

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



We Serve!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 5 Committees
- June 12 Nazi Concentration Camp Survivor  
Les Dubovy
- June 19 **DAY MEETING** at the Boys & Girls  
Club of Whittier
- June 26 Bob Hope's Comedy Writer, Bob Mills
- July 3 Committees
- July 10 USC Sociology Prof. Mike Messner
- July 17 Lions Club Scholarship Foundation  
Presentation by Vince Daigneault
- July 24 Lion Mark Scott on Tai Chi

### WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

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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  
[www.whittierhostlions.org](http://www.whittierhostlions.org)



# THE MAIN LION



WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB  
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## President's Message By Frank Hill



Fellow Lions,

As much as I hate to correct Sight for Kids Chairman Rich Casford, it looks like he didn't share accurate information with the Club on Thursday. As you'll read, Rich presented Mac with a check for \$95,000 bucks on Thursday. But yesterday, SFK Major Sponsor Chairman Mark Henderson called to let me know he was still chasing the Kaiser Permanente Foundation and they have agreed to send the Whittier Host Lions Club \$5,000 big ones...bringing our grand total to a nice round \$100,000 large. "A tip of the yellow Lions cap" to Mark for staying on top of our requests and not giving up just because our event is over...persistence pays off. Great work guys.

A big week ahead for Whittier Host. Our largest turnout in over two decades for Charter Night on Friday, May 30. Even though Chairman Chris George will kill me, call me and we'll squeeze you in if you have been procrastinating. But I don't want you boozers to over do it, the next morning, May 31, from 8:00am to noon, is our Oralingua work day. Let's swarm the little house with 30 guys and maybe we can finish the entire project.

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## This Week's Program



## CALHI JAZZ BAND

AND



"The blood babes from Presbyterian Hospital will be by once again to get all we can give. Be here between 11 AM and 2 PM and give the gift of life!" - Ben Greer, Blood Drive Chair

**Chairman of the Day  
Past President Rich Casford**

President's Message continued

Last week I was the program and shared about one of my hobbies and relating the story of my 1953 Packard Caribbean convertible. As you guys know, I get very nervous speaking in front of a crowd, but I faced my fears to encourage other Club members to get up and do a program on your own interests. I think programs by our own members are among the best. Jon Prechtl's racing exploits were great. Jim Johnson's talk about the space program was outstanding. Tell us about your career, your interests, your hobbies, or your collection. I know Joe Corey is a coin collector and philatelic; I would love to hear about it. Mike Loyet is another numismatist. Wes Murray is a wood worker and is active in Habitat for Humanity. Bill Wood has an old Pontiac. Jim Palmenteri is in to remote controlled flying aircraft. They would all make fascinating programs.



Here are some other interesting hobbies from our members you may not know about that would all make great programs. In addition to having his back covered with a dragon tattoo, Dick Norton recently added a platypus to his thigh. Dick, show us the ink! Another potential program would be Dr. Paul Westphal and his "Photo Collection of the Privates of my Pals from Whittier Host." Another interesting Thursday could be Jim McBride and his collection of "Owen Newcomer Commemorative Plates." Finally, how about Oscar Narro and his collection of "Especially Attractive Mannequins." Or as Oscar calls them, "my lady friends." Lion Andy Howard is stepping up as our new program chairman for next year. Make Andy's tough job a little easier and give him a call and offer to share a little of yourself. We will all appreciate it.

It's a great time to be a Whittier Host Lion. Get to Club. Come to Charter Night. Show up at the Oralingua Saturday work party. You'll feel our mucho macho mojo. *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. Contact Lion Jerry Perisho today to reserve your spot. 562-696-0536 or [jperisho@earthlink.net](mailto:jperisho@earthlink.net)

**HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE**



**Mike Loyet** presented a check on behalf of **Dave York**. The check for \$149 covered both Dave's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



**Lyle Nelson** gave \$100 for this recent hunting trip to Argentina. "Don't cry for me Argentina" or Lyle for that matter! Lyle had a good time, and Argentina seems to have survived him being there.



No fine for volunteer baseball coach **Doug Lopez** of the La Serna High Lancers on the occasion of their recent play-off win.



And finally, **Frank Hill** was called on by Jon to atone for the lies he told during the program at last week's joint meeting with the Soroptimists. Wait! You can't fine the President. So once again, Immediate Past President **Ron Copley** took one for the Club. That's about it. I'll see you at Club. - **Doug Halliday**



**May 31st - 8:00 to Noon**  
**Oralingua Infant Center Painting Party**  
Lots of help needed!

**Bring all the paint stuff you have.**  
**We need eight to ten step ladders.**  
- **Doug Lopez, Project Foreman**



**We Serve!**



Sponsored by Alberto Montes de Oca, we welcomed Sam Shlitz into our Club.

# Whittier Host Lions Club's 86th Charter Night

Friday Evening, May 30, 6:00 P.M.

Frank and Faye Hill's Home  
Hawaiian Attire, a Must!

\$45  
per person

Great Food - Great Music - 140 + Friends Attending  
Installation of Officers - Dancing - Entertainment by Big Al

8170 Cielo Vista, Whittier, CA 90605, (562) 945-5110

Our year's grandest event. Don't miss it!

*Like President Frank, share  
your hobby with the Club!*

Let Andy Howard know you'll present a program about your hobby!

## HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO



surgery Doug was getting around on a crutch, but otherwise looking good. As noted earlier, **Danny Vega** was with us after his stay in the hospital. **Jon Prechtl** was sporting a soft cast after hand surgery. It didn't slow him up from putting down a hearty lunch, or from doing his usual excellent job as Thursday's Tail Twister. **Oliver Wyman** is still in PIH. He's mentally alert, but weak. He may be transferred to a convalescent hospital. Good thoughts and prayers are needed for Oliver.



**Rich Casford**, Sight for Kids Chairman, took the podium and called upon treasurer Mac McFarland to join him. Rich presented Mac a check for \$95,000 from the proceeds of the Sight for Kids bash! On behalf of the Club Mac gratefully accepted the check. Outstanding!



**Ben Greer** was wearing two hats on Thursday. As Blood Drive Chairman, Ben reminded all that the next meeting, May 29<sup>th</sup>, would be a blood donation day at Club. Lion **Damon Williams** and his entire gang from Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital will be on hand to take care of those that donate the gift of life. Putting on his Fireworks Chairman's chapeau, Ben wanted all of us to start thinking about working a shift in our fireworks booth during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Also on the 4<sup>th</sup> a Lions' family picnic is being planned at a sight right next to the fireworks booth. There will be more on this event in up coming editions.

About to be Third Vice President **Jay Williams** put in a reminder about the 24 Hour Relay for Life. The event benefits the American Cancer Society in its fight against this dreaded disease. The 24-hour walking relay will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at California High School's stadium. Those who write a \$100 check to the American Cancer Society and a \$35 check to the Whittier Host Lions (to cover overhead costs) get a t-shirt and a copy of **Jerry Perisho's** new book, **I Barf, Therefore I Am**. The book tells Jerry's story of his fight with prostate cancer in his uniquely humorous way.



**Doug Lopez** informed us that there would be another workday at the Oralingua School on May 31<sup>st</sup>. What a way to repent for over indulgence at the previous evening's Charter Night event!

**Jon "I always play hurt" Prechtl** was Thursday's Tail Twister. Recovering from hand surgery at PIH, Jon quickly jumped on **Drew Sones** for not including **Doug Rowan** and himself in the invocation. Drew ended up being a little lighter in the wallet.



**Jerry Perisho** and **Al Stoll** were Thursday's birthday boys. Jerry presented the Club a check on the occasion of his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday while Al gave a check for \$100. Al's donation was for his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, and a recent trip to Montana.



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## Fellow Whittier Host Lions,

I am both honored and humbled to represent our Club as your new Vice District Governor. I'm writing to thank you for your support during the campaign.

Specifically, I want to thank the many members who traveled with me during club visitations during April and May. We went to breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings – and some meetings where no meals were served!! Each time there was at least one fellow Whittier Host Lion supporting me. Thank you!!

I also want to thank the core support team that helped develop our theme and deliver our message. The list is long - Drew Sones, campaign manager; Ron Copley, was there every step of the way; Glenn Watje and the team at Acro Printing – they produced very professional materials; Wayne Martin, his video assistance was super; Jon Prechtl, for the beautiful Orchids (they were a hit!!); Vince Daigneault, the hospitality King; and Jim Palminteri, Jerry Perisho, Joe Corey, Alberto Montes de Oca, Mac McFarland, Dave Williamson, Jim Spaulding, Doug Lopez, and Frank Hill for their ideas and support. I especially wish to thank the fellow Lions who drove all the way to Santa Maria and provided good old Whittier Host Lions hospitality – Drew Sones, Ron Copley, Wayne Martin, David Williamson, Vince Daigneault, Mark Rippy, and Mac McFarland (only 19 days after his 6-way bypass!!).

Again, thank you for your outstanding support!! Now the work begins. I know I can count on each of you to pitch in and help Lionism throughout the District.

Yours in Lionism,  
**Larry Dicus**

Vice District Governor-Elect 2008-2009  
Lions District 4-L2



## HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

On May 22, 2008

Like a lot of other people, I like old cars! So I really looked forward to Thursday's meeting that featured a talk by Lion President **Frank Hill** on the Packard Motor Company and his 1953 Packard Caribbean Convertible. Unfortunately, the car was still in the shop having the transmission reworked. However, if you are going to Charter Night at Frank's house on May 30<sup>th</sup> this 1950's classic will be on display.



Frank gave a highly informative talk about the history of the Packard Motor Company. It included insights into their marketing strategy and business decisions that brought on the demise of the company in 1956. I found it very interesting that Packard, in its early years, made only custom cars. There was a two-year lead-time from when your order was placed until the car was delivered. Frank had great visuals during his talk. He also had available for viewing lots of pictures and articles on the various models of Packard's. Good job Frank!

Thursday's meeting was kicked off with our song leaders directing us in song along with a salute to our grand old flag. Soon to be President **Drew Sones** gave the invocation using the new PA system. Say hallelujah for that! Drew gave thanks for **Danny Vega's** release from Presbyterian Hospital, the continued recovery of **Oliver Wyman**, and the passing of **Wayne Martin's** kidney stone (no kidding!).



Our guest today included President Frank's dad, **Frank Hill**. Also, back for second visits were **Michael Seril** and **Brian Bednar** guest of **Andy Howard** and **Dick Rosenberger** respectively. **John "Sparky" Hodroff** defied good sense, the odds, gravity, and the gods by bringing his mother, **Suzanne**, to Club. Actually in town from Atlanta, she was visiting Sparky and his wife **Karen**. It was a delight to have her.

**Wes Murray** was our Lion of the Day. Wes is one of our newer members. **Ken Casford** sponsored him. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, Wes grew up in Rochester, New York. Returning to Ohio for college, Wes graduated with a degree in psychology and sociology. After college he spent a short time working for the YMCA in Pittsburgh. He then entered the Air Force, and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He served as a navigator, flying with Strategic Air Command. After leaving the service Wes returned to grad school obtaining a degree in landscape architecture and planning. He taught at the University of Oregon before entering private industry. Married for 45 years to his wife **Rita**, they have two sons and one grandchild. Wes is involved in Habitat for Humanity. His hobbies include wood working, gardening, making homemade beer, and genealogy.



It was good to see **Doug Rowan** back at Club. A couple of weeks from having hip replacement

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