

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
- Feb. 28 Who Am I?
- Mar. 6 Committee Meetings

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

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



THE MAIN LION



WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT 4-L2 · BAY REGION · ZONE C

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January 24, 2008



Our Whittier Host Lions Club's 47th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show

January 24-27 - Bring Your Family Los Angeles County Fairgrounds - Pomona This year's event in memory of Lion Bill Millikan

No Club Meeting This Week



**Everyone's at the
All-Arabian Horse Show**

**Come work and/or
visit! Bring your
family. Your kids
will love it! The horses
are beautiful! (Dress warm)**

Thurs - Fri: 8:00a to 5:00p

Saturday- 8:00a to 9:00p

Sunday- 8:00a to 5:00p

White Avenue-Pomona

Gate 12 - Free Parking

**Let's Make Dinner a
Family Event**

**at the Horse Show
on Saturday, Jan. 27th**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m

Carnation Room at the Fairplex

Adults \$15 Children \$10

President's Message

By Frank Hill

Fellow Lions,

A week of work and fun for the Whittier Host Lions. I said last week it was crunch time, and you guys delivered. Check this out:

On Monday night, Chairman Rich Casford hosted a Sight for Kids Committee meeting at Whittier Mailing. This is not Rich's first rodeo. He brilliantly has started the practice of offering free wine to the assembled committee members and was rewarded with 17 Lions showing up! It was standing room only. Unconfirmed reports from Major Donor Sub-Committee Chairman Mark Henderson that we are ahead of last year's pace. Great news and let's keep the vino flowing. At the conclusion of the meeting, Rich led everyone in the Sight for Kids tradition of taking off their shoes and socks and squashing our own grapes. I'm sure I speak for the entire Club and can't wait to try your new brew at the Sight for Kids wine tasting.

The next night, Tuesday at El Presidente's house and another committee meeting was scheduled. This was the planning session for our title defense of the Soroptomists Showcase of Stars talent show slated for February 22. Here ye, here ye. A total of 34 Lions have committed to taking assorted roles in the show!! Practices start this Monday at the East Whittier YMCA, and we still have room

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President's Message (continued)

for a few more. As you know, some of us are dressing in drag. At the meeting, Doug Lopez said, "There's no reason to keep talking about this unless we have enough guys besides Frank and I who are willing to cross dress." I thought it was a fair question, so I asked for a show of hands of Lions who were as anxious as I am to be in touch with their feminine sides. **A TOTAL OF 24 GUYS RAISED THEIR HANDS!!** The bad news: We are now forced to have try-outs, and there will be some painful cuts...not everyone will be able to make the team. Let me know if you're interested, we also have spots for guys who don't want to wear a dress. At a minimum, put on your calendar the Soroptomists event of Friday, February 22. Bring your wife and cheer on the band of cross-dressers you've been hanging with.

The following night, Wednesday at Whittier College, as Whittier Host honored one of our own, Lion Jeff Ball. Jeff had donated and raised \$14,000 for a new scoreboard at the Whittier College Gym. Over 40 Lions and their spouses were on hand for Jeff's halftime presentation. Special thanks to Beence Daignault who blew off his girlfriends 50th birthday that night to host his hospitality special. Missing your girlfriends birthday—the true spirit of Whittier Host Lionism. Because of a healthy helping of Knob Creek whiskey, Lion Chris George has confirmed he will be taking part in Soroptomists Showcase as one of the Go Go's. Chris modeled a black bustier he is considering and it was stunning.

Finally, a great turnout at Club to hear District Governor Mike Brassard. Because of our tight relationship with Lions International in Oak Brook, Illinois, under the direction of our Lions International Liaison, and Lions third Vice President, and Lions Program Chairman, Lion Jerry Perisho; DG Mike received a special award. A UPS box from Lions International made it just in time so Mike could receive the Testosterone Award from Lions International since Mike is a member of the all male Bellflower Nooner Lions Club. There was not a dry eye in the Masonic Lodge.

We're dark this week to cover the 47th Annual Whittier Host Lions All Arabian Horse Show. It's not too late to sign up for a shift. Cal and Drew are short guys for Sunday. It's not too late to come to the Saturday night BBQ out at the show. It's not too late to write a check if you haven't signed up for a shift and feel guilty.

Get involved and experience the fun....and the service. Remember our motto: "We Serve."

Grand Sultan of the Whittier Host Lions Club, **Frank**



District Governor Maurice "Mike" Brassard Visits Club



Whittier Host Lions was again honored by a visit from our District Governor, Mike Brassard, a member of the Bellflower Lions Club, and other district officers. January 17th's meeting was centered around activities of importance to our Governor and District 4-L2. Other district officers who spoke were Region Chair of our Bay Region, Lion Anthony Garcia from the Norwalk Lions Club, Vice District Governor, Lion Judy Powell, of the Downtown Long Beach club, Lion Bea Proo, the "District Deeds" newsletter editor, and our own past president Lion Larry Dicus, Leadership Chair for District 4-L2.



The program started with an award presentation from *Lions International* to Governor Mike, presented by Whittier Host Lions International Liaison, 3rd VP Jerry Perisho, the "First Annual Testosterone Award" for outstanding performance by a member of an all-male Lions Club in recognition of valuable contributions.



After welcoming comments by Anthony Garcia and Judy Powell, and an introduction by Lion Larry, Governor Mike Brassard complimented Whittier Host Lions for our accomplishments this past year, including the Horse Show, the Sight for Kids event (largest, most successful fund-raiser in District 4-L2), and for giving back to our community. He



praised the Club for the Boys and Girls Club project in partnership with LCIF, indicating that he has \$32,000 to give us when we complete the project. He complimented us for the Oralingua School playground project. He called Whittier Host Lions not only the largest club in 4-L2 but also a model club for our accomplishments – and commented about the fun we have at our meetings.



Governor Mike shared future dates for District events. The Melvin Jones Fellows Dinner on January 26, 2008 to recognize Melvin Jones Fellows in the District; District 4-L2 Cabinet Meeting on February 23, 2008 at the Montebello Senior Center – the guest speaker will address the value of Lions Quest Program for youth; District 4-L2 Cabinet



Meeting on April 19th, the District 4-L2 Convention – May 16-18 in Santa Maria. Governor Brassard presented President Frank and Larry Dicus with "Membership Excellence" award pins and International President's pins from International President

Mahendra Amarasuriya.



Larry Dicus presented his IP Pin to our Club's International Liaison 3rd VP Jerry Perisho.





Count Dracula
Ben Greer
Reminding
Us



**Whittier Host Lions
Blood Donations At Club**

January 31
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

At our next evening meeting
February 14th - 5:30 pm



Bring your special someone

SAVE THE DATE
May 16-18

Lions Convention
in Santa Maria

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



**GO
LARRY!**

Friday through Sunday
with optional Golf
Tournament on
Thursday, May 15.



New Member Notification

The following individual has applied
for membership in the Whittier Host
Lions Club:

Robert Stevens

Dir. Of Instruction, Golf Tec
in Rowland Heights
Lives in Huntington Beach
Sponsored by Mike James

Any comments concerning the
applicant must be sent
via mail no later than two
weeks from this notification
to the following:

Whittier Host Lions Club
Attention: Club Secretary
P O Box 245
Whittier, CA 90608

Or email: olvymn@juno.com

HEARD AT CLUB

On Jan. 17, '08

A Day of Celebrations and Fines!

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| Jack Mele | 86th Birthday |
| Mike & Allene Loyet | 60th Wedding Anniversary |
| Bill Wood | 74th Birthday |
| Dave Dickerson | New Honda Civic hybrid |
| Doug Keeling | New Chevy Tahoe Truck |
| Jeff Ball | Honored - Whittier College
Basketball Scoreboard |



A new member of this past year, **Andy Howard** was our Lion of the Day. Lion Andy was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and in 1959 the Howard family moved to Whittier. Following graduation from Whittier High School, Andy attended East Los Angeles College, Whittier College, and Claremont Graduate School. Andy taught at Rio Hondo College for 38 years, and now is the Executive Director of the Rio Hondo College Foundation. Cindy and Andy have been married for 33 years; their son Kenny is a senior at UCSD, and their daughter Valerie just started her master's degree program at USC.



Nancy, our new cashier, brought her neighbor to visit our Club. She was surprised to see women among the District 4-L2 officers, being we're an all-male Club.



Lions **Drew Sones** and **Squeaky Cal** were on their high horses for lack of Club member sign-ups to work needed hours at the Horse Show. Come on men, don't let these hard working guys down.