

Whittier Host Lions Club
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WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

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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 Drew Sones



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Greatest Lions in the World!

This will be my last missive for 2008 so I have taken a few moments to reflect on our Club's activities for the past 12 months. As your current President, I cannot take credit for much of what occurred in 2008 as Immediate Past President Frank led us through the first 6 months. However, I believe, and I think Frank would agree, it is not the President but the Club members who make things happen and a lot "happened" in 2008!

The year started out with a bang as our 47th Annual Horse Show kicked off the year. Then in February we had the "Red Umbrella" incident as well as our Three-peat in the Soroptimist "Showcase of Stars" Talent Show with our Top Female Groups from the 1940's to the 2000's. March provided us with the most successful Sight for Kids Event we have ever seen. The month of May saw the start of our Oralingua Home Remodeling Project and our Charter Night as we began our annual leadership changes. In June I was fortunate to represent our Club at the

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January 8th Program



Committees





Your RSVPs are requested

President's Message *continued*

Lions International Convention in Bangkok and upon my return provide the over night watch dog duties at our first ever Fourth of July Fireworks Stand! The summer months and into September found us toiling under the direction of Master Construction Guru Doug Lopez as we transformed the old house into an Infant Hearing Assessment Center for the Oralingua School. In October, our work was completed and the House became a Home. Also, in October we conducted our White Cane Day efforts with aplomb as we took to the streets. In November we were recognized for our support in the remodeling of the Intercommunity Counseling Center. December was filled with our Annual Christmas Party and Caroling at the Health Center where Lion Oliver Wyman is recovering, walking in the Whittier Christmas Parade (riding in my case); and the visit of the Lions International President to Southern California and to Whittier to see the results of our Oralingua Projects.

WOW! We have been busy and true to our Lion motto "We Serve" by serving our Community. See you in 2009!! Lion Drew



Photos by Ed Rucker

NO CLUB MEETINGS ON DEC. 25 OR JAN. 1

Very Important Announcements



Sunday, December 28

Reception for Lions International President Al Brandel and 1st Lady Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy, – 5 - 8 p. m. Double Tree Hotel, 888 Montebello Blvd, Rosemead, CA. All Club members invited. If you want to attend **contact** Lion DG Judy Powell by Dec. 24 at kpow@charter.net.



Tuesday, Dec 30

International President Visits Oralingua

Lions International President Al Brandel will visit Whittier to see for himself the work the Whittier Host Lions Club members accomplished in upgrading the play yard and restoring Victorian Cottage into an Infant Hearing Evaluation Center. Lunch will be served. All WHLC members are invited. You must **RSVP** to President Drew Sones by Friday Dec. 26. 12:30 AM



Wednesday, December 31

Rose Parade Celebration Buffet Breakfast, and up-close viewing of Lions International Float. Wednesday, **December 31st**, 7:30 - 11:00 am. \$30.00. Castle Green Hotel, Old Pasadena. **Contact** the Pasadena Host Lions Club web page for information, pasadenahostlions.org



Thursday, Jan 15

Evening Meeting @ Fiesta Hall

Presidential Demotion. Come help us properly demote our Immediate Past President, Frank Hill, in the most appropriate manner!! Fiesta Hall is located on Philadelphia St. next to the Whittier Historical Museum. Parking in rear of the Hall. Cost \$15. No Host Bar. **Signups** are necessary on our Club Website or at Club or call or email President Drew 562 945-4100 or sonessfam@att.net 5:30 PM



Friday, February 13

Evening of Broadway Show Hits

Our February evening meeting will be held the day before Valentine's Day and will include a catered affair on the Campus of Whittier College and tickets to the Shannon Center for a night of hit Broadway Show Songs from Rogers and Hammerstein to Andrew Lloyd Weber. **Signups** are necessary on our Club Website or at Club or call or email President Drew 562 945-4100 or sonessfam@att.net 5:30PM



HEARD AT CLUB

By Larry Dicus for Doug Halliday

On December 18, 2008

After nearly 20 Whittier Host Lions sang Christmas Carols for **Oliver Wyman** and other patients at Whittier Hills Senior Center, our song leaders were ready to kick off our meeting with “God Bless America” and a couple of Christmas carols. We missed our talented piano player, but struggled through.

Our invocation was joyously given by Lion **John Yearian**, with reference for our reason for joy this season.

The following guests were recognized by Lion Tamer “**Red**” **Williams**: Lion **Al Campano** introduced **Jeen** and **Javier Jimenez**, owners of a new restaurant to be opened in Whittier in early 2009; Lion **Wes Murray** introduced **Rita**, his wife for 46 years; Lion **Don Wood** introduced his daughter, **Imola** – a graduate of both USC and UCLA; Lion **Chris George** introduced High School Superintendent, **Sandy Thorstenson**; Lion **Ed McClean** introduced **Sam** from Kenya; Lion “**Red**” **Williams** introduced **Patricia**, his wife of 39 years!



(sponsored by Dave) and has 5 grown children and 10 grandchildren! Both brothers are very active in the Club and serve with pride!!

Lion Tamer ‘Red’ then introduced the Lions of the Day – the **Williamson Brothers, Dave and Gregg**. Both Dave and Gregg were born and raised in Whittier, 3rd generation Whittier!! Dave has 3 grown children, works in the communications industry, and is also a musician. He joined our Lions Club in 1984. Gregg has lived in 5 cities during his career and came back to Whittier in 2000 as an executive at Rose Hills. He joined our Club in 2005

President Drew announced that Lions International President, **Al Brandel** will be visiting our project at Oralingua School on December 30th during lunch time. The Club is encouraging Whittier Lion members to attend and meet the IP, but each member must sign up in advance. Please call **Ron Copley** if you can attend.

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HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

Lion **Ken Casford** announced that Sponsorship and Advertising flyers have been sent to each member as an opportunity to support the Horse Show. Please mail back your forms and checks to Ken **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** – we need the support of all our members – especially our newer members!! He has received only 19 responses so far.



Tail Twister **Oscar Narro** was frightfully successful fleecing many of our members for good causes, one and all.

- **Jim Palminteri** for his offensive flatulence sound machine.
- **Ruben Armienta** for his tardiness in serving as greeter today.
- **Gregg Williamson** for looking so young yet having a 45 year old son.
- Each member of the animal table for violation of the fire code.
- **John Wilson** for closing up the ‘Bloody Mary’ bar early before the

parade on Saturday.

- **Steve Hernandez** because his staff was caught eating pizza in the kitchen.
- **Mike Abbate, Jim Palminteri, Eric Day, Donovan Dean and Greg Williams** for their birthdays.
- **Jim Palminteri, Red Williams, John Turco, Andy Howard, and Ken Casford** for their Wedding Anniversaries.
- **Al Campano** for providing an autographed photograph of Boxer Bert Sugar for President Drew – the fine should have been levied on President Drew, but in that he is exempt, IPP **Frank Hill** paid the fine! (Some say this routine is getting old!!)

Lion **Chris George** introduced the **La Serna High School Hill Toppers Chorale**. They entertained us with a magical Christmas program of favorite Christmas songs, including ‘Fum Fum Fum.’ This program is always a favorite of our year and a wonderful way to prepare all of us for Christmas!! At the conclusion, Lion Chris presented the Chorale with a \$100 donation as a thank you!! Best wishes to everyone for a joyous holiday season!!

