

Whittier Host Lions Club
P. O. Box 245
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We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 26 Whittier Police Dept.; Aviv Barr Update on new police facility
- Aug. 2 Committees - First Blood Drive of 2007-2008 Fiscal Year at the Masonic Temple
- Aug. 9 Whittier Mayor Owen Newcomer on the Uptown Specific Plan
- Aug. 16 Evening meeting

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

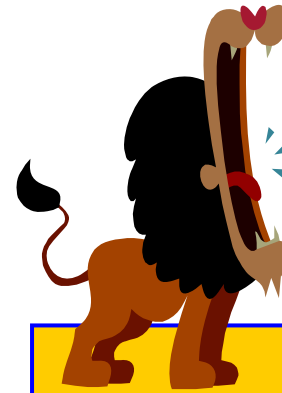
Junior

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



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President's Message

By Frank Hill

My Fellow Lions,

Unlike the secretive cabal which has run the Club for many years with their mysterious machinations, we are entering a new era of open government. Let the sunshine in! As proof of this, I'm encouraging all Lions, but especially some of you new guys, to come to a Board meeting and see your Officers and Board of Directors hard at work. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30p in the basement of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH). All Club members are encouraged to attend, participate in the discussions, and provide input as we sort through the issues of the Club. Here are some highlights from last week's Board meeting.

- The Whittier Host Lions Club is in the best financial condition we have ever been in. Last week we increased the budget for every one of our standing committees. Lion Dick "I Spend the Club's Money Like a Drunken Sailor" Norton had his Civic Affair Committee budget doubled from \$7,500 to \$15,000. Keep an eye on Norton and don't let him pay for the new tattoo he is considering of a dragon covering his entire back out of Club funds. **(continued)**

This Week's Program

Who Am I?



Ben Greer John Turco Don Wood

The majority of our membership feels that the "Who Am I" programs are the best weekly programs we provide (with the possible exception of an occasional visit from 67 year-old Spanish mother, Pilar Martinez). It gives the membership a chance to hear about the lives, education, family histories, and interests of our newest members.

Chairman of the Day: Sid Siddoway

President's Message (continued)

Lion Treasurer Mac McFarland has an impressive handle on all of our finances and presents them in a series of professional spreadsheets that is more reflective of his CPA background, than his insatiable thirst for sucking black gold out of the ground and single handedly being responsible for the world wide crisis we now know as global warming. Al Gore recently contacted me and asked for Mac's email address.

- One of our line items in our annual budget was the transfer of \$10,000 from our service monies into our permanent Scholarship Fund endowment. This should bring our endowment (the principal amount we don't spend) to nearly \$200,000. In addition, the Board authorized a new policy recommended by Mac, that the Club will match any contribution to our Scholarship fund with an equal amount from Club funds. In other words, any donation you make in honor of a former Lion, or a family member or friend, will be doubled and provide an ongoing legacy of the loved one. The Club will then send a sensitive letter to the family of the deceased mentioning the contribution (but not the amount) and let them know we will honor their memories by helping young students.
- In addition to the \$68,000 we have in our hot little hands and are committed to a major renovation of the Whittier Boys and Girls Club kitchen, we will be able to fund an additional major project this year. That's right dudes, besides supporting all of our traditional charities, we still will be able to make another major impact similar to our major gifts we gave to the YMCA Camp Arbolado kitchen, the Lion's Den recreation room at PIH's pediatric wing, and the Boys and Girls Club kitchen THIS year. The Major Donations Committee and the Board are excited about giving away even more dinero to our community this year. All of our hard work at the Horse Show and Sight for Kids has allowed us to be so generous with our largess.
- The Board adopted a recommendation from the Membership Committee designed to streamline our member application process. Lions Jim Palmenteri and Dan Duran have spent a lot of time working on our desire to keep our checks in balance in place, but to make the process more seamless for our sponsoring member and new prospective Lion. The new process will still require attendance at three meetings, still require Membership Committee and Board approval, and still allow for comments from the entire membership but instead will allow our processes to work concurrently rather than in sequence. Jim and Dan are writing up the new procedure and they will share it with us in a future Main Lion.

Come to Club this Thursday for one of our favorite programs as three new Lions describe—"Who Am I?" Upcoming programs will also feature Lion Leighton Anderson's program "Where Am I?" Lion John Rosenberger's program, "What have I Done?" And finally, Lion Sid Siddoway's upcoming program, "How to Get a Fellow Lion to Help You Move a Body."

Yours in Lionism,
Frank



HEARD AT CLUB

by Doug Halliday

July 12, 2007

Cal Bryant's smiling face was at the door as our greeter for our Thursday July 12th lunch meeting. Frank "I'm back from Chicago with my luggage" Hill called his first meeting to order as President of the Whittier Host Lions. Larry "Red" Williams, Eddie McClean, Mac McFarland, along with others, led us in song and the flag salute. The newest dad in the Club, Doug Rowan, gave the invocation.

Next up was Lion Tamer Doug Lopez. Doug had Jeff Ball introduce his boss, Chairman of the Board of Friendly Hills Bank, Hal Beiswenger. Rich Casford introduced his mom, Norma, and Jim McBride introduced Connie Johnson, daughter of today's speaker, Jim Remington.

Tom Ghysels, one of our newer members, was our Lion of the Day. Larry Dicus was Tom's sponsor. A native of Grand Rapids Michigan, Tom has been married to his wife Marylyn for 45 years. They have three adult children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. The Ghysels have resided in the Whittier and the Hacienda Heights area for over 40 years. Tom served in the U.S. Army in the early 1960's, and has worked in the insurance and employee benefits industry since then. A former trustee and board member of the Hacienda La Puente School District, Tom is also involved with the G.O.P. Central Committee.

FLASH! BREAKING NEWS! Pearl reported all lunch tickets were accounted for! Frank, the gods of the catered lunch have smiled, and your presidency is off to a great start!

President Frank asked Treasurer Mac McFarland to give a quick update on the highlights of the 2006/2007 budget report that had been presented at the last Board of Directors meeting. Mac stated the budget is comprised of two monetary funds. The first is the General Fund. This fund helps finance and run the club as well as our activities. As of the start of this fiscal year an increase in new membership revenue (membership went from 115 to 140) created a surplus of funds in this account. Part of these surplus funds will go to the campaign of Larry Dicus for District Governor at next year's convention. Go Larry! The second monetary fund is the Service Fund. This fund, which currently has \$161,000, consists of money that is raised from our Whittier Host Lion's Horse Show, and the Sight for Kids Auction.

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Great fund raising events just don't happen. They take hours of planning and preparation. The Horse Show isn't 'til January 2008, but the committee is already hard at work. Managers Drew Sones, Cal Bryant and Jim Palminteri really know the details of what has to be done, and they're looking for more help. **Have you joined a committee yet?** It's really a lot of fun also.



A Message from the Transition Team

By Drew Sones, First Vice President
July 5, 2007

The first meeting of the new Hill Administration was an outright fiasco. The President left town on a private jet to Chicago and the International Convention and left his Transition Team in turmoil. What we had here is a "Failure to Communicate" and, unlike Cool Hand Luke, there was no Warden in charge and the inmates were, to say the least, "restless."

First VP Lion Sones did a magnificent job of stepping into the void and letting everyone know that there was no need to panic as he was in charge and the Hill Administration was not leaderless. Even Sones was oblivious to the pre-meeting hints in *The Main Lion* that our President sprinkled throughout his first message to the Club that alluded to the fact that President Lion Frank would be carrying on a long standing tradition in our Club of missing the first meeting of his Administration.

With no prior communication between the President and VP Sones on this happening, the Administration fell back to using old cronies from prior Administrations to fill in the gaps. With no written agenda or portable microphone (Apparently new Lion Tamer Doug Lopez was heard muttering, "This is way too complicated!"), Lion Doug seemed to intimate that the immediate past Lion Tamer refused to participate in the Transition Team and thus valuable institutional memory was lost. This is not to be considered a disparagement of Lion Doug at all but rather a lesson to be learned for succeeding Administrations - as Immediate Past President Lion Ron Copley was overheard to say, "You're on your own, Baby!!"

Lion Doug recovered beautifully and without a microphone conducted a wonderful Lion of the Day interview with one of our newest Lions, Lion Damon Williams. Doug also stepped into the fray and did an outstanding job as Tail Twister with no advanced warning whatsoever. Apparently, the hold over Twister from prior Administrations was holding out for remuneration (something about "I won't play if you don't pay") to help in his future campaign for State-wide office.

The Transition Team for President Hill put up a stonewall with no comment regarding the Administration's First Meeting foibles. However, President Hill released a comment later in the day as follows:

"My fellow Lions, my new Administration has proven its worth in our first meeting of my Administration. I have a strong Team and they performed outstandingly in a very difficult position. You will soon forget the accomplishments of the Copley Administration as these will be foreshadowed by my well-oiled and functioning Team."

One final note. President Hill commented that the Club's sponsoring of a private jet to Chicago was greatly appreciated and Mrs. Hill had more than enough room to bring back her purchases from her shopping spree on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Unfortunately, President Hill's luggage was misrouted by the Chartering Company, thus necessitating the need for new wardrobes for the President and his wife. President Hill thanks the Club for the generosity in making sure our President and Mrs. Hill were dressed appropriately at all times during the International Convention.

Heard at Club (continued)

These monies are returned to the community in the form of funds for scholarships, civic affairs, sight, and hearing. As a result of increases in the Service Fund, the Board of Directors will increase the amount of money available to our committees. We seem to be on a very firm financial base.

Bruce Martin was off to his tail twisting best. He had **Ben Greer**, who has a very large listing in the works, promise payment of a fine if his 'ship comes in.' Brother Okie, **Jay Williams**, was fined for the NCAA scandal over improper payment to three University of Oklahoma football players. Jay denied all charges as being invalid. Bruce concurred pointing out other similar frivolous investigations at USC, Ohio State, and other schools. Bruce, a true native of the Sooner State, became so wrapped up in this that he contributed to the payment of Jay's fine! Yours truly (**Doug Halliday**) was hit for being appointed as a City of Whittier Parking and Transportation Commissioner. I was able to get a packaged deal by adding our up-



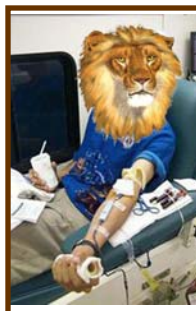
coming cruise to Alaska. **Alberto Montes De Oca** made a generous donation to the scholarship fund on the occasion of his 55th birthday, and his oldest sons' upcoming wedding. **Tom Ghysels** was back standing up (but not fined) answering questions on the history and geography of Grand Rapids Michigan, and G.O.P. trivia. **Wes Romberger** contributed to the fund for his recent wedding anniversary. **Vince Daigneault** paid big last weekend for a rather posh stay in Laguna Beach. Bruce got him to pay one more time on Thursday. **Chris George** was fined for his recent jaunt to Washington DC. It seems Chris's wife Katie, who heads the English Department at La Serna High School, was on the delegation that received a California Model School Award in Washington. Chris got to tag along at his own expense. He also got to pay for it here too! **Frank Gutierrez** was fined for the grand opening celebration of his new restaurant, *El Marlin*. The event is planned for July 19th from 4:00 to 8:00PM. *El Martin* is located at 14223 Leffingwell Rd., in Whittier. Most importantly, guys, the Budweiser Girls will be there!



Jim McBride was our Chairman of the Day. He introduced our guest speaker, **Jim Remington**. Jim, a Whittier area residence, and former Cal High coach and teacher, is the author of the book "Advance to History". It's the story of his experiences in doing advance work for Presidents Ford, Reagan and Bush. His talk was filled with humorous antidotes about his travels throughout the country and the world as the front man making advanced preparations for these three presidents.



That's about it. I'll see you in 2 weeks at club as Susan (my wife) and I are going north to Alaska!



New Blood Bank Chairman Ben Greer reports that we will have a blood drive at Club on Thursday, August 2nd from 11:00 to 2:00. **Lion Damon Williams** will have all his PIH blood bank associates in place and ready to go. All we need is a good turn out. If you can, please plan on participating.

The Main Lion editorial staff asks, "When do the Long Beach Lions Club and the Soroptimists Club of Whittier pay off on the membership growth wagers they so sadly lost?" Perhaps one or both clubs would like to pay off their wagers by donating blood on August 2!



Have you visited the Whittier Host Lions Club Website? It's www.whittierhostlions.org

At the website, members can find information about the Club and its activities, a detailed calendar of events, photo and video galleries, and copies of the Main Lion.

Thanks, Larry Dicus, for keeping the website up to date.

Outstanding Member Award
for promoting recognition of
The Main Lion

Thanks Dick!



Please bring in used eye glasses and hearing aids for our recycling program.

(A Public Service Announcement)

TO EVERYONE WHO USES QUARTERS

Hang on to any of the new Oklahoma quarters. If you have them, they may be worth much more than 25 cents. The U.S. Mint announced today that it is recalling all of the Oklahoma quarters that are part of its program featuring quarters from each state. This action is being taken after numerous reports that the new quarters will not work in parking meters, toll booths, vending machines, pay phones or any other coin operated devices. The problem lies in the unique design of the Oklahoma quarter, which was designed by a team of specialists from Oklahoma State University. Apparently the duct tape holding the two dimes and the nickel together keeps jamming up the machines.



TEARS-N-CHEERS
by Larry Williams



Prayers will be appreciated for Lion Bill Frady, who had a heart attack and for his wife, Pat, as she recovers from surgery.

Also, keep our editor Wayne Martin in mind: He will be having a coronary angiogram on Thursday. Pray everything will be clear, and if not, that the doctors will have great wisdom on how to proceed.



A tip of the birthday hat to Alberto Montes de Oca, who celebrated last Thursday his double-nickel milestone with a \$100 check to the scholarship fund, and Rich Dewberry, who was fined earlier, for his birthday.

Also a happy anniversary goes out to Wes and Becky Romberger.

Chris George was beaming last week: He was given the opportunity to travel with his wife Katie to Washington DC as she and her La Serna High School team presented an English class model several times. He had to pay his own way.

My memory's really blurry. Who are these 1987 members?



All pictures are of current members. A future edition will feature more 1987 members.