

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Oct. 23 "A visit by the Soroptimists"
- Oct. 30 Outstanding Freshmen
- Nov. 6 Committees
- Nov. 13 The Work of the H.O.W. House
Lion Mark Scott , speaker

WHITTIER HOST LIONS CLUB

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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 Drew Sones

Whittier Host Lions,

Our Oralingua House Remodeling project is complete! I encourage all Lions to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday October 22, 2008 at 11:30 am and please wear your Lions Club polo shirt. The home is located at the corner of Friends and Wardman streets.

This home will be used by the School to assess the hearing levels of infants who are exhibiting symptoms of hearing loss. When parents bring their infant to the home they enter a calming and pleasing sitting area which helps the parents relax while their precious bundle of joy is gently taken to the assessment room in the back of the home. The parents do not attend the assessment as their concern and hope for their infant tends to distract from the process.

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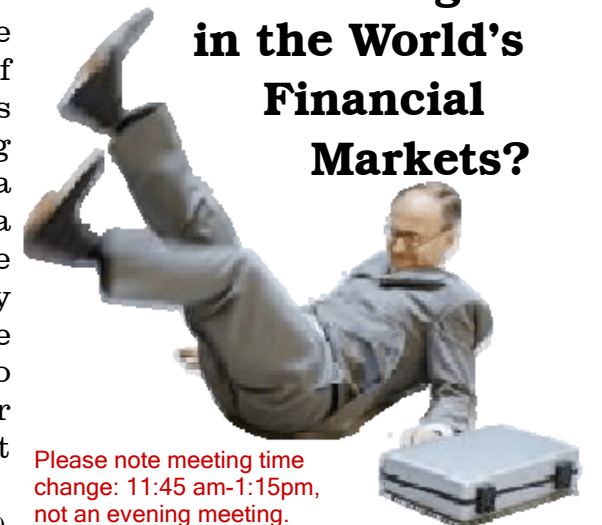
This Week's Program



Speaker
Lion Jeff Ball, President
Friendly Hills Bank



What is Going On in the World's Financial Markets?



Please note meeting time change: 11:45 am-1:15pm, not an evening meeting.

President's Message continued

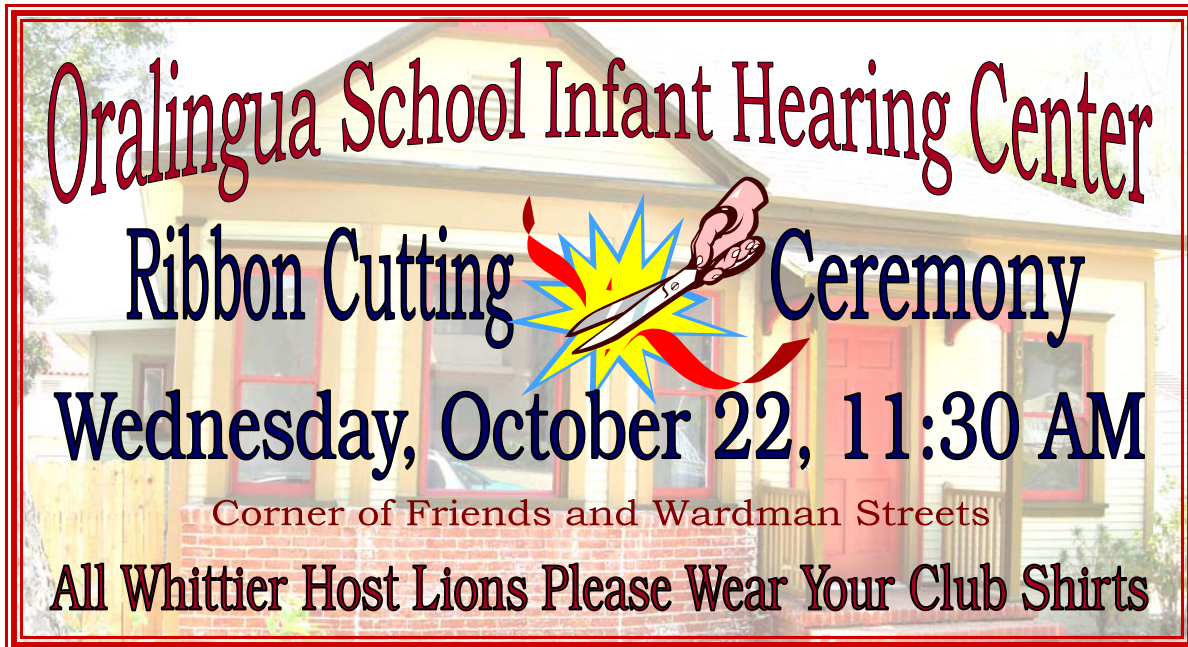
The infants are carefully fitted with electronic sensing pads around their heads and then different sounds are emitted into the ear. The electronic sensing pads record where there is brain activity for each sound emitted. The results are analyzed via a computer software program. Then the parents and their child are reunited in private and the results are discussed with the parents and future treatment processes are presented.

I really feel a sense of care and hospitality when I tour the home and I know the anxious parents will feel the same. I think the aura of this home is a direct result of us Lions volunteering our time and talents to make the home come alive. We worked together not because we had to but because we wanted to and that makes all the difference and you can feel the "We Serve" attitude of us Lions in every room in the building.

Also, remember the October 16th meeting is a day time meeting because of scheduling conflicts with the Masonic Lodge. We are planning a replacement evening meeting in November so please stay tuned.

Thank you to all who worked on the Oralingua house and we need to start looking for another "Hands On" Project for the community we serve.

Lion Drew



Oralingua School Infant Hearing Center
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Wednesday, October 22, 11:30 AM
Corner of Friends and Wardman Streets
All Whittier Host Lions Please Wear Your Club Shirts



- **Hubert Perry** has made the paper again! This time it was a picture that appeared in last Sunday's edition of the *Daily News*. It showed Hubert in the 1920's at the Whittier Lions sponsored Soapbox Derby Race. Hubert reported that the day was so hot that the metal wheels of his racer became stuck in the asphalt.
- It seems that the Tail Twister recently celebrated his birthday. Try as he might, there was just no way Jon could fine himself. So his favorite target, **Ron Copley**, had to contribute for Jon's b-day fine.

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

HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE

Veterans Day Program Whittier Masonic Center

Saturday, November 8, 7:00 PM



Open to the entire community, men, women and children, this event is free. Reservations are not required. Casual attire and the wearing of uniforms is encouraged.

Guest speaker is Don Schoendorfer of "Free Wheelchair Mission"



At Arlington National Cemetery, recently honored for acts of bravery and sacrifice, Don formed this charitable organization for the supplying of "one size fits all" wheelchairs around the world for disabled people. The wheelchair consists of a typical patio plastic chair, mounted on a moving base, allows people who formerly might have had to crawl along the ground, dignity in life. Come and hear more about this mission and how you might help in the production and distribution. Light refreshments will follow the program.

We Serve!



**White Cane Day
October 25**



How Many Lions Can You Identify by Eyes Only?



If one catches on to the pattern, most Whittier Host Lions should find this easy.



HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

December 5th has been selected as the date for the annual Christmas Party. It will again be held at the Crystal Marquee in Uptown. For details, please contact **Mike James**.

Some of the actions taken by the Board of Directors at its October 8th meeting were:

- A \$500 donation to Lion **Mike Seril's** "Exercise through Excellence Foundation." Mike works with youth to promote a healthy lifestyle through exercise.
 - A \$250 donation to the City of Whittier for their upcoming "Halloween Spooktacular."
 - February 13th is planned for an "Enchanted Evening" at the Shannon Center. Broadway show tunes will be featured. Stay tuned for additional details in the weeks to come.



The one and only **Jon "Ming the Merciless" Prechtl** was Thursday's Tail Twister again. Jon quickly went to work on the following:

- Alberto Montes De Oca** fined for allowing his guest, **Xavier Amaya**, to pass out business cards. "This isn't Rotary," Jon was heard to say.
- New member **John Wilson** was nailed for not bringing dessert to the Tail Twister.
- Jeff Ball, Bill Wood, and Rich Casford** had a chance to provide an economic stimulus package to Club as their businesses are all doing well in light of the economic downturn.
- Fined yet again for starting to leave his hat on during the flag salute was Lion President **Drew**.
- Jerry Laiblin** hit for changing shirts in the parking lot. I heard it wasn't a very pretty sight. Jerry also did a packaged deal with the Tail Twister on the occasion of his birthday.
- Bruce Martin** and **Andy Howard** were caught by Jon wearing "non Lion" hats.



Frank Hill was fined for an upcoming meeting with the Governor. Frank tried to pass it off as a meeting with Arnold when actually it was with the Lion District Governor.

The City of Whittier's code enforcement folks caught **Doug Lopez** building a fence in front of the Oralingua House without a permit. Doug had to pay for the permit twice! Once at City Hall and again at Club.

No fines for good news! **Sparky Hodroff's** wife Karen has just accepted a full time teaching position at the Oralingua School. Congrats to Karen.

Masonic Temple tap water is not good enough for **Dean Harako**. He was fined for bringing his own bottled water to lunch on Thursday.

Wayne Martin, questioned on why the *Main Lion* arrived a day late last week. "Talk to **Drew Sones!**"



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HEARD AT CLUB

By **Doug Halliday**

Our guest speaker for Thursday's meeting was the Mayor of the City of Whittier, **Joe Vinatieri**. **Mac McFarland**, our Chairman of the Day, introduced the Mayor. Joe started his talk by first presenting the Club with an official "City of Whittier Proclamation" regarding our White Cane Day.



Mayor Vinatieri gave a "State of the City" report to the Club. He talked about operating revenues, budget issues for the next fiscal year, funding the Greenway Trail maintenance program, the new home of the Whittier Police Department, and a quick update on the Nelles site. In addition, Joe provided insights into the possibility of the City of Whittier going into the oil business. Oil drilling in the Whittier hills could be an additional 3 to 6 million dollars per year going into the city coffers. Hey, it doesn't quite qualify us for membership in OPEC, but it will help in what's going to be some tough economic times ahead!

Prior to the mayor's chat, we had our song leaders front and center to kick things off in a musical way. They were followed by the flag salute lead by **Red Williams**, and the invocation given by yours truly (no lighting bolts from on high detected).



Our guests today were **Xavier Amaya**, who was brought to Club by **Alberto Montes De Oca**, and **Hal Sterns** of the East Whittier Lions Club. Hal was the guest of **Jerry Laiblin**. **Sam Kianie**, **Ed McClean's** caregiver, was once again present along with the one and only "Fast Eddie."

Lion **Steve Hernandez** was our Lion of the day. Born in East L.A. and raised in nearby Bell, he has been a resident of Whittier for 20 years. Steve, as most of us know, is the owner of Steve's BBQ in Uptown. It's not only known for outstanding food but some great blues music as well. A Lion for 5 years, he was sponsored by Immediate Past President **Frank Hill**. Steve and his wife **Filomena** have been married 30 years. They have 3 kids and 5 grand children.



There were a number of announcements on Thursday. They are, in no particular order:

- Last Thursday's "Blood Drive at Club" put on by PIH raised an additional 19 units of blood. I believe the year-to-date total is 119 toward our goal of 150.
- The official ribbon cutting for the Oralingua House will be held in front of the house, located at the corner of Wardman and Friends, on October 22nd. Uniform of the Day for all Lions attending will be the Club's light blue polo shirt.
- Leon Lisa** needs volunteers to help set up for the Red Ribbon Week kick off breakfast on Saturday October 25th. This year it will be held at East Whittier Middle School. The school is located at the corner of Whittier Blvd., and Catalina Ave. Early birds need to congregate at the school by 5:30AM. Sign-ups will be held next Thursday at Club.
- Hey, since you got up early on the 25th you can also participate in White Cane Day later in the morning! How about that for a transition! Not sure of the exact times but the locations will be at the intersection of Greenleaf and Philadelphia in Uptown, and Trader Joe's on Whittier Blvd. See **Rich Dewberry** for signups and details.
- On October 23rd there will be a joint meeting with W. Covina Lions Club and the Soroptimists..

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