the Athletic Department and ask for Rob.



HEARD AT CLUB

By **Doug Halliday**
On Jan. 10, '08

At the sound of the bell we started our Thursday get together with song and the salute to our flag. **Jeff Lopez** gave the invocation.



Lion Tamer **Doug Lopez** called for the introduction of guest. **Larry Dicus** invited **Robert Saldana** to join us. Robert owns and operates an interior landscaping service for plants in homes and office buildings. This brought an instantaneous question from Lion President Frank regarding the care and nurturing of certain indoor cash crops! Frank! Please! Anyway Robert, glad you could join us. **Mark Scott** had as his guest **Rahul Mohindar**. Rahul, we



we're glad you could join

us too.

Our Lion of the Day was **Gary Cates**. Lion since 1987. Born and raised near Gary graduated from John Burrows High the freeway to attend California State University with a degree in accounting and later a for an accounting firm in downtown Los



Gary has been a Whittier host "Beautiful Downtown Burbank" School. He then traveled down university at Northridge. Armed CPA ticket, Gary went to work Angeles as an entry-level accountant. That was thirty-three years ago. A partner in the same firm since 1981.

Gary and his wife Carol have been married for twenty-five years. They have four children and two grand kids. Their son is a US Marine currently serving his second tour in Iraq. He will be home in March. For recreation Gary enjoys an occasional game of golf. He pulls for the Angels, the UCLA Bruins, and the San Diego Chargers.

We had a great welfare report! No one was on the sick or injured list! **Leon**



Lisa is walking on two good pins, and without the cane after his knee surgery last week. **Sparky Hodroff** reports his back feels great and he's operating at 100% several months after major back surgery. Does that mean Sparky will continue to be found tied up in attics around town? Oh well.....



Blood Bank Chairman **Ben "Count Dracula" Greer** reported he is organizing another planned for January 31st during our **Liams**, Blood Donation Manager at that last Thursday of January. Be



blood drive at Club. The event is regular meeting. Lion **Damon Williams**, Blood Donation Manager at their new blood mobile in place on sure to sign up.

Sight Committee Chairman that his committee received a \$500 donation from the Whittier Quad. GREAT!

Rich Dewberry reported



SAVE THE DATE

May 16-18

Lions Convention in Santa Maria

Let's support
Larry Dicus in his run for
Vice-District Governor



Friday through Sunday
with opt. Golf tournament
on Thursday, May 15.

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