

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

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- April 3 Committee Meetings
- April 10 Rich Casford: "Why the Heck Your Postage Rates are Going Up Again!"
- April 17 EVENING MEETING: An Encore Performance by the Lions Club's Girls Groups and Men's Chorus
- April 24 Rio Hondo College Chamber Singers
- May 1 Thompson School Handbell Choir, followed by Committee Meetings
- May 8 Tim Traeger, "What's Happening at the Daily News"
- Tuesday**
- May 13** Joint Meeting with Whittier Soroptimist Club at Friendly Hills Country Club

### 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

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### President's Message By Frank Hill

Fellow Lions,

I trust everyone had a pleasant Easter and I hope you took a moment to stop and think about all of the blessings in your lives. I spent some quiet time and thought of all the things I should be grateful for, and one of the blessings on my list was the honor to be associated with a group of men dedicated to helping others. For eighty-six years, the Whittier Host Lions Club has been sharing our bounty with the less fortunate. It is a legacy of which we should all be very proud.

When we think of spring and Easter, we think of renewal. I hope you guys will join with me in thinking of how we can grow the Club and share our commitment to service with new members. We have not been pushing our membership agenda in the last few

### This Week's Program

Since we have been concentrating on introducing new members to the Club with our popular "Who Am I" programs, this week we will reflect back on the service donated by two of our most veteran Lions Club members.

## Who I Have Been



Past President Ken Casford  
and Lion Dick Rosenberger

There will be NO MEETING on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Instead, we will meet that week with the Whittier Soroptimist Club on Tuesday, May 13, at Friendly Hills Country Club at Noon. Please mark your calendars.

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## President's Message

months because of the Christmas holidays, our Horse Show and Sight for Kids. But as you think about springtime planting and the weather changing, think about the prospective member you have thought about inviting to Club, but just haven't gotten around to it. I truly believe that you are doing a favor to a neighbor, co-worker, long time buddy, or civic minded acquaintance by introducing him to the Whittier Host Lions Club and our tradition of service. I know I am grateful to my sponsor Jim Lily, who has long since past away, for sticking his neck out and making the effort to introduce me twenty-nine years ago to an outstanding group of men.

Your Hegemonic Whittier Host Lions Secretariat, **Frank**



# We Serve!



Please bring  
in used eye  
glasses and  
hearing aids  
for recycling

## Lions Eye Foundation of Southern California



Southern California University  
of Health Sciences



### "Spring Into Health"

On Saturday, March 22, we had a successful and fun time and provided 21 eye exams and 70 diabetes and cholesterol exams. Whittier Host Lions Dick

Norton, Lyle Nelson, Larry Dicus, Dave Williamson and myself helped. Also helping were Jesus Romero, a senior at Cal High and Dr. Robert Hom of Walnut on eye exams and Bob & Pat Sabol, Long Beach Lions who conducted the diabetes/cholesterol exams. Jake Wallace, a Long Beach Lion drove and set up the Eyemobile. Thank you to all that helped.

Rich Dewberry, Sight Chairman



## Have You Registered Yet?

Plan to attend our **District 4-L2 Convention** in beautiful Santa Maria from May 16-18, 2008. The convention will be headquartered at the Radisson Hotel. There will also be a Golf Tournament on May 15, 2008 to kick off the festivities.

To download registration form: <http://www.lions4l2.org/data/library/application/4l2conv-registrationform2008.pdf>

To download Hotel Information: <http://www.lions4l2.org/data/library/application/4l2conv-hotelfinfo2008.pdf>

It's our Club's intention to reimburse the \$25 registration fee for all who attend **BUT individuals must take the time to register on their own.** The rest of the meals/activities are paid by the individual. *Let's show our support for DVG candidate Larry Dicus by attending!*





## HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday & Editor Wayne

On March 20, 2008

Thursday's meeting started in the parking lot where **Jon Prethl** had his racecar on display. **Glenn Watje**, another racing enthusiast, was our Chairman of the Day. He persuaded Jon to give a talk regarding his, Jon's, adventures on the local racing circuit. Two things amazed me. The first was the fact that Jon could get this small dwarf racecar up to 130mph, and the second was that a guy Jon's size could get into the driver's seat!

Due to a 1:00pm appointment, I had to leave Club early so I didn't get a chance to hear Jon's talk. Our master of musical knowledge and esteemed Main Lion Editor, **Wayne Martin**, once again picked up the slack for me and will help by finishing this column. Many thanks Wayne. I missed the previous week due to a date with the oral surgeon. That was no fun. Does this job have a three strikes rule?

After the parking lot visitation with Jon we started the meeting off with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" led by the usual cast of characters under the direction of **Mac McFarland**. **Del Hovden** gave a wonderful Easter Invocation.

Joining us once again as guests were **Sam Shlitz** and **Gary Halliburton**.



Past President **Ken Casford** was our Lion of the Day. Born in 1927 in Oklahoma

City, Ken's family moved about during his early years as Ken's dad was in the aluminum business, and was transferred every few years. High school years were spent in Kansas City, Missouri. On a blind date arranged by friends, Ken met his future wife Norma. They were married in 1948. Moving to California shortly after their wedding, Ken attended and graduated from USC with a degree in transportation. Out of college he found employment with the traffic department of the Santa Fe Railroad, after which, he and

Norma moved to Whittier. In 1964 Ken started his own business, Whittier Mailing Service. He and Norma have two children and 6 grandchildren. Daughter Martha and her husband live in Tokyo, Japan, while their son Rich (well known to all in the Club) lives with his wife, Kim in Whittier. As a Whittier Host Lion, Ken has served on many committees and held numerous offices including President from 1975-1976. Ken is a USC sports fan and also enjoys Angel baseball.

**Doug Rowan** invited the past presidents to stand and stated how great it was that so many of our past presidents are still very active in Club. He then announced the coming 86th Charter Night event on May 30th when **Drew Sones** will be installed as our new President for 2008-2009, and hoped all members and significant others would be in attendance at the **Frank** and **Faye Hill** estate that evening.



**Richard Casford** enthusiastically complimented the Club on the success of its recent Sight for Kids Auction, Wine Tasting and Dining event, which ended up with 165 items for the silent action. Compliments went to **Al Campano**, who arranged the free wine and food acquisitions, and to **Joe Tadlock**, for his very successful auctioneering, bringing in close to \$19,000 for the live auction items alone. Richard announced the coming SFK RECAP meeting on March 31 at 5:00p at the Community Center when everyone's evaluation and input for making next year's event even better can be voiced. EVERYONE is invited.



**Cal Bryant** announced the moving of next year's All-Arabian Horse Show to the Industry Hills Equestrian Center since the Los Angeles County Fairplex will be under renovation. Also added to the Horse Show Committee are Lions **Jeff Lopez** and **Doug Halliday**.



**Bruce Martin** couldn't wait to get started tail twisting this week. Birthday boys **Doug Lopez**, **Doug Rowan**, **Leon Lesa**, **Jack Mele**, and **Dave Williamson** were "recognized" as Lion **Wayne** played a sad dirge on the piano during their mournful explanations. Then Bruce turned around and fined all who missed last week's Club meeting for the PAC 10 Basketball Tournament.

No mercy for **Joe Corey** as Bruce keeps reminding everyone each week of Joe's transgression several weeks ago of snatching a dessert without paying for lunch. Joe was again fined.

Bruce attempted to auction off two tickets to the opening night of the Angels when professional auctioneer **Joe Tadlock** approached the podium to show him how it was done. The tickets were sold to highest bidder **Jerry Perisho** for \$90.00, after which Jerry presented them back to Joe Tadlock in thanks for his outstanding performance as auctioneer at Sight for Kids. Although deeply touched, Joe Tadlock quickly resold them to **Jeff Ball** for \$40.00, who then gave them to **Rich Casford** in thanks for his outstanding SFK leadership.



Finally, **Chris George's** lost Chamber of Commerce badge, which was found on some dark Whittier street by the police, cost him a \$20.00 fine.



**President Frank** suggested the new theme of "Special Personal Hobbies of Club Members" for future Club programs such as this week's, and introduced Past President **Glenn Watje** as Chairman of the Day who presented **Jon Prethl** as today's speaker.

Dwarf Car Racing, in which **Jon Prethl** actively participates, is "the cheapest per lap racing one can do."



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Mark your calendars; **JUNE 7**  
 and **JUNE 8, 2008** are the dates  
 for **"Relay For Life"**  
 supporting the American Cancer  
 Society at Whittier College. This is a 24 hour  
 event and the Lions Club will have a team  
 walking the track for the full 24 hours.  
 Save the dates and plan to represent our Club  
 by walking the track for one hour.



**HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO**

These Dwarf Cars race only on dirt tracks and Jon races regularly at the Ventura Racing Association track right on the ocean. Jon started his racecar hobby as a 4 year old in a Quarter Midget his dad purchased for him in 1953. He continued until 1960 when he "no longer fit" into the racecars his parents could afford. Years later Jon returned to racing when he discovered the fun of racing dwarf cars. But, like any sport or hobby, unlimited funds are pushing the costs to a point where



most cannot participate and be competitive. Jon brought his Golden Eagle racecar for everyone to view, along with a slide show, and the protective gear he must wear. Great program, Jon. Maybe our Club can go see Jon race in the near future.

We hope others will share their hobbies in future programs.

**Have a Hobby to Share  
 as a Program at Club?**

- Juggling
- Taxidermy
- Bird watching
- Magic
- Railway enthusiasts
- Soap making
- Puppetry
- Aquariums
- Wine making
- Landscaping
- Genealogy
- Pottery
- Rocks, gems, minerals
- Astronomy
- Furniture making
- Kites
- Guns
- Photography & video
- House boating
- Duct tape art
- Lego structures
- Bee keeping
- Ukrainian women
- Unusual collections
- Carving
- Spying
- Home security
- Radio control hobbies
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Houseplants
- Jewelry making
- Food tasting
- Woodworking
- Cabinetry
- Glass blowing
- Stained Glass
- Sea fishing
- Boating
- Mountain biking
- Extreme sports
- Off-road ATV's
- Snow boarding
- Surgery Techniques



**Reserve two Saturday mornings as Club Work Days**  
**May 3 & 10 8:00 to Noon**  
**40 guys needed each week to refurbish rooms**  
**for Oralingua School use**

