

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Dec. 6 Salute to Ed McClean
- Dec. 13 Cal High Jazz Band;
Followed by Committee Meetings
- Dec. 20 Who Am I?
- Dec. 27 No Meeting; Holiday Recess
- Jan. 3, 2008 Committee Meetings
- Jan. 10 History of our Sight For Kids Event
Lion Rich Casford
- Jan. 17 Lion Jon Prechtl, Motor Sports

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
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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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President's Message

By Frank Hill

Fellow Lions,

A great week for the Whittier Host Lions Club as exemplified by events big and small. First the big event, an unbelievable show of Lions strength at Saturday's work day at Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired. If you weren't able to join us, make a special effort to shake the hand and thank the guys who did.

How's this for four hours worth of work? We painted and sanded a playground set, we took apart an existing metal storage unit using a metal cutting saw that guaranteed no one next door at Lutheran Towers slept in past 8:00am, we repainted and repaired a clubhouse that was falling apart, we created two new storage unit foundations, we assembled two new storage units we had purchased using instructions that had been written by a chimpanzee, we admired the new \$8,000 canopy we had paid for, and we dug and scraped and shoveled and moved enough sand to discover the neighborhood cats were using the playground sand for other than playing.

First, a Lions tip of the hat to the Whittier Host Lions veteranos who rolled up their sleeves: Glenn Watje, Larry Dicus, Del Hovden, Jim Palmenteri, Jeff Lopez, Jay Williams, Jack Terry, Leon Lesa,
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Next Week's Program (Nov. 29)



November 29

La Serna High School Choir

Chairman of the Day - Chris George



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving This Week
No Club Meeting this Thursday

President's Message (continued)

Doug Keeling, Dave Williamson, Ron Copley, Doug Lopez, Drew Sones, Bob Bruce, Lyle Nelson, and Wayne "Main Lion" Martin. A special note: Mac McFarland had all four colors of paint we were using on his bald head a mere fifteen minutes after he started. Thanks to guys who were out of town but still wanted to help and donated refreshments: Eric Day, Jerry Perisho and Jon Prechtl. You guys were all great to work with.

But I'm just as proud of a bunch of relatively new Whittier Host Lions who understand our commitment to service. An especially gratifying tip of the yellow Lions Club cap to: Mario Cuen, Wes Murray, Robert Ruiz, Lane Thomas, Mark Scott, John "Sparky" Hodroff, Mike Abbate, Daniel Diaz, Steve Nichols, Jay Green, Aaron Ellis, John "Diesel" Yearian, and Mitch Carty. Two of the ladies from Orlingua, who were there to watch our progress were so overcome with emotion about what we were doing for their kids, that they had to stop and compose themselves when they were thanking us.

Just like the old days at the recycling center, some of the guys brought along their kids. Jay Green brought his daughter, Sophie, who did a fine job painting and digging in the sand, and Jeff Lopez brought his son, Victor, who not only told us he hopes to become a fourth generation Whittier Host Lion and join the Club of his father, two uncles, cousin, grandfather and great grandfather, but was a tremendous help with the crew building the new shed. The Lopez family tradition in our Club is a tradition of which we can all be proud.

Finally, a gesture from a new member showing a big heart. New Lion Gil Hernandez owns *Barsom Automotive* down near *Home Depot* on Washington Boulevard. Gil approached me and said he felt bad that it is hard for him to make Club every Thursday and he felt guilty about it. But Gil decided to do something for the Whittier Host Lions. In every oil change, roughly half of the cost is the oil and the filter, and the other half of the cost is the labor. Gil donated all of his labor costs for one hundred oil changes to our Scholarship fund in honor of Lion Bill Millikan! He came to Club last Thursday with \$1200 bucks in cash, of which the Club will donate a matching amount, which will help build up our scholarship endowment. Gil was so moved by the Club reaction that he got up at the end of the meeting and said he will donate another hundred oil change labor fees to the Club if we send down some Whittier Host Lions business before the end of the year. So get down and see Gil and let him know how much we appreciate his Lions' spirit.

We are dark this week due to Thanksgiving. I, like all of you, have much to be thankful for. During our thoughts and prayers this week, take a moment and give thanks for being affiliated with a group of men who are dedicated to making our community a little bit better. After this week, I know I will.

Yours in Lionism, **Frank**



Thanks, Lion Steve Hernandez, for a great "Thanksgiving Feast" at last week's meeting!



Remember Gil's Offer. .

Lion Gil Hernandez will make a donation to the Scholarship Fund for every Lions Club oil change.

The 54th Annual Uptown Whittier Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1, 2007 10am

Each year the Whittier Host Lions Club walks beside and/or rides in the Eyemobile in the Uptown Christmas Parade. Everyone meets at Acro Printing (13301 Philadelphia St.) at 8 am to decorate the Eyemobile. Please bring decorations (lights, wreathes, garland) to Club. Let Co-Chairmen Dick Norton and Rich Dewberry know that you'll help!



Whittier Host Lions Club Christmas Party



December 6

Crystal Marquis

13007 Philadelphia Street, Whittier
6:00 PM \$40/person
Bring an unwrapped sports ball
For the Boys & Girls Club

RSVP and check to
Whittier Host Lions Club
c/o Christopher George
15141 E. Whittier Blvd., Suite 550
Whittier, CA 90603

Everybody come, now!



"Please RSVP by Nov. 30. Accurate count needed for restaurant seating. Also, the Boys and Girls Club is in need of basketballs."

-Chris George

HEARD AT CLUB continued

Life is a parade sometimes, and if you want to be in one contact **Rich Dewberry** about helping out manning and/or marching along side the Lions Eyemobile in the Whittier Uptown Christmas Parade. It takes place on Saturday, December 1st. It has been mentioned that President **Frank Hill** has requisitioned **Leon Lesa's** red Mustang convertible for use in the parade. Frank plans on riding on the back deck of Leon's car while he waves at the crowd. However, Leon says, with gas at \$3.35 a gallon, he's not going to start the engine! So, Lion President Frank urgently needs about ten of our most able members to help push and pull Leon's car along the parade route. I also have it from very reliable sources that Frank is in serious negotiations with both **Jon Prechtl** and **Vince Mele** to have them precede the car, tossing rose petals in its path. Frank wants



both Jon and Vince to be clothed in traditional Christmas elf hats and matching red and green thongs! I'm not sure that part of it is a good idea, Frank.

New Lion **Gil Hernandez** is going above and beyond! Gil owns *Barsom Tire and Auto Repair* on Washington Blvd. Today he donated \$1,200 or \$12 from the labor cost of 100 oil changes to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in the memory of **Bill Milikan**. The Club is matching that amount. In addition, Gil will donate up to \$1200 from the labor cost of an additional 100 oil changes for Club members (and Club friends) to the fund in Bill's memory. *Barsom Tire and Auto Repair* is located at 12200 E. Washington Blvd, Suite A. It's just one block west of Presbyterian Hospital. Call Gil at 562-945-2658 to schedule a time to bring your car in if you would like to help. Also, check Gil's operation out on the web at www.barsomauto.com. You'll see it's a first class operation. Just like the owner!



Rich Casford gave us a great update on his daughter Jennifer's post operation condition. Jennifer has suffered from seizures for the last 27 years. Nine weeks ago she underwent brain surgery. To date, no seizures! Wonderful news!



Additional good news came from Bill Bell's *Whittier Daily News* article on **Jerry Perisho's** "Kicking cancer with a smile and a joke." If you didn't check it out in the *Daily News*, **Wayne Martin**, our esteemed *Main Lion* editor, put it out as an all member's email. Jerry, what's this about Lilac scented natural gas? And, is the world ready for it? During Tail Twisting time Jerry was naturally fined for the article. However, he deposited a suspicious looking plastic baggie with the head table. Something about used body parts?



While you are checking out the *Daily News* catch the November 13th edition. There's an article on career programs at our local high schools. It features a photo of **Drew Sones' wife, Susan**.



Susan is the teacher in charge of Cal High's awarding winning Culinary Academy. These classes provide career paths for our local high school students.

"A Musical Salute to our Veterans," featuring the singing of "The Wild Blue Yonder" (Air Force), "Anchors Aweigh" (Navy), "Halls of Montezuma" (Marines), "First to Fight" (Army), and "Eternal Father" (Navy Hymn) honored all our service men present.



HEARD AT CLUB continued

The music was followed by **Oscar Narro**, who took on the duties of Tail Twisting. Among those fined were **Leo Camalich** for retiring from the Whittier Union High School District. **Cal Bryant** was fined because he looked healthy, while **Jay Green** had to pay the piper because his cell phone went off during the meeting. **Doug Rowan** was fined for a road trip to Berkley, or was it Notre Dame? **Wes Murray** purchased a new Saturn and had to pay a little more in addition to the purchase price here at Club. **Mac McFarland, Jason Zuhlke**, and yours truly were the birthday boys. However, Whittier Police Office Zuhlke was able to skip out of a fine because he was "packing heat." No fine also for new member **John Yearian**. John brought dessert to Tail Twister Oscar who was seated at the head table. Not true for fellow new member **Mitch Carty** who didn't. Gee, I think in the two months Mitch has been a member his fines total about \$2,000! **Frank Hill, Doug Lopez** and **Eric Day** were fined for the quality of seats they had at a recent Lakers basketball game. Wait a second! You can't fine the President, so once again Immediate Past Present **Ron Copley** took the hit. Finally, ending the fine frenzy he created, Oscar nailed **Drew Sones** for his wife's Susan picture being in the paper.



Thursday's program was entitled, "Everything you wanted to know about the Whittier Hosts Lions All Arabian Horse Show." Co-chairman of the day **Cal Bryant** stated that this year's show would be dedicated in the memory of Lion **Bill Millikan**. Cal then reviewed some of the sign up and administrative procedures that are involved with the show. **Dr. Terri Guerin**, who has designed the show's courses over the last several years, gave some insight into what's involved in those events. Finally, **Drew Sones** showed a collection of pictures from previous shows.



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



HEARD AT CLUB
By Doug Halliday

On Nov. 15, 2007

While November 11th was officially celebrated as Veteran's Day around the nation, the Whittier Host Lions Club did their celebrating of this important day at our meeting on Thursday. Joining us for lunch on Thursday to help honor our nation's veterans was **Lt. Andrew Ceniseroz** of the United States Navy. Lt. Ceniseroz is a Navy SEAL just returned from a seven-month deployment to Iraq. He is currently stationed at the U.S. Navy's Amphibious Base in Coronado, California, until his next duty assignment to the Middle East. Andrew is a graduate of Whittier High School and the Naval Academy. He was joined for lunch by his mother Bonnie and father Richard. It was an honor to have him aboard! Also honoring Veteran's Day was our own Lion **Mike Loyet**. Mike, a retired Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, was wearing his World War II medals, which included not only his Navigators Wings, but also the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Air Medal. Thank you Mike, and all the other Lion veterans for the service you gave to our country in time of war and in peace!



After the sing-America", the invocation, the rest of our They were **Colin Sones** (the son Sones), **Dave Cooplin**, the son, and **Gary Baker**, former living in Washington state.



ing of "God Bless salute to our flag, and guests were introduced. of **Drew** and **Susan** guest of Dave William-Club President, now

Jack Terry was our Lion of the Day. While he wouldn't tell us the story behind the tattoo he received in 1942, he did say that he has been a Whittier Host Lion since 1968! A native of Corsicana, Texas, and a product of their local schools, Jack attended his freshman year at Southwestern University prior to our country's entry into WWII. The war years found Jack in the Navy as an aerial gunner in the South Pacific flying off of aircraft carriers in SBD Dauntless dive-bombers. After his stint in the service Jack came to California and worked for Southern California Edison. He retired 25 years ago, finishing his career with Edison as a Division Engineering Operations Manager. A widower, Jack has two sons and a daughter. In addition to his children, Jack has a whole parcel of grandkids and great grandkids. He is busy in retirement. In his spare time he does volunteer electrical work for those in need via his church. He is also a USC and a New England Patriots football fan.



Tears 'n' Cheers

By Larry Williams

Nothing but cheers this week, especially for Jennifer (Casford) Griffin, daughter of Rich and granddaughter of Ken. In a recent meeting with her neurologist and surgeon, she was told they expect her to be completely free from any more seizures. God does answer prayer.



- Also a tip of the ol' sombrero to three of our fellow Lions who celebrated birthdays with us on Thursday: Mac McFarland, Doug Halliday and Jason Zuhlke. Congrats, guys.



The Ron Copley Demotion video is now posted on our website. View it under the menu item "Video Gallery." Our Club's website is www.whittierhostlions.org



We had numerous announcements about up coming events, and news on members and their families. Among the planned events is a "This is your Life" theme program featuring the one and only, **Dr. Edward "Fast Eddie" McClean**. Plan to attend Club on Thursday noon, December 6th for the fun!