

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



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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2008

- Jan. 10 History of our Sight For Kids Event  
Lion Rich Casford
- Jan. 17 Lion Jon PrechtI, Motor Sports  
Racing Enthusiast
- Jan. 24 No Meeting - Everyone at Horse Show
- Jan. 31 Committee Meetings
- Feb. 7 Student Speakers Contest
- Feb. 14 EVENING MEETING  
Bring your Valentine
- Feb. 21 O.A.S.I.S. Ken LeVigne of La Serna HS

### 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

#### Senior

Mike James Jay Williams  
Jim Spaulding Larry Williams

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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,

I trust we all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to great things next year for the Whittier Host Lions Club. I took a moment to reflect about how fortunate we are as Lions to be in a position to help those in need...and to actively seek out new opportunities to serve.

A great example of that was the Thursday the Club was dark. A group of Lions and

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### This Week's Program

January 3, 2008

## Committee Meetings



## President's Message (continued)

Board members toured a potential service project for the Club to consider. Next door to the Oralingua playground we rehabbed, is an old Craftsman home owned by St. Matthias. The church has offered the house to Oralingua for the princely sum of \$1.00 a year. Of course, the catch is the home built in the 1920's needs some work. Oralingua believes they can obtain a grant for \$25,000 for materials if we can provide the labor to pull the project together. Oralingua would like to turn the two bedrooms in the house into classrooms for their work with hearing impaired infants. In addition, they would use the living room as a waiting room for parents. The back of the house would be turned into a craft room so their 48 students can work on art projects. An added bonus would be to open the fence between the playground and the home's backyard for more outdoor play space. Currently, the school has no quiet space for their teachers to work with these infants, some as young as two months old. Oralingua is on the cutting edge nationally to encourage specialist to work with these youngsters as early as possible. But their current practice of searching for an empty classroom is not a suitable setting for this important work.

In January, our Board of Directors will get reports from lots of Lions who have been doing research on this potential project. Doug Lopez has agreed to serve as Chairman and will share his thoughts about how we might tackle this assignment from a workload perspective. New Lion Mitch Carty is preparing a proposed budget. Mitch was accompanied by his brother C.J. and father Don on the walk through. Other Lions with construction expertise have also examined the house including Leon Lesa, John "Sparky" Hodroff, Jim Palminteri, and playground guru Steve Nichols. We were also joined by Board Members Drew Sones, Jerry Perisho, Mac McFarland, Mike James, Jon Prechtl and Jim Spaulding who voiced their thoughts, concerns, and challenges.

This is a huge potential project, and one we won't jump into without lots of due diligence. In addition to manpower and budget issues, we are researching city building code/permit requirements, State Department of Education complications, and liability insurance issues. But the point is this: whether or not we decide as an organization to take on this daunting challenge...we are a group of men who are not afraid of challenging assignments and we are actively seeking out new opportunities for us to improve our community. There is no other organization in Whittier who could pull this off. I'm proud to be a Whittier Host Lion. We are going to have a great 2008.

Your humble Viceroy, **Frank**



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For up-to-date information about our Club, check us out on the web: [www.whittierhostlions.org](http://www.whittierhostlions.org)



## We're Still Needed

We encourage any Whittier Host Lion to contribute to the relief fund for fire victims in the San Diego area. Please make a check out to "Lions District 4L6". The Whittier Host Club will match donations up to an accumulated total of \$1,000. Checks can be handed to Third VP Jerry Perisho, to Treasurer Mac McFarland or mailed to our Lions Club's PO Box 245, Whittier, CA 90608.



**Any Club member interested in helping us video special programs and events please contact Pres. Frank Hill.**

### Personal note from Lion Glenn Watje about his Christmas Food Distribution Experience

Larry,

Saturday was quite an experience. My grandson and I handed out slippers for a couple of hours and the recipients reacted many different ways. Zane, 11, was surprised how some reacted.

Hope your Christmas was good and have a good New Years.

Glenn



**HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO**

We also learned that **Glenn Watje's** son-in-law, who was in the process of recovering from back surgery, was involved in an automobile accident. He suffered head injuries. However, the prognosis is good. A complete recovery on both fronts is expected. Also, please keep Glenn's family in your prayers.



Frank read a thank you note from **Pearl Cline**, our long time lunch cashier (now retired), and den mother. Pearl, who was honored at the Christmas Party wanted to extend her thanks to the Club for all that we have done for her over the years. Also **Samantha Ridout**, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Whittier, thanked our Club for the donation of 72 sports balls. These gifts were collected at the party.



In closing, Frank mentioned that the Orlingua School had been able to acquire the house directly in back of St. Matthias. The school plans to convert the house into classrooms. Frank said that a task force of Lions would inspect the building in preparation of a Club workday to help convert the house. Those involved in the project are **Doug Lopez, Mitch Carty, Sparky Hodroff, and Leon Lesa.**



**Mike James** was Thursday's Tail Twister, day honoree. He presented the Club with a honor of his B day. Michael then fined for posing in a photo with **Alberto Montes** ing only 12 of the sports balls that were Boys and Girls Club. What happened to



**Donovan Dean** was our birth-check in the amount of \$87 in **Chris George de Oca** show-delivered to the other 60?



Mike next orchestrated a Christmas trivia game with the members. **Vince Daigneault** didn't know that "it must have been that old silk hat they found" that brought Frosty the Snow Man to life. **Vince Mele** said it was Heidi Fleiss. Vince! We were in a church for crying out loud! Both were fined. **Mac McFarland** forgot that Santa was referred to as a "bowl full of jelly" in the classic "T'was the night before Christmas". However, **Dave Williamson** knew that after red and green the most popular Christmas colors were white and gold.



**Jay Williams** is undergoing hormone therapy, as a lot of us know. He reported all is going fine with the exception that he has had to reject strong urges to undertake shopping trips to Nordstrom's and Macy's recently.

The meeting concluded with a visit to the new playground. That's about it. I'll see you on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Club.

Happy Holidays to all! - **Doug Halliday**



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# Christmas Food Distribution



## "Heart of Compassion"

Food and Toy Distribution to needy families was held at Little Lake Park in Santa Fe Springs on Saturday, December 22, 2007. Whittier Host Lions were most supportive of this effort by providing help from the following individuals: Glenn Watje, Drew Sones, Wes Murray, Lyle Nelson, Dave Williamson, Jack Terry, Jim Johnson, Leon Lesa, Bob Bruce, Al Stoll, Mark Scott, Don Wood, Rich Dewberry, and Larry Dicus.

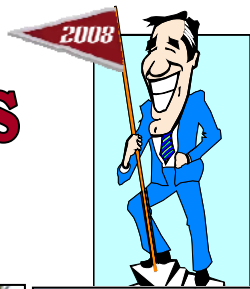
Our Whittier Host Lions worked hand in hand with the Lions from Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and Pico Rivera clubs. It was a wonderful way to serve our joint community together!!

What a heartwarming morning! Around 1000 people were provided hot dogs, drinks, and a basket full of food, cleaning supplies, and toys. The Lions Eyemobile was also available to the families. Over 60 eye exams were provided -- a special thank you to Lion President Dr. Sylvia Arcos from the Pico Rivera Lions for conducting the eye exams.



- Lion Larry Dicus

# Save These 2008 Dates



**Thursday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Jan. 27** **46<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Arabian Horse Show at LA County Fairgrounds**



**Saturday, March 8** **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sight For Kids Wine Tasting and Dinner at Whittier Community Center**



**Tuesday, May 13** **Joint meeting with Soroptimist of Whittier at Friendly Hills Country Club; We WILL NOT have a regular Lions Club meeting on Thursday May 15.**



**Saturday, June 7 to Sunday, June 8** **Annual "Relay For Life" to support the American Cancer Society at Whittier College football field**



## HEARD AT CLUB By Doug Halliday On Dec. 20, '07

We were treated to a very special event on Thursday. The location of our usual meeting place was moved from our normal digs at the Masonic Temple to Lewis Hall at Saint Matthias Episcopal Church in Uptown. There we had the pleasure of watching the children of the Oralingua School present a Christmas program. It was their way of saying thanks for the new playground our Club installed at the school last month. Watching these first through fourth graders perform made us realize that it was really our privilege to provide the playground and equipment for this great group of special kids. Listening to them sing made me realize how difficult it must be to carry a tune when you have serious hearing impairments.



**David Balkan**, President of the Board of Trustees for Oralingua School, addressed the Club. He expressed his thanks for the new playground on behalf of all those associated with the school. As a parent of a hearing impaired child, David gave us some insight as to the feelings, emotions, and fears that are encountered when parents learned that their child has severe hearing and communication issues.



**Linda Hyde**, Director of Programs and Education at Oralingua, added her thanks. She said the new playground is not only a place for the children of the school to congregate and play, but it also a place to communicate. Communication and play are very important parts of the hearing process for these children she added. Linda also gave us a history of the school and some of the philosophies of educating and aiding hearing impaired children.

After the program and the remarks by David and Linda we went on to our regular meeting. After songs and the flag salute **Larry "Red" Williams** gave another of his excellent invocations.



Lion Tamer **Doug Lopez** asks for the introductions guest. **Dave Dickerson's** daughter **Megan** was with her dad. She's home for the holidays from Boston. Also joining the Dickersons was the Reverend **Shirley Rose**. **Rich Dewberry** asked children's book author **Edie Glaser** to join us. Edie presented information to the Sight Committee after the general meeting regarding a children's book she has authored and published.

District Governor **Mike Brassard** was then introduced. Mike gave us a rundown on all the social events surrounding the visit to Southern California of International President **Mahendra Jayanthipal** and his wife **Kushiani**. They will be participating in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. Anyone wanting to attend any of the planned functions please contact **Larry Dicus**.



President **Frank** informed us that **Cal Bryant** was in Presbyterian Hospital undergoing a series of cardiac tests and evaluations. All our **Mahendra Jayanthipal** prayers and good wishes go out to Cal.

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