

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



We Serve!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 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
- May 15 NO MEETING at Masonic Temple
- May 22 "My 1953 Packard Caribbean Convertible" by Pres. Frank Hill
- May 29 Calhi Jazz Band AND in -house Blood Drive

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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This Week's Program



Byron Thompson Handbell Choir for Orthopedically Challenged Children

"In 2007, one of the highlights of the year for our Lions Club was watching the performance of the Thompson School Handbell Choir, led by our own Lion Wayne Martin. These are very special children who deserve our attention and our praise. Please come." - Jerry Perisho

AND

Committee Meetings



President's Message

By Frank Hill



Fellow Lions,

Greetings from New York City where Faye and I are visiting our daughter. If you think Steve's BBQ is expensive then bring a suitcase full of granola bars on your next visit to the Big Apple.

We had our Club elections last Thursday and added some pretty faces to our leadership team. First up was Jay "Okie Jay" aka "J Dub" Williams as our new third vice president. Jay hit the Club running and has handled the Blood Bank assignment, Membership Services, as well as becoming Treasurer of Sight for Kids. Jay epitomizes the path to involvement for a new Lion. My only hope is we can keep the Club together during Jerry Perisho's presidential reign long enough for Jay to step in and salvage the Club.

After six years of headlining the Tail Twister by Committee assignment, Bruce Martin handed over the reins to Doug Lopez. Bruce did a great job on this most difficult, but most important of assignments. Tail Twisting is not just about raising money, it is about having fun and learning what your fellow Club members are all about. Governor Bruce is responsible for several phrases that have become imbedded in the lexicon of Whittier Host Lions, none more famous than his "Okie Math." Bruce, many thanks for pulling your paddle for a long, long time.

Another relatively new guy who is stepping into a bigger role is Lion Larry "Red" Williams. Red transferred into Whittier Host from the Midwest and has already served us on the Board, as our Chaplain, and is a mainstay in our chorus. As our Lion Tamer, Red will organize the set up of our meetings, interface with the caterer and our landlords, and give your President bi-weekly foot massages.

Finally, the new incoming Board of Directors members have a nice blend of grizzled veterans and some more recent joiners. Leading the old, decrepit caucus is Rich Dewberry a, long time Club veteran and attorney who has served admirably as our Sight Committee Chairman for several years. Rich will be joined by Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy Dean Harako, who, besides his love of dance and cross dressing, is also our Horse Show Treasurer. Next up is Ben Greer, who has served as our Blood Bank Chairman, Fireworks Chairman, and member of the award winning female impersonating group, the Go Go's. Finally, joining the Board is Doug Halliday, author of the award winning weekly column, "Heard at Club." Doug was also very involved in the Sight for Kids committee and was a member of the chorus for our Soroptimist Showcase of Stars event. And while Doug did not dress in drag this year, his wife Susan says Doug has been trying on female outfits at home...just because he has always wanted to.

We'll be providing lots of updates on Lion Mac and his bypass surgery this week so keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Remember, service to our community also includes service to each other so ask Carolyn if there is anything we can do to keep the McFarland household running smoothly. Your Intergalactic Leader, **Frank**



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars;
JUNE 7 and JUNE 8, 2008

"Relay For Life"

supporting the

American Cancer Society
at California High School.

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.



New Member Notification

The following individual has applied for membership in the Whittier Host Lions Club:

John Steven Cauffman

Occupation: Pacific Dimensions

Residence: Whittier

Sponsored: Al Stoll

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

Saturday Work Day



at Oralingua "House"

A CHANGE IN DATE
May 10 will be the 1st
workday

8:00 to Noon

40 guys needed each week to
refurbish rooms for Oralingua
School use

HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

Mac has also been a fixture at Club having served as President, and on committees too numerous to count. He is currently our Treasurer. **(REPORTER'S NOTE: As I write this column, Mac is undergoing a 6-way heart by-pass operation at PIH. (Sunday, April 27). Our thoughts and prayers are with Mac, Carolyn and the doctors. The Main Lion will keep you updated on his recovery.)**

We had several important announcements. **Drew Sones** showed us the Third Place Award the Club received from the Whittier First Day Collation. The Angel Awards are given annually to organizations that help WFDC in their support of our community's homeless and less fortunate.

Dick Norton needs volunteers to help with the Eyemobile on Saturday, May 17th. The event is the City of Whittier's Annual Health Fair. The Eyemobile will be located on Penn St., next to City Hall.

Once again **Chris George** reminded us that that our 86th Annual Charter Night is fast approaching. The Hawaiian theme dinner will be held at Frank and Faye Hill's home. The cost is \$45 per person.

Jerry Perisho provided an update on the twenty-four hour Relay for Life. The event will be held June 7th through June 8th. However, it will now be held at California High School. The event supports the American Cancer Society in its war on this deadly disease. Jerry would like to have 50 Lions pledge \$100 each. The Club will then do a dollar for dollar match. In addition, it would be great if we could have walkers from the Club for all twenty-four hours of the relay.

At the last Club Board of Directors meeting, approval was given to the Youth Committee to award cash gifts to several local organizations. They were:

- \$500 to the La Serna High Baseball Team. The money will be used to purchase equipment for several underprivileged players.
- \$500 to the Boy Scouts of America to help with the cost of leadership training.
- \$500 to the Oasis Program at La Serna High School. Oasis is a tutor and mentoring program for at-risk students.
- \$3500 to the Whittier YMCA. The money will help fund the Y's new Child Watch Center.
- Doug Lopez announced that there is a change in the workdays schedule for the Oralingua School. Saturday May 3rd has been cancelled. We will still be going ahead with May 10th date. A follow up workday will be announced.

In addition to the news bulletin on Mac's condition we have several other announcements on member welfare. We were saddened to hear that **Jeff Ball's** father-in-law passed away earlier in the week. **Sid Siddoway** is still



on the mend at home after ankle surgery, and **Mike Loyet's** wife, **Allene**, has undergone surgery at Presbyterian for a blocked artery in her leg. **President Frank** read a thank you note from **Glenn Watje's** daughter **Amy**. Her husband had been involved in a single car accident several months ago. He received serious head injuries and has not been able to work since. The Club gave a cash gift to Glenn's daughter's family to help with expenses.

Our tail twisting session was greatly reduced for the sake of time to accommodate our afternoon's program. As a result **Bruce Martin**, our semi respected Tail Twister, said he would limit his activities and verbal barbs to the first person whoever gave \$100. **Wes Romberger** had celebrated his birthday earlier in the week. Tail Twister Bruce zeroed in on Wes who contributed one hundred big ones to the cause. Many thanks Wes!

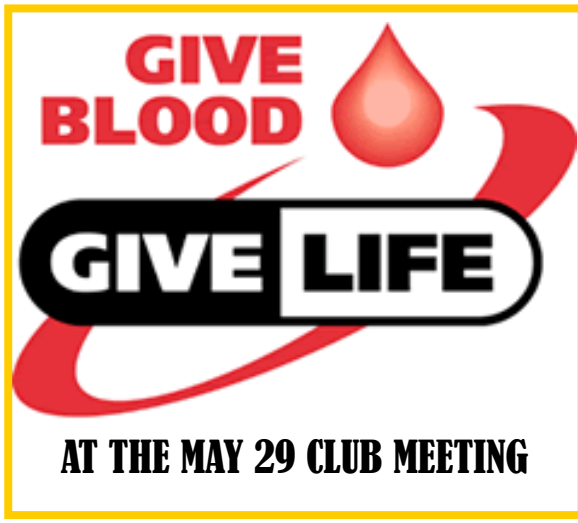
Andy Howard was Thursday's Chairman of the Day. Andy arranged for the Rio Hondo College Singers to entertain us with an adaptation of one of their programs entitled "The Roots of Rock." It was fabulous! They did some classic 1950's songs (Rock around the Clock, Splish Splash, and The Twist), and then showed musically how Gospel, Rag Time, and Boogie Woogie helped shape and influence the music we know today as Rock and Roll. After watching them perform it was easy to see why they will be at Carnegie Hall in New York in June!

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



Rio-Hondo College Singers

Linda Brown, director



Macro-May

- 10** Saturday Workday at Oralingua School
- 13** Joint Meeting with Soroptimist Club at Friendly Hills Country Club
- 16-18** District 4-L2 Convention in San Maria
- 17** City of Whittier Health Fair for Youth with Lions Eyemobile
- 29** Lions Blood Drive In-house at Club Meeting
- 30** 86th Charter Night at Frank & Faye's Home

VDG Candidate for 4-L2
LARRY DICUS
video message now on
Whittier Host's Website
www.whittierhostlions.org
CHECK IT OUT!



HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

On April 24, 2008

Thursday was Election Day at Club, and as a result we had a nice turn out of those aficionados of the Cook County, Illinois, electoral philosophy whose creed is "vote early and vote often!" I'm only kidding. As you are all well aware, **Jerry Perisho's** friends from National sent a whole planeload of poll watchers to eyeball us like a bunch of hungry hawks. Their purpose was to keep us on the straight and narrow during our elections!



With that said, we were off to our usual Thursday start with song and flag salute. **Larry "Red" Williams** gave, as he always does, a thoughtful invocation. **Sam Shlitz** was introduced as our newest member. **Alberto Montes de Oca** was Sam's sponsor.

Our guests today were three lovely ladies representing Oralingua School. **Elisa, Marilee** and **Patty** came at the invitation of **Steve Nichols**. Elisa gave a brief update on the school for hearing impaired children, now in its 39th year. With children ages two-weeks to 12 years, the goal of the Oralingua staff is to mainstream these children into regular hearing classrooms at conventional schools. Advocating surgical implants that aid hearing, sign language is not taught, but listening and speaking skills are the key goals of the Oralingua School. On Saturday, May 31st a benefit for the school will be held at the Sage Restaurant in Uptown. The master of ceremonies will be Ross King of KTLA Channel 5. Information about the event can be found at www.PalomaAndFriends.com/event.



The one and only, **J.C. "Mac" McFarland** was our Lion of the Day! A Golden State native son, Mac was born in Long Beach and spent his very early years in Pico. At the age of 5 the family moved to Whittier. Attending local schools, Mac graduated from Whittier High. College years were spent at Cal Berkley, graduating with a degree in Finance. Mac was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. Bliss near El Paso, Texas, was also in the Army and a first date it was the last time McFarland's have three adult gaged to be married, while their young son Walter.



Lieutenant in the Army. While stationed at Mac met his future wife Carolyn. Carolyn fellow officer. Mac confided that on their in over 36 years that he out-ranked her! The children. Megan lives in Seattle and is en-Andy and his wife live in Long Beach with Katie, the youngest, attends grad school in North Carolina.

For most of his working career Mac was in the oil and gas business. The family business was sold 11 years ago. It totaled 400 working wells. Since then Mac has been a fixture on the Whittier scene. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Inter-community Hospital. He also serves on the Whittier City School District Board as well.

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