

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



We Serve!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Nov. 8 Presidential Demotion of Ron Copley  
Chairman of the Day: Larry Dicus
- Nov. 15 All-Arabian Horse Show Presentation  
by Drew Sones and Cal Bryant
- Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING - No Meeting
- Nov. 29 La Serna High School Choir;  
Chairman of the Day Chris George
- Dec. 6 "This is your life, Ed McClean"
- Dec. 13 Cal High Jazz Band;  
Chairman of the Day Rich Casford

### 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
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#### Senior

Mike James Jay Williams  
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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

DISTRICT 4L2 · BAY REGION · ZONE C

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### President's Message By Frank Hill



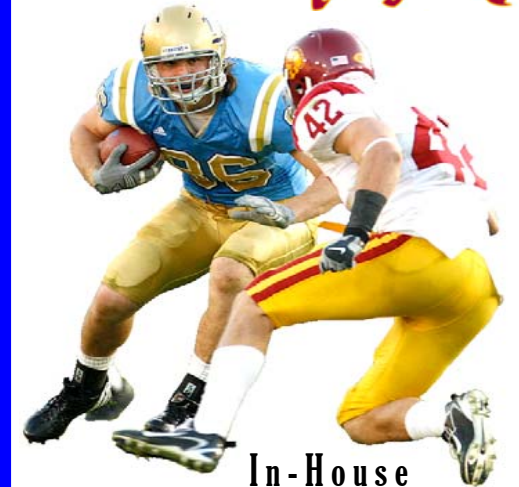
Fellow Lions,

The Whittier Host Lions hit the streets this weekend. Sight Committee Chairman Rich Dewberry was nervous with a few days to go, but in the end we filled up our slots and fanned out and did our traditional yearly panhandling. I signed up for the Trader Joe's location but as soon as I walked up, I knew we would have our hands full. First thing I noticed, was a table full of scraggly looking Lyndon LaRouche supporters sitting next to us. Do we have anyone in the Club who knows anything about politics that can explain this LaRouche phenomenon to me? Then I see a nurse in uniform from some mysterious orphanage who apparently thought we were at LAX. Shoppers had to run the gauntlet and heaven forbid they would make eye contact with any of the beggars, including Lions Mark Rippey and Aaron Ellis who were working our shift.

Bob Bruce and I made an executive decision and crossed the street to Ralph's and had a great response. One highlight was a

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### This Week's Program



In-House  
Blood Drive

and  
Committee Meetings

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**President's Message (continued)**

nurse from Mulberry School who thanked Whittier Host profusely for providing eye exams and eye glasses for the kids she refers to us. Another highlight was meeting Al Stoll's daughter. On a sad note, a group of our Lions were chased out of the street at Greenleaf and Philadelphia by Whittier police, but they were not arrested and their hopes for a strip search did not materialize.

It's impossible to work a shift at White Cane Day and not think of Lion Bill Millikan. It's not too late to remember Bill with a gift to our Scholarship Fund which the Club will match.

Whittier Host Lions have a long tradition and culture of not just giving away money like most service clubs, but rolling up our sleeves and working. White Cane Days is an example of donating our most valuable asset: our time. And now we can shift our focus to our next service opportunity...improving the playground at the Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired. Oralingua is located at the corner of Wardman and Washington Avenue (not blvd), one block west of Painter in Uptown Whittier---behind St. Matthias Church. On Saturday, November 17 from 8am to noon, we will have a Whittier Host Lions work day.

Under the leadership of our own Lion Steve Nichols, we will prepare the yard for the new high tech rubberized surface we are paying to get installed. Bring a shovel. In addition, we will paint some existing play equipment so bring some gloves. Don't worry about the weather, the new playground canopy purchased by Whittier Host should be installed before we get there. You can have a donut before you start working, but we are not opening up the ice chests for beers until 8:15am so we know some work will get done. Come spend an hour or two and I'll guarantee you'll look back and think it was the most important thing you did that weekend. Call me at 562-972-7858 to RSVP.

Your Lion Monsignor and Rabbi, *Frank*



*Whittier Host Lions Club started the blood drive program over 35 years ago and during this time have donated hundreds of pints of blood! This is the best gift to give anyone....and the blood stays in our community.*

**The USC vs. UCLA Blood Drive is this week our Club meeting.** *Presbyterian Hospital will be at the Masonic Temple between 11 AM and 2 PM to receive all the blood we can donate. This is your opportunity to donate in the name of the team you support! Please donate and help save lives.*

**HEARD AT CLUB continued**



The award winning **Jerry Perisho** took stage center and went through a 30-minute skit based on a joint meeting with the Rotary Club. It was hilarious! It had top ten lists, Rotary and Lion brain comparisons, famous Lion and Rotarian historical photo comparisons (Mayor Owen Newcomer as Charlie McCarthy), Lion member upgrades, and live links from Jerry's friends at Lion International Headquarters in Oak Park, Illinois. Good job Jerry! And it was video taped to boot.

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



**A big thanks to the following who helped with our White Cane Day -**

Aaron Ellis, Al Stoll, Alex Moisa, Bill Wood, Ben Greer, Bob Bruce, Cal Bryant, Chris George, Damon Williams, David Williamson, Don Wood, Doug Halliday, Drew Sones, Frank Hill, Glenn Watje, Jack Terry, Jay Williams, Jeff Ball, Jerry Perisho, Jim Palminteri, John Hoffroff, John Turco, Larry Dicus, Leighton

Anderson, Leon Lesa, Lyle Nelson, Mark Rippy, Mark Scott, Tom Ghysel, Vince Daigneault, Wes Romberger, and Richard Dewberry (Sight Committee Chairman)



will be used to purchase a child safe play ground surface and adjoining canopy. Lion **Steve Nichols** of *Topline Playgrounds* made the play surface and canopy available via his company. An all Lion work crew will provide the labor needed for the installation on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. See **Jon Prechtl** or **President Frank** to sign up. Bring a shovel and remember, it's all the doughnuts and beer that you can safely consume!



We "officially" received the plaque for the Outstanding Club Award for District 4-L2. Past President **Ron Copley** received the award on behalf of the Club.



**Jon Prechtl** was Thursday's Tail Twister. **Dr. Oscar Narro** missed being fined as he will be next month's Twister, but **Jim Palminteri** was nailed for littering. It seems that Big Jon saw Jimmy putting up school board campaign signs on Whittier Blvd. They must have been for a candidate Jon didn't like.



While parking his car in the parking lot prior to the meeting **Leighton Anderson** hit the infamous **Bill Wood** guy wire that's located right next to the alley. Legend has it that Bill has hit the wire at least twice and maybe more. No fine for Leighton as the bill for the bodywork will be enough.

**Aaron Ellis** missed last week's evening meeting. That's not a big deal; so did I. However, I didn't have a part in the J. Perisho production of "Fidel Comes to the Lion Club." Aaron did! Jerry had to stand in for Aaron and read his part from the script. Aaron said he had one of those emergency lawyer-client meetings that ran into the early evening. All right, but in addition was the fact that Aaron was in Germany the week before for Oktoberfest. The net result of all of this is that as a new member Aaron has now learned to make a packaged deal on fines with the Tail Twister!

Lion **Sparky Hodroff** was nailed for a fine after he was overheard accusing Tail Twister Jon of living an alternate life style. Don't do that Spark, or at least don't be in hearing distance of the Tail Twister when you do.



**Del Hovden** was fined for the Cal Bears losing last weekend to UCLA. **Mac McFarland** would have been fined also. However, Mac saw it coming and didn't show up at Club!



Birthday boys **Al Campano**, **Doug Keeling**, and **Jim Spaulding** graciously handed in their birthday checks and then some.

Travelers **Ron Copley** and **Doug Lopez** were fined for their respective trips to New England (fall foliage viewing) and Africa (photo safari).

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# WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB WORK DAY

AT THE  
ORALINGUA SCHOOL  
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 8AM TO 12PM

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH

CORNER OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND WARDMAN STREET, UPTOWN WHITTIER

WHITTIER HOST LIONS ARE PROVIDING \$45,000 WORTH OF NEW PLAY SURFACES, A PLAY CANOPY AND STORAGE UNITS

WE WILL BE PAINTING EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT, MOVING A CLUB-HOUSE AND PREPARING THE YARD FOR THE NEW SURFACE

BRING A PAIR OF WORK GLOVES, A SHOVEL, AND WEAR SOME NASTY OLD CLOTHES AND WE'LL HAVE ALL THE PAINT, BRUSHES, SUPPLIES, DONUTS AND BEER YOU'LL NEED.

WE NEED 20 LIONS AND WE'LL GET THIS DONE IN A FEW HOURS

CALL FRANK HILL @562-972-7858 TO RSVP



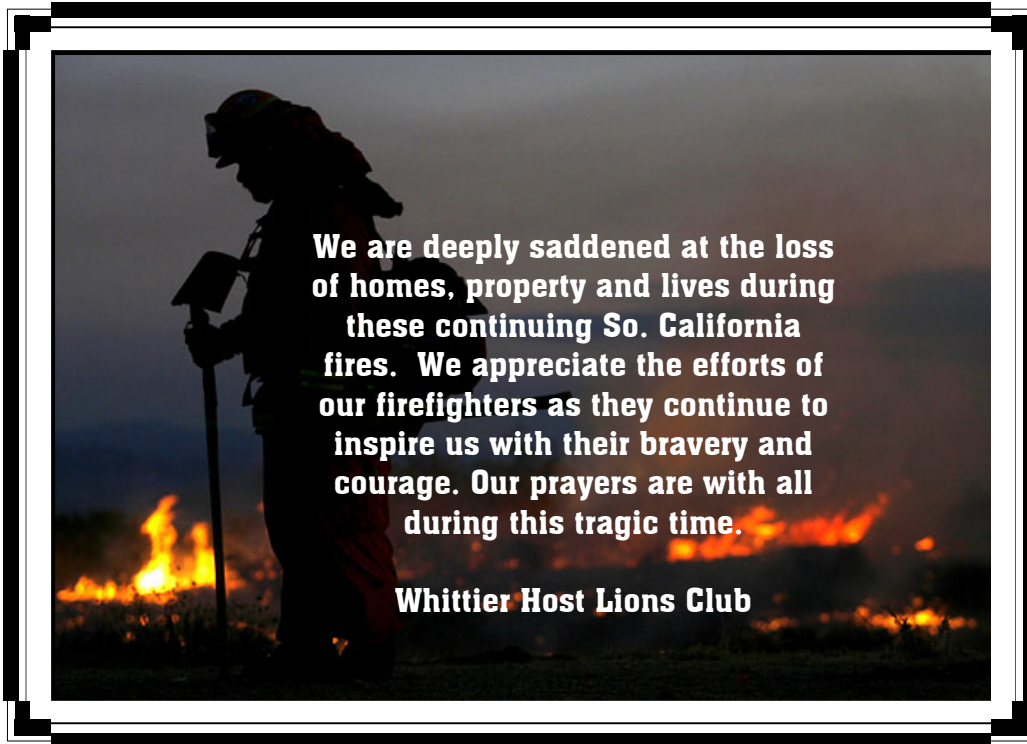
## Only Cheers at Club This Week!

Congratulations to Lion Doug Halliday's wife, Susan, who is being honored by our nation's Secretary of Education with a National Blue Ribbon Award on November 8th in Washington, DC. for outstanding achievement as a Title One School. Doug will be accompanying her.



"I am grateful to Drew Sones and Sue Carlson (financial department at PIH) for helping me get Presbyterian to cover hospital bills for after my surgery when Blue Shield dropped my coverage." Sparky

Lion Rich Casford's daughter, had brain surgery on Monday, October 8, at USC University Hospital for help with seizures. The surgery was most successful with great chances of complete correction. Our prayers, thoughts and best wishes continue to be with Jennifer, her husband, her parents and grandparents.



## HEARD AT CLUB By Doug Halliday

On October 25, 2007

Thursday's meeting was billed as a joint Lions and Rotary meeting. The Rotarians were reported to be no shows. We had planned to go ahead and conduct a joint meeting without them. However, four of their bravest members decided they would brave the friendly flak offered up by our best and brightest as they joined us for lunch.

Rotarians **Joe Baima, Bob Haendiges, Ron Ridout, and R.D. McDonnell** joined the rest of us as we belted out both verses of "America". Song leaders **Eddie, Monte, Red** also added a special treat for our Whittier Host nature theme friends by leading us in the Lions award winning song, "QuakerTown". That traveling man himself, **Wayne** "I saw the leaves turn color in New England" **Martin** was back in position at the piano. Former Whittier Mayor **Monte Wicker** led the flag salute while **Larry Williams** gave the invocation.



Lion Tamer **Doug** "Ramar of the Jungle" **Lopez** just back from 16 days in Africa handled the introductions of our guests. In addition to our friends from Rotary, they were **Melinda Gilchrist**, who was the guest and personal videographer of Jerry Perisho, and **Dr. John Neu** of Whittier College who was the guest of **Del Hovden**. Also with us was **John Hasken** who was here at the invitation of **Wes Murray**.



**Vince Mele** was our Lion of the Day. A member of Whittier Host Lions since 1983, Vince is also a Whittier native. Born in the old Murphy Hospital, he attended local schools and graduated from Cal High. Wrestling and football were high on his agenda in high school. He continued participating in these sports during his college years at Rio Hondo and later at Cal State Long Beach. Vince and his wife Therese have been married for 24 years. They have five children, and they reside in Whittier. When not busy with his mortgage business, Vince enjoys golf and watching the kids participate in sports.

It was with sadness that we learned that Thursday was to be **Pearl Cline's** last day with us. After 30 years our den mother, cashier and counter of lunch tickets has decided to retire. To a standing ovation Pearl gave a heartfelt thank you to the Club as **Frank Hill** presented her with a gift of \$500. If you did not get a chance to say good-bye to her, Pearl will be at the Christmas Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. That event will be held at the *Crystal Marquee* starting at 6:00 PM. See **Chris George** or **Doug Rowan** for the details.

We also found out that the Oralingua School in Whittier is the first organization to receive a gift from our new Major Donations Committee. The private school, located on the premises of St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Uptown, works with hearing impaired children. Our gift of \$45,000

