

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov 27 NO MEETING: Thanksgiving
Dec 4 Committees - Blood Drive
Dec. 11 Cal Hi Jazz Band
Dec. 18 La Serna Choir
Dec. 25 NO MEETING: Christmas
Jan. 1 '09 NO MEETING: New Year's Day
Jan. 8 Evening Meeting
Jan. 15 Presidential Demotion
Jan. 22 NO MEETING: Horse Show

WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

Officers 2008-2009

Drew Sones	President
Al Campano	First Vice President
Jerry Perisho	Second Vice President
Jay Williams	Third Vice President
Larry "Red" Williams	Lion Tamer
Doug Lopez	Tail Twister
Frank Hill	Immediate Past President
Ron Copley	Secretary
Mac McFarland	Treasurer

Directors

Larry Dicus, VDG Past President Director

Senior

Cal Bryant Jim Palminteri
Wes Romberger Dave Williamson

Junior

Dean Harako Rich Dewberry
Ben Greer Doug Halliday

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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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WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

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President's Message

By Drew Sones



Whittier Host Lions,

I spent some time this week reviewing my notes from the educational workshops I attended at the International Convention in June of this year. From my review I identified a couple of nuggets that impressed me and I want to share them with you.

Recruitment:

- Use old District Directories to help new members understand the Lions organization and what we do at the Club and District level (We have a new Directory for every member of our Club available from Lion Ron Copley).
- Place our Club's brochure on the tables we set up for Sight for Kids.
- Put the Oralingua video that Lion Wayne Martin produced on the Whittier public access cable channel.
- Email our newsletter to other local charities and community organizations including the Chamber of Commerce.

Top 10 Reasons Why Lion Members Drop Out:

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This Week's Program



Speaker

Sandra Thorstenson
Superintendent of
Whittier Union High School District

Program

**"District's Recent
Accomplishments"**

(From exit interviews)

- Poor Club Leadership
- Prospective members not screened adequately
- Inadequate Induction Ceremony
- Inadequate Orientation
- No participation
- Sponsor "shirks" responsibilities
- Lack of friendship or fellowship
- Cliques
- Wrong committee appointments and use of talents.
- Absence of meaningful projects



When you compare our Club to the above, you can easily see why we are so successful! Lions Clubs internationally had a net loss of membership of only 483 in 2007. MD4 for all of California had a net loss of only 19 in 2007. Our Club's success mirrors that of Lions all over the world. We are not a fading community service club but a dynamic and relevant organization which proves that our motto "We Serve" attracts individuals who want to make a difference and have fun doing it.

Keep up the good work Lions!

Lion *DREW*

Whittier Host Lions Club Christmas Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 5:30 PM

Crystal Marquis Ballroom

13007 Philadelphia Street, Whittier
\$50/person

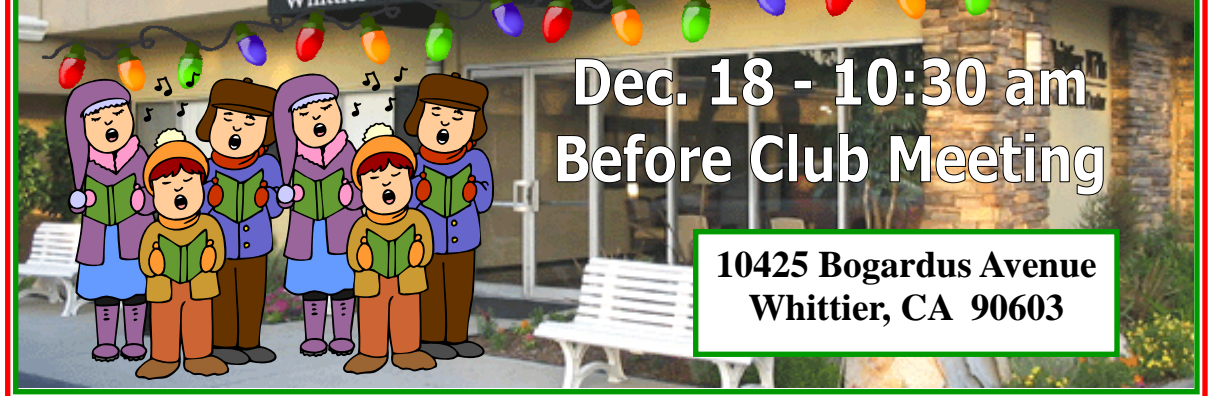
RSVP: Mike & Anne James, www.tlmis1@aol.com



Caroling at Whittier Hills Healthcare Center

**Dec. 18 - 10:30 am
Before Club Meeting**

**10425 Bogardus Avenue
Whittier, CA 90603**



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

of the new offices of the **Intercommunity Counseling Center** on **Tuesday November 18 at 5:30 - 6:30pm**

Located at 7702 S. Washington Ave., Whittier, First Floor, our Whittier Host Lions will be honored for the contribution of \$27,000 to help fund these new offices and expand the Center's ability to provide services to more needy clients.

HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

Jason Zuhlke and his wife Heather are the proud parents of a baby boy. Both mom and new son Jackson are doing just fine!



The Board of Directors at their evening meeting on the 12th voted to donate \$825 to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund of the American Association of University Women. Our donation allows one young girl to attend Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College this coming summer. The Whittier Chapter of AAUW plans to send 10 young ladies to this event which keys on exposure to academic subjects, field trips, and professional careers in the sciences.

Oscar Narro was once again our Tail Twister on Thursday. As you all know I give each of the Club's Tail Twisters a nickname. We have Dr. Death, The Machine Gun, The High Lord and Royal Executioner, and Ming the Merciless. In last week's edition of the *Main Lion* I had given Oscar one of my all time favorite personal handles. However, the title of "El Chubracabra" (I know Oscar, I spell like a Gringo) was somewhat sensitive for Dr. Narro. As a result he stood me up in front of you, my brother Lions, and fined me! Being that Thursday was the Club's Veteran Day celebration, and being a Vet, I got to assign my fine to another member. Who better than my good friend and Vice District Governor **Larry Dicus** to stand and deliver for me. Oscar thought so too as he doubled my former fine that Larry now had to pay! By the way Oscar, I haven't finished with you and appropriate nicknames. I have a couple in mind that just might work. We'll just wait and see! Might be nominations from the membership are in order. Stay tuned.



After my encounter with Oscar he went full speed ahead going after the following:

\$ Brent Berry was hit with a welcome back fine for his recent knee surgery.

\$ Eric Day nailed for an alleged move to Canada some years back to avoid a two-year all expense paid vacation from Uncle Sam. Don't know about that one Oscar. But, Oscar did extend the fine to cover the fact that Eric had failed to deliver Tail Twister jokes as promised. Now that one is probably true.



\$ Apparently there is a shortage of \$10 bill in circulation throughout the country. Friendly Hills Bank's **Jeff Ball** and Pacific Western Bank's **Lyle Nelson** were blamed and fined.



\$ New car ownerships were a special target for Oscar on Thursday. **Bill Wood** was fined for driving a new 2009 Honda to Club. Being the owner of Community Honda, Bill has a whole lot full of new cars to draw from. He could be the subject of fines for new cars well into next year.



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HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE

Also, additional members of the new car club were **Doug Lopez** and **Dr. Randy Holmes**. Doug was also hammered for a recent trip to Ft. Collins, Colorado. Dr. Holmes tried to squirm out of his fine by saying that he just makes the payments while his wife **Cynthia** actually drives the new car. Sorry Randy, that one never works.

\$ Jerry Perisho was fined for sitting next to Rio Hondo College's Athletic Director, **Rory Natividad** during the meeting. Nothing wrong with that except Oscar overheard former Road Runner basketball player Perisho trying to weasel his way in to the college's athletic hall of fame!

\$ Joe Corey was fined for being first in line for breakfast at the recent "Wake up Whittier" function put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Someone has to be first. However, this was Joe's 279th consecutive time as line leader at this monthly event!



No fines for good news. **Glenn Watje** and his wife **Bonnie** were honored Thursday evening with the Good Scouting Award from the Boy Scouts of America. The award was given for all of their years of work and involvement with the Boy Scouts.



\$ The entire "animal table" was fined for violation of the Fire Marshal's rules. They had nine guys crammed into a space that could only accommodate six!

\$ Main Lion Editor **Wayne Martin** was the subject of Oscar's attention for the "Eye's Only" quiz that ran in the newsletter several weeks back. Oscar said we all looked like child predators!



Introduced by Program Chair **Andy Howard**, Lion **Mark Scott** put on Thursday's program. Mark is the Director of HOW House, and he gave us an update and historical perspective of this residence for sober living. HOW House provides a place where men coming out of rehabilitation for substance abuse can transition into a new life style. Congratulations to Mark for his dedication and hard work.



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

Thanks, Leon Lesa, for the two new pole stands you hand-crafted for displaying our Club and District banners



Announcements

The Whittier Host Lions Club will again be in the **Whittier Christmas Parade** on **Saturday, December 13**. Arrive at 8:00 am to help decorate the Lions Eyemobile.



Or you can help decorate **the Lions International Float** for the **Rose Parade**: Dry Decorating is on **Saturday, December 13th - 9:00 am-1:00 pm** and Floral Decorating is on **Saturday, December 27th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm**. Let Alberto Montes de Oca know of your interest in participating, alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com.

Special Float Committee **Reception for Lions International President Al Brandel and 1st Lady Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy**, **Sunday, December 28, 2008 - 5 - 8 p. m.** Double Tree Hotel, 888 Montebello Blvd, Rosemead, CA. All Club members invited.

Rose Parade Celebration Buffet Breakfast, and up-close viewing of Lions International Float. **Wednesday, December 31st, 7:30 - 11:00 am.** \$30.00. Castle Green Hotel, Old Pasadena. See flyer (e-mailed separately) for details.



Save the dates of **January 20-24** for our **48th Annual All-Arabian Horse Show** at the L.A. County Fairplex, Pomona.

Add **March 28, 2009 5:30 pm** to your calendar. **"SIGHT FOR KIDS"** Silent auction items are now being collected.



HEARD AT CLUB By Doug Halliday

On November 13, 2008

Thursday was Veterans Day at Club, and it was celebrated accordingly. I know that the actual day was on Tuesday the 11th, but we always do things a little differently at Club and in our own time as well. Our veterans stood as their appropriate service song was sung by the membership. I especially liked the way we did "Anchors Aweigh," but then I'm a Navy guy!

Mac McFarland was front and center to lead us in the singing of "God Bless America." **Jerry Laiblin** gave the invocation while I was honored to lead the salute to our flag.



We had a whole boatload of guests on Thursday! **Dr. Ruben Armienta** and **Xavier Amaya**, both back for their third visits, came to Club with **Alberto Montes De Oca**. **Wes Murray** had as his guest the **Reverend Mike Eggleston** while **Cecil Byrd** came with **Mark Scott**. **Rory Natividad**, Athletic Director at Rio Hondo College, was present with **Andy Howard**. **David Williamson** asked his business associate, **Ken Venegas**, to join us. Last, but certainly not least, was **Cynthia Holmes** joined by husband **Dr. Randy**.

Doug Lopez was our Lion of the Day. Doug, a native son of the City of Whittier, comes from a long tradition of Lions involvement and service. His dad, **Vic Lopez**, as well as his grandfather, were both members of our Club. The family tradition continues with brother **Jeff Lopez**, brother-in-law **Jerry Perisho**, and son-in-law **Daniel Diaz** as active participants. Growing up in Whittier, Doug was a product of the East Whittier school system and a graduate of California High School. He attended



California State University at Long Beach and earned a Master Degree in Business from UCLA. Doug is in the development business. In his spare time he is an assistant football and baseball coach at La Serna High School. Married to Marilee they have a son and two daughters and one grandchild. Doug's favorite part about the Club is its contribution to youth and service to the community.

Rich Dewberry reported the monetary results of White Cane Day were \$60 short of the \$3,000 that we had planned to raise. That problem was straightened out in about two and a half seconds by three members who made things right.

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