

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



We Serve!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Oct. 18 EVENING MEETING - 5:30-7:30 pm  
Our International Speaker will be a dictator from an island nation. This dictator has been sick recently, so we are lucky to get him before he croaks.  
Chairman of the Day: Oscar Narro
- Oct. 25 Who Am I? Meet some of the Club's newest members.
- Nov. 1 Committee Meetings, plus the UCLA vs USC Blood Drive at the Club
- Nov. 8 Presidential Demotion of Ron Copley
- Nov. 15 All-Arabian Horse Show Presentation by Drew Sones and Cal Bryant
- Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING - No Meeting

### 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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Mac McFarland	Treasurer

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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

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## Headlines... MAIN LION EDITOR TAKES A TWO-WEEK VACATION

### President's Message By Frank Hill



Fellow Lions,

A great turnout of Lions once again this week. Not too long ago, our Board was dipping into Club funds to pay the caterer whenever we fell below thirty five members at a meeting. We haven't had to pay that guarantee for a long, long time. Good job, gentlemen.

Awhile back, we instituted a new policy of once a month, having committee meetings rather than a program or a speaker. I think the policy change has worked out great. It seems as if the real business of the Club is done in a more thoughtful and contemplative manner. Rather than holding a five minute meeting after Club, we're now using the half hour of program time to take care of the basic blocking and tackling that makes us an outstanding service organization.

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### This Week's Program



Outstanding  
High School  
Freshmen  
Presentation



Dr. Daniel Duran - Chairman of the Day



My wife and I will be on vacation for 2 weeks, October 6 - 20, visiting my twin brother, Duane, and his family in New Hampshire. Beverly and I have not seen them in three years. Therefore, the next Main Lion will be the October 25 edition. Please know that announcements will still be coming your way from your "Lion Kings" (officers) via email and emergency notices through Rich Casford at Whittier Mailing. I'm looking forward to hearing all about your great meetings! - *Wayne Martin, editor and piano player.*

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### President's Message (continued)

After our last meeting, six of our Committee Chairmen called their meetings to order. First up, Dr. Dan Duran and his Youth Committee contingent. They worked to put together the final touches on the upcoming Outstanding Freshmen program. Next up, Chris George and his Social Committee brainstorming about our Lions Christmas Party, now set for Thursday, December 6 at the Crystal Marquis Ballroom in Uptown. I think I can speak for all of us in saying we can't wait to see Chris and Co-Chair Doug Rowan dressed as elves and wearing green leotards.

In another corner of the room, Chairman Jim Palminteri and his Membership Committee continued on their hot streak as they processed three new member applications and came up with a couple of suggestions to streamline our membership process for Board consideration next week. Jim's goal is that our Club could process a new member in less time than it takes for the next Phil Specter trial. Chairman Jon Prechtl and the major Donor Committee spent forty-five minutes evaluating three potentially worthwhile projects and assigned sub-committee members to go out and visit sites and report back with observations and recommendations. The Major Donor Committee did reject Prechtl's request that his title be changed to Major Domo of the Major Donor Committee.

Lion Vince "Beence" Daigneault held a Scholarship Committee meeting and rumor has it they were discussing the advisability of converting our two hundred thousand dollar endowment into gold Kruggerands and placing them in a secret off shore account. Finally, the International Speakers Committee under the leadership of His Excellency and Great Wise One Lion Chairman Jerry (as he insists upon being called) held a brief meeting to primarily bask in the coup of securing our second ruthless dictator as a guest speaker. Lion Police Officer Jason Zuhlke has agreed to head up security for the International Speakers Series. Lion Jason suggests that those of us who want the full strip and body cavity search before the meeting, should get there early.

Sit in on a committee. Participate. Volunteer to do a little job. If you go twice, you'll be listed as a full fledged member. The Whittier Host Lions Club is just like life. The more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it. We're on a roll, help me keep up the momentum.

Yours in Lionism, *Frank*



## HEARD AT CLUB

By Doug Halliday

On October 4, 2007

This is going to be the Reader's Digest version of Heard at Club. Our esteemed editor, **Wayne** "I'm on my way to the airport" **Martin** is off on a 15-day trip to visit family in New Hampshire. He is leaving early Saturday morning so both of us have shifted into hubba hubba mode to get this out before plane time. Here goes!

The old stalwarts, **Eddie, Monte, Mac,** and **Larry** with accompaniment by the traveling man himself lead us through "God Bless America." Larry started to lead the flag salute, but got a little reverse osmosis going with the words. To atone, Mr. Dicus did a very nice impromptu invocation.

**Jeff Lopez** filled in as Lion Tamer for his brother Doug. Guests on Thursday were:

- **Veronica Medina.** Veronica was the guest of **Lyle Nelson.** She is with the Intercommunity Child Guidance Center. She provided background information on her organization and their upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.
- **Harry Jacobs,** a candidate for the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees, was with **Jim Palminteri.**
- **Robert Stevens** from GolfTec in Rowland Heights was asked to come to lunch by both **Larry Dicus** and **Mac McFarland.**



Our Lion of the Day was **Leo Camalich.** Leo, a Whittier Host Lion since 1979, was born in Mexico City. He immigrated to this country at a very young age along with his parents and five brothers and sisters. A long time resident of Whittier, Leo attended elementary and middle schools in the South Whittier School District. A graduate of Sierra High, Leo went on to attend Whittier College and later earned a MA from Cal State Fullerton. After service in the U.S. Army Reserves during Viet Nam, Leo went on to a career in education. He is currently Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services with the Whittier Union High School District. He and his wife, Gayle, have been married for 36 years and have three grown children. Leo is a runner and a UCLA fan.

We were saddened to hear that **Oscar Narro's** mother passed away earlier in the week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Oscar and his family.

**Jerry Perisho** presented **Ron Copley** with the Jimmy Ross Diamond Tongue Stud Award. Ron received this honor for his efforts in the recruitment of new members this past year.

**Big Jon Prechtl** was our Tail Twister. Here's a summary of his twisting activities on Thursday:



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# Letters to the Editor



"We don't need a sale. Ask Wayne to put out a reminder box in the Main Lion that we have lots of shirts in all assorted sizes available for sale at the regular prices."

Anyone know how much we are selling these shirts for? Which shirts? - Wayne

Wayne - This is referring to our blue Lions Club shirts. The price is \$25 for large and XL and \$30 for XXL & XXXL. - Mac

Drew, Ron, Larry, We're getting screwed AGAIN! - Jerry

We need to organize and fight back. This is blatant discrimination against large good looking people. Who wants to contact Gloria Allred. Does anyone know if we have anyone that wears a small, medium or large shirt in the Club. This sounds like a fund raiser (or a way Mac is paying for his baseball or Cal football trips). We should meet in secret and formalize our position. I know we are all tired of being picked on and charged extra. Ron

If we charged you Big Fellas by the square yard of material required, I believe the XXXL's would cost \$47.50! - Suck it up (and IN), and quit whining!! - Mac

"Suck it up (and IN), and quit whining!!" Reminds me of my wedding night. - Jerry

**Shirts for Sale**

S - XL \$25  
 XXL \$30

**UCLA vs USC**  
**BRUINS**

**At Club Nov. 1st**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

"Support your favorite school by donating a pint or two of blood."

# International Speakers Series



**Don't Question My Authority!**

**I am speaking to YOU  
on October 18 at 5:30 pm**



Confucius once said, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I'll remember. Involve me and I'll understand." While I have no idea what that means, I thought it might get your attention so you'd read about the International Speakers Series.

How many service clubs in the Whittier area can boast that they have had international leaders address their groups? Just one... the Whittier Host Lions Club. And, our speakers have not been riff-raff off the streets. No way! Our speakers have been newsmakers, people occupying today's headlines.

Our guest on October 18 will continue that trend. Climbing out of his hospital bed to address our group will be none other than Cuban President Fidel Castro. That's right, our government has tried to assassinate him a dozen or more times, yet our International Speakers Committee has arranged for his safe arrival at the Masonic Lodge.

Don't miss it! *Fidel Castro on October 18, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Masonic Lodge.*



## Tears 'n' Cheers

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lion Oscar Narro and family with the death of his dear mother on Wednesday at 12:30 pm. She had suffered a massive stroke a day earlier.

Lion Rich Casford's daughter, Jennifer, is scheduled for brain surgery on Monday, October 8, at USC University Hospital for help with seizures. The surgery has a 90% success rate. Our prayers and thoughts are with Jennifer, her new husband, and the Casford clan.



## To Better Know Our October 18th Guests

**The Whittier Soroptimist Club is paying its new member challenge debt by making and serving dessert.**

"Founded in 1921, Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who provide volunteer service to their communities. . . . . The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best working to help other women to be their best."

- from *Soroptimist International* website

Also that evening, the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club will be singing their version of "Quakertown" in debt payment for also losing the new member challenge to Whittier Host Lions.



**White Cane Day** will be Saturday, October 27. Plan to spend a couple hours on this fun activity. Steve Hernandez promised tacos and refreshments to all those helping, the exact formula of refreshment to be kept a trade secret, of course. I will have sign up sheets at Club. Any suggestions or questions? Contact Rich Dewberry.



How this, Lion Chris?

**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 5:30 P.M.  
PIH - Lower Level

## HEARD AT CLUB continued

**Rich Dewberry** appeared to be trying to leave early and was fined. New members were not fined because they did not bring the Tail Twister dessert. The reason being Jon did not like the looks of today's dessert! **Steve Hernandez** was fined because part of the lunch was late. **Guest Harry Jacobs** was fined when he tried to tell the story of



three people jumping off the Catalina Express at the entrance to LA Harbor. Harry was attempting to relate how this affected the local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of which he is a member. Being a former Navy man, Jon said he did not much care about the Shallow Water Navy or their Auxiliary. **Mac McFarland** was fined for the picture of his mother that appeared in the Whittier News. Several days each week she goes to the site of the old Alpha Beta in Uptown. There she picks up trash and litter to help beautify our city. That's great!

**Oliver Wyman** announced that it was Jon's 58<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Bruce Martin** stood and said he was paying the birthday fine for Jon. How did Jon arrange that? **Wayne Martin** was fined for several musical comments he directed toward Jon via his piano playing. As we all know the Tail Twister cannot fine the President.

**Jon** brought **Frank** to task for not appearing in the convention coverage that was featured in the latest edition of the Lion Magazine. Not being able to fine Frank, Jon once again fined Immediate Past President **Ron Copley**. When **Drew Sones** will be President he will attend the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. When Jon was President he went to Detroit. **Drew** was fined accordingly. **Jay Williams** was fined for being from Oklahoma.



**Veronica Medina** briefly promoted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Intercommunity Child Guidance Center on Nov. 3.



**Lions Orientation Meeting for New Members & Sponsors**

Tuesday, October 30, 2007 @ 5:30 PM  
Sage Restaurant  
6511 Greenleaf Ave.  
Whittier

Lyle Nelson, Chairman




Tail Twister Jon Prechtl didn't look hard enough at the Convention pictures to see our President Frank in the audience. This picture shows that Frank was definitely there and Past President Ron Copley should not have had to pay Frank's fine for him.