

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



We Serve!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### MARCH 8 - "SIGHT FOR KIDS" EVENT 6:00p

- March 13 Who Am I? featuring Tom Ghysels, John Hodroff and Dean Harako
- March 20 Race car enthusiast Jon Prechtl
- March 27 Heather Zuhlke, professional TV writer and member of the Writers Guild of America
- April 3 Committee Meetings
- April 10 Rich Casford: "Why the Heck Your Postage Rates are Going Up Again!"
- April 17 EVENING MEETING: TBA
- April 24 Rio Hondo College Chamber Singers

### WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

#### Officers 2007-2008

Frank Hill	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



# THE MAIN LION



WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB  
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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## This Week's Program

### President's Message

By Frank Hill



Fellow Lions,

Here we go kids. It's show time. **Sight for Kids.** Our major fundraiser of the year. EVERY Lion needs to buy or sell his 10 tickets and get the names and ticket stubs turned in to guarantee a smooth check in. Scores of Whittier Host Club members have been busting their humps to make this event our best ever. I don't think it is too much to ask that everyone attend and work a one-hour shift during the event.

The restaurants, the wineries, the door prizes, the major donor sponsors, and the auction items are all coming together. We can't just sit back and bask in our cross dressing success. This is important and it is not too late for all you procrastinators. Call Chairman Rich Casford at 562-698-7795 or [rich@whittiermailing.com](mailto:rich@whittiermailing.com) and volunteer, buy tickets, donate auction items or just write a check and build on the momentum we have built up.

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## Committee Meetings

### News-Flash

Our "History of American Music" performance video at the Soroptimist "Showcase of Stars" is now on our website for your viewing enjoyment. It's hilarious!  
<http://www.whittierhostlions.org/>

**President's Message (continued)**

Saturday, March 8 @ 6pm. Whittier Community Center, corner of Mar Vista and Washington Avenue. Business Casual. \$50 per person. The Decoration Committee promises to turn the Community Center into an underwater grotto complete with a kelp forest, sea horses, gurgling underwater volcano, coral reef, and live mermaids. The decorations alone will be worth the price of admission. You don't want to miss it.

Your Natatorial Whittier Host Lion Argonaut, **Frank**



Please remind our members to park in the Senior Parking Lot or the Library Lot on Mar Vista to allow more guests to park close to the Community Center. Get their tickets stubs turned for Express Check In. - Rich Casford

**SAFETY TIP**

Do not swallow your chewing gum.



**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.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dearest Main Lion Editor and Whittier Host Lions,

Never in my life did I think that our little, tender, romantic plan for the Lions and their spouses & significant others would take such a turn down hilarity lane! My sides still hurt from the laughter that your antics brought on! I'm just now catching my breath and still wondering how the tables were turned so quickly! Nor did I ever imagine that so many men has such soft cheeks (you'd all be great spokesmen for Gillette Razors!) and tender lips.



The magical "Get Lucky" red umbrella has been carefully and lovingly packed away to be brought out on another special occasion when I hope that the hilarity and affection will once again drop from it's folds for the benefit of the Lions Club coffers.

I know all of you fine gentlemen took advantage of the hilarity to smooch and snuggle your spouses and make it a real Valentines Day for them!

With great affection for all of you, the work you do and fun you have,  
Susan Sones

*Jerry Perisho would like the following notice to be a part of every newsletter through mid-May, so Lions cannot complain that they were never informed:*



**Thursday  
May 15  
Masonic  
Temple**

**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 now!**



**Tuesday  
May 13  
with  
Soroptimist  
Club**



Congratulations  
to  
**Lion Wesley  
Romberger**  
  
Scout Leader

## Boy Scouts travel to England for World Jamboree

The founder of Scouts – Lord Baden-Powell – had a vision for his organization. His vision was world peace through the world brotherhood of Scouting. Part of that vision included World Jamborees. Lion Wes Romberger took a contingent of local youth to the recent 100th Anniversary World Jamboree held in England. 156 countries attended with over 40,000 participants. This once in a lifetime experience included themes on peace, global conservation, energy, famine, and world cultures. The youth left the 3 week event with knowledge that they can make a difference on a global level. The event was also fun for the youth. Wesley (Wes's son) traded uniforms and made friends with Japanese, Germans, Aussies, Chinese, Saudi Arabia and many other countries. The event concluded with tours around London. The other boy in the pictures is Wes's nephew – Erich Romberger.




The  
12th Annual  
Whittier Host Lions  
Sight for Kids, Etc.  
Wine Tasting and Dinner Event

Held at  
City of Whittier  
Community Center  
7630 Washington Avenue

Saturday  
March 8, 2008  
5:30 P.M.

Are you signed up to help?

### Congratulations to Lion Jim Palminteri

At the Silver Shields Banquet honoring the Whittier P.D., our own Jim Palminteri was named "Volunteer of the Year."

Doug Rowan was Master of Ceremonies, and did an excellent job.



### A Note from Lion John Hsu

"I have not been to Club since late-January because I had been in the hospital, had my right total knee replacement operation and am yet to be more mobile . . . . . Looking forward to returning to a Club meeting, perhaps some time in mid-March."



*Dr. Hsu, we wish you a speedy recovery!*

### HEARD AT CLUB Part Two



Once again the master of the wallet squeeze, **Jon Precht**, was Thursday's Tail Twister. Jon wasted no time in fining **Rich Dewberry** for his new membership in the Hacienda Golf Club. He also nailed **Alberto Montes De Oca** for his new black Lexus. It seems that Jon was going down the 60 freeway last week when he was passed by a black blur. It was Alberto in his new car with the pedal to the metal. You should have gotten those windows tinted Alberto.



**John "Sparky" Hodroff** received a good report on the electrical job he did for Jon's dad. No fine for Sparky.

**Jay Green** was called on the carpet for not knowing the connection between an old Harrison Ford movie and the trade of former L.A. Dodger catcher Mike Pizzata to the Florida Marlins 10 years ago. Actually, Jay was set up on this, as it was an old joke written by **Jerry Perisho**. I believe Jerry sold the joke to either Jay Leno or David Letterman. Jerry also received credit for the joke on a Trivial Pursuit game card. The answer to Jon's question was 6 days and 7 nights. Jay never came close. Jerry thought his joke had lost some of its punch over the years. However, in recalling the incident with the former Dodger catcher, I still think its funny.



Finally, Jon fined all the members present. Everyone was included in forking over \$10 with the exception of the brilliant cast and chorus members (yours truly included) of the award winning J. Perisho production presented at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, February 22nd.



After Jon concluded his Tail Twisting segment the Club was once again treated to the popular "Who Am I" presentation. Chairman of the Day, **Mark Henderson**, arranged for three of our newer member to provide information about themselves.

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## HEARD AT CLUB Part Three

**Damon Williams**, one of 9 siblings, was born in Compton and grew up in Lynnwood. While at Lynnwood High, he was a stand out player on the Lancers basketball squad. He has managed to continue participating in the sport as a referee for high school and division III college games.

Damon started his business career in retail, but later moved into the medical profession. He is currently a fixture at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital where he is the Manager of the Blood Donation Center. On March 8<sup>th</sup> Damon will become engaged to his lovely lady during a romantic gondola ride in Newport Harbor. Hey Damon, how about 20 to 30 of your Lion buds joining you! We could sing romantic Italian ballads from accompanying gondolas! As we go to press there is still no response from Damon.



**Andy Howard** is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, who moved to Whittier in 1959. He attended Whittier High where he played baseball for Lion **Jack Mele**. He started writing a sports column for the school newspaper, and one for the old East Whittier Review. Andy went on to attend East Los Angeles J. C., and then graduated from Whittier College. He taught high school and later moved to Rio Hondo College. He retired in 2006, but returned to manage the Rio Hondo Foundation. Married to Cindy for 33 years, they have two children. Andy enjoys fishing and backpacking and has recently taken up golf.

**Aaron Ellis** was born in California, but grew up in Colorado. Returning to California, he attended Whittier College. After obtaining a BA he went on to complete work on his law degree from Whittier Law School. He first became acquainted with the Whittier Host Lions when he clerked for **Lion Del Hovden** who later became his sponsor. Aaron recently opened his own practice specializing in family law. He has been married for three years to his wife Alyssa. Aaron enjoys sports ,especially Angel baseball.



That's about it. I'll see you all next week at Club. - Doug Halliday

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 pay the \$25 registration fee for the first 15 members to register (voting delegates), but we'd like to have as many of our members in attendance as possible. The rest of the meals/activities are paid by the individual.



## HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

**Mac McFarland** started the meeting by leading the Club in a resounding encore performance of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." To those not in the know this was one of the songs preformed by the chorus in support of the Club's cast members during their show stopping, and award winning performance at the Soroptimist Showcase of Stars. Under the apt direction of **Jerry Perisho** our guys gave an "in-drag" interpretation of some of the top "Girl Groups" in show business history. How does "Stop in the Name of Love" by the Supremes fit in with the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"? Well...you had to be there to understand!



Following Mac, The Right Reverend **Alberto Montes de Oca**, with translation assistance provided by **Jerry Perisho**, gave the invocation.

**Jeff Lopez** filled in as Lion Tamer for his brother Doug. Our single guest on Thursday was **Ed Perry's** wife Connie.



**Don Pappé** was our Lion of the week. He came to California with his parents product of the Downey school system in 1962. He then entered the Air Force and was stationed at Klamath Falls, Oregon. On week end he returned to California. It was there that he met his first wife who later became a CPA who owned her own business. Remarried to the lovely and vivacious Barbara, Don and Barb are currently spending a great deal of time remodeling their lakefront home in northeast Oklahoma. Don had a 25-year career in management with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. This was followed by a shorter stint with the city of Pasadena. A 35-year resident of Whittier, Don is now retired. When not working on the house in Oklahoma, Don enjoys fishing, boating, and riding his Harley.



Day. Born near Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Don and two sisters in the early 1950's. A graduate of Warren High in Shasta, California. For most of his life he was a professional musician. Don would travel down to Shasta, California. Judy was a bright and talented lady business. They were married for 40 years. Don and Barb are currently spending a great deal of time remodeling their lakefront home in northeast Oklahoma. Don had a 25-year career in management with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. This was followed by a shorter stint with the city of Pasadena. A 35-year resident of Whittier, Don is now retired. When not working on the house in Oklahoma, Don enjoys fishing, boating, and riding his Harley.

We had several announcements. **Rich Casford** said we are in good shape regarding auction items for the Sight For Kids event. All tickets need to be turned in by this coming Thursday.

**Cal Bryant** said next years Horse Show in all likelihood would not be held at the Fairplex in Pomona. The Fairplex organization plans on raising the current facilities and increasing the size of the existing racetrack. Demolition could start as early as this year. Cal said that possible options would be to have the show at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center or the facility at Industry Hills.

**Ben Greer**, head of the new Fireworks Committee, reported that he is in negotiation with two firework's vendors. The aim is to obtain the best possible deal. In the next few weeks Ben plans to hold a site inspection. Our stand will be located near the Crossroads Parkway exit off the Pomona Freeway (also known as "ground zero") in the City of Industry. All those interested in joining the committee should contact Ben. Helmets and flak vests will be provided.

**Drew Sones**, who is managing **Larry Dicus'** campaign for Vice District Governor, requested volunteers to join Larry as he makes the campaign rounds of the various Clubs in District 4-L2. Over the next several weeks five members are needed to accompany Larry on each of these visitations. Sign-ups can be done on our website. Dressing like one of your favorite cast members from the Sopranos is optional, although it won't hurt as Larry is running unopposed!



**Jeff Ball** announced that Friendly Hills Bank, in conjunction with Whittier College, will host a "Meet the Candidates" Forum on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. The morning meeting at the Ruth Shannon Center will give voters a chance to meet and hear from the candidates running for election to the Whittier City Council. Jeff will be the moderator of the event.



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