

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



We Serve!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2008

- 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

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Frank Hill	President
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Al Campano	Second Vice President
Jerry Perisho	Third Vice President
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Bruce Martin	Tail Twister by Committee
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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,

After 47 years, the Whittier Host Lions All Arabian Horse Show is still quite a sight to behold. Hundreds of horses, professional trainers, owner riders, costumes and kids as young as three, all competing for our coveted awards. The weather could have been better, but it sure could have been a lot worse. The Lions working the Thursday and Sunday shifts got hammered the worst. I was out Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening, and it was surprisingly pleasant. Lions Steve Hernandez and Vince Daigneault came through big time for Saturday night's dinner. And despite the weather challenges and the loss of the outdoor arena, your Horse Show leadership kept their cool and kept on schedule.

Hundreds of Whittier Host Lions manpower hours are donated to pull this task together. We work on the Horse Show all year long. But, I would like to take a moment to recognize some Lions who are not

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**At Club This  
Thursday**



**Whittier Host Lions  
Blood Drive**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

And

**Committee Meetings**



President's Message (continued)

out there working a four hour shift like the rest of us, these are Lions who dedicate full days of service to our show. Let's start with our two Co-Chairmen Cal Bryant and Drew Sones. In addition to providing their leadership expertise, Cal and Drew are at the show all day Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Talk about commitment! They have to make scores of decisions and adjustments to keep the show running flawlessly.

Other days long dedicated volunteers include Lions Rich Casford, Jerry Laiblin, Don Dean, and Dick Norton. These guys keep the show running smoothly and constantly interact with the contestants and the judges to make our show one of the premier events in the Arabian Horse world. Other critical cogs in the Whittier Host machine include: Cowboy Bob Bruce, Double J Jim Johnson, Glenn Glenfidditch Watje, and Leon "Hacking Cough" Lesa. In the ring, Lions Jeff Lopez and Keith Martindale spend days relaying radio messages from the judges to the announcer, and provide hand signals for the contestants. Behind the scenes, Lion Jim Jacobs is a constant whirl of motion as he runs around on his golf cart delivering stuff or fixing things and is never in one place long enough to partake in the Whittier Host Lions out gate tradition of chewing the fat.

Next time you see one of these Lions, shake their hands and thank them for their extraordinary level of volunteerism. Some of these guys take their vacation days so they can dedicate their time to our service project. These guys have gone above and beyond our normal expectations. These are Lions who truly embrace our motto, "We Serve."

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

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



Bring your special someone



*Count Dracula*  
a.k.a. *Lion Ben Greer,*  
*Blood Bank Chairman,*  
*Reminding Us . . . .*

The blood babes from Presbyterian Hospital will be by this week to get all we can give. Be there between 11 AM and 2 PM and give the gift of life!

Thursday morning at the Horse Show can be described in a very few words. VERY COLD AND VERY WET! My wife Susan and I had been in Seattle the previous Monday where it had been 28° F. However, Pomona felt a whole lot colder, like working in an ice box.

For the next almost five hours I spent time with **Bud Chapman, Andy berry, and John Franco** work- the Covered (thank you Lord) much time you really get a chance to know your brother Lions.



hours I spent time **Howard, Rich Dewing** the Out Gate in Arena. With that

Bud told tales of growing up on his families ranch in what is now Pico Rivera, during Whittier's golden age. That was before sub-divisions and concrete covered the whole area.

Rich told a story on himself. He single handedly started the second greatest livestock stampede in the history of Canada. The number one stampede, of course, is the one they stage in Calgary every year. During a family vacation near Banff, Rich popped open his automatic umbrella while on horseback when it started to rain. As a result, it scared the horse who bolted at a dead run. This, in turn, started all the other horses running as well as the accompanying pack train. Rich said this little jaunt covered several miles at about the maximum land speed that horseflesh can attain!



John shared that he's still spending time in Las Vegas trying to get his dad back to good health.



Andy and I found we had graduated from High School in the same year (different schools in Whittier, however) and knew several people in common. I also spent some time hanging out with **Joe Snider**, the show's Farrier. To those not in the know, a Farrier shoes horses. I found out quite a bit about horses and the art of shoeing them from Joe.

Once again it was great to be part of this epic event. It takes a whole lot of truly dedicated people who give unselfishly of their time to make our show happen, come rain or shine. That's about it. I'll see you later this week at Club. - **Doug Halliday**



# 47th All-Arabian Horse Show



Photos taken on Saturday by John Holdroff

# Congratulations Jeff!



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Wednesday, January 16th at Whittier College, 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. Lion Robert Coleman, WC Athletic Director, assisted in the presentation.

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

By Doug Halliday

Maybe this week's column should be entitled "Heard at the Horse Show" or to be more correct "Notes from the Donut Boy." Here's the story.



Several months' back, **Dick Norton** cornered me after Club, and asked if I would like to become involved in this year's Horse Show. I quickly remembered last year when I was part of the **Jim Jacobs/**ing set up crew, under Mr. **Steve Hernandez** detail. It had all been a ton resounding yes.



**Leon Lesa** crack early morn-apprentice in-gate operator ton, and KP/Mess Cook for on the Saturday night dinner of fun, so of course, I gave a



Dick assured me that the job he had in mind had tremendous responsibilities. He wanted me to arrange for the daily procurement, pick up, and distribution of 180 assorted donuts and 1 low fat croissant! These high caloric love handle enhancers, and early morning goodies (minus one) were the total daily intake needed to sustain the hard working Whittier Host Lions, along with the horse owners, riders, trainers, judges, and support staff at our show! The lone healthy croissant was the property of **Cal** "I take good care of my arteries" **Bryant**. I later delivered it, in person, to our esteemed and still hard working Show Manager Emeritus.



So it was that I found myself in the parking lot of the *Golden Wok Chinese Food, Burgers, and Donuts* on Garey Avenue in Pomona a little after 6:30AM Thursday morning. I quickly loaded the 15 dozen donuts and 1 croissant into my Mustang with the help of Jennifer Chow, the wife of owner Allen Chow. Allen and Jennifer have been providing our gang with donuts for the last several years. They still maintained last year's price in light of all the rising costs that abound. A collective tip of the Lions ball cap to the folks at Golden Wok for their help and support.

Standing there looking up at the sky, I remembered the old nautical adage, "Red sky in the morning, sailor take warning. Red sky at night, sailors delight." The color of the sky was stop sign red! I raced down the street and through gate 12 to the Carnation Room in the Fairplex stable area, dodging giant raindrops all the way. Right after arriving at my destination I found that I was the most important person at the Horse Show. Five minutes later, after the donuts were unloaded, and the feeding frenzy was fully under way I was just like some of the horses out in the stables...an also ran! Fame is certainly fleeting.



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