

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct. 9 "State of Whittier"
Mayor Joe Vinatieri

LIONS
**WHITE
CANE
DAYS**
EVERY DOLLAR GOES
TO SERVE SIGHT

White
Cane
Day
October
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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	Past President Director
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Cal Bryant	Jim Palminteri
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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



My Fellow Roaring Lions,

Thursday's meeting was indeed very busy! The Fireworks Committee and Chair Ben Greer presented Vince Dain-yo with a check of \$17,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Our goal is one million dollars and we are close to \$250,000.

In addition, the Scholarship Fund received another \$250 from one of our most generous Lions. Gilbert Hernandez participated in the Whittier Chamber Golf Tournament and purchased several squares for a chance to win \$\$\$ from the Golf Ball Drop, where a helicopter drops a bucket of balls over a hole and the balls that end up in the hole are winners. Well, Gilbert assigned his squares to the Whittier Host Lions Club and low and behold one of those balls won. Gilbert in his own quiet way models our Lion motto, "We Serve." Thanks Lion Gilbert for your generosity!! Remember, Lion Gil operates Barsom

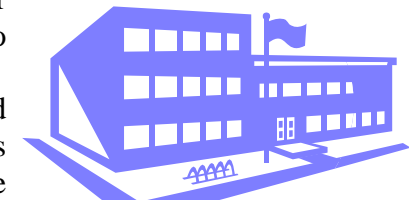
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This Week's Program



Blood Drive

10:30 am - 2:00 pm



WUHSD Bond Measure "W"
Lion Leighton Anderson speaking



and Committee Meetings

President's Message continued



Auto Repair, so if your vehicle needs maintenance or repair, "Go See Gil."

Speaking of a busy meeting, our very own District Governor Judy Powell made her official Club visit and graciously acknowledged that our Club is one of the strongest in the District and she always is re-energized when she visits us. Bea Proo, our District Newsletter Editor, also attended and took pictures along with our *Main Lion* editor Lion Wayne – look for some of us in the next *Main Lion* and even possibly in the next district newsletter, *District Deeds*. (www.lions4L2.org)

A big welcome back to First VP Lion Al Campano as he has found his way home from Saskatoon, Canada. Al reported that he had a great time with the Lion Canucks and learned a lot about Lions International and gleaned important ideas that will make him both a better Lion

and a Club President. He indicated he is re-energized with that Lion Spirit. Al was very excited to report he had met International President Al Brandel who is from New York. After meeting IP Brandel, Al did believe that, while the International President is a key figure in the Lions organization, the Club President is the foundational leadership position that must be recognized. Al felt so strongly about this belief that he brought back a token to demonstrate the importance a Club President is in the success of Lions throughout the world. Al presented his gift to yours truly and not only was I impressed but the entire Club and the District Governor were astounded at Al's generosity. This token to be worn around the neck of the present and all future Presidents of the Whittier Host Lions Club is the ultimate symbol of Lion Leadership. I believe Lion Wayne will include a picture in this week's *Main Lion* so please take a humble look at a recognition piece that I will wear with pride as your President!!

Your Bling Prez

Lion Drew



Albert F. Brandel, President
Lions Clubs International



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This is Lions Clubs International's new logo - only 2 colors.



HEARD AT CLUB PART TWO

All of our Club's World War II vets will be acknowledged at a breakfast meeting of the District Cabinet on November 1st. Breakfast is on the Club for you veterans, so please plan to attend. We have a great bunch of guys who served from Pearl Harbor right up to the end of the war in Europe and the Pacific.



Our meeting next week will be "Blood Drive Thursday." Chairman **Damon Williams** and his whole crew from PIH will be at Club with the Blood Mobile. The goal for the year is 150 units. We are currently at 100 so our goal can be reached! Please plan to give the gift of life.



Fireworks Stand Committee Chair **Ben Greer** presented the Memorial Scholarship Fund a check for \$17,000. This represented the profit from our sale of "barely legal black powder neighborhood leveling devices" to the residents of the greater San Gabriel Valley! Can't wait for next year! As deserved, Lion Ben received a "standing ovation" for his hard work and leadership in this very successful fundraiser.

It was good to see **Dick Norton** back at Club after his knee surgery. Please do what the physical therapist tells you to do Richard! Also good to see **Sid Siddoway**, and, a belated happy 90th birthday to **Mike Loyet**.



Lion **Doug Lopez**, "The High Lord and Royal Executioner," also known as the Tail Twister, came to the podium loaded for bear. Those coming into his sights were:

- **Ben Greer** for originally wanting to hand over the fire works stands proceeds check to Immediate past President **Frank Hill**.
- All the USC Alumni for the Trojans win over Ohio State. (*Reporter's Note: You guys better start digging up serious cash after USC's loss to Oregon State on Thursday night.*)
- All the UCLA Alumni for the Bruin's football team's inability to beat anyone. (*Yet another Reporter's Note: After UCLA's loss to Fresno State on Saturday you guys may not want to show up come Thursday! Ron Copley is in his glory.*)
- A self-imposed fine on the Tail Twister for trying to fine District Governor **Judy Powell**. Doug claimed she didn't introduce **Bea Proo**. However, **Larry Dicus** did.



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HEARD AT CLUB PART THREE



- **Mark Rippy** was nailed on the occasion of his 50th birthday.
- **Red Williams** was fined for being a member of the cast of "Hello Dolly" in the Whittier Community Theater's latest production. Doug noted that Red didn't have his part in the play reviewed in the *Daily News*. Other cast members did.
- **Ron Copley** fined for his recent trip to England and Scotland.
- **Jay Williams** hit for being too happy.
- **Mac McFarland** for his cell phone ringing during the meeting.
- **Jerry Perisho** received a monetary setback for the creation of his two new Blogs that are sweeping the Internet. They are, "I Barf, Therefore I Am," and "My Prostate's in a Mason Jar by the Door."
- President **Drew Sones** fined for leaving his hat on during the invocation.
- Lion of the Day **Gary Cates** was asked to contribute for not having his name on his firm's shingle.
- **Al Campano** and **Steve Hernandez**, owners of The Havana House, and Steve's BBQ respectively, fined for being in the *Daily News* regarding noise complaints in Uptown.
- And finally, all the bankers and brokers at Club were fined (as well they should be) for the current Wall Street economic mess.

Lion **Jeff Ball** was our Chairman of the Day. Jeff introduced **Michael Tye**, a health insurance expert, who spoke comparing the American health system versus the Canadian system, which is a more socialized approach to health care.



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



Our heart-felt condolence Lion Ben Greer, for the loss of your father this past week.





“While Ed Shannon was not a Lion, he did have the community spirit of a Lion. I remember he and Breene Murphy always coming by the Horse Show in their tall Texan Cowboy Hats to support our efforts and tell a joke or two.” There will be a **Celebration of Ed's Life** on October 18, 2008 11:00 am. Sky Rose Chapel, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Lion Drew

SHANNON- Edfred L. Shannon Jr., born June 30, 1926 in Durant, Oklahoma, died September 21, 2008 in Whittier, California. His parents, Edfred L. and Oceon Merrill Shannon, and sister Margaret Merrill Shannon preceded him in death. Ed's father was a college professor and spent many years at Oklahoma State College in Stillwater, Oklahoma, which Ed considers his childhood home. The Shannon family later moved to Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky where Ed started his college career and met his future wife, Ruth Lee Boggs, a student in Dr. Shannon's biology class. Ruth and Ed were married in August 1947 following Ed's service in the Army during which he was in the first battalion that was part of the occupation army that went ashore in Osaka, Japan in 1945. Following his military service Ruth and Ed Shannon settled in Oakland, California and Ed attended UC Berkley where he received a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He first worked for Union Oil Company and then took a position with Santa Fe Drilling Co. The company became Santa Fe International and Ed became President at the age of 35 and later CEO and Chairman for more than 30 years. Included among his board memberships were Consolidated Freightways, Coca Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles, Trust Company of the West, Southern California Edison, the Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Council, a founding member of Nixon Library and birthplace foundation, Rose Hills Foundation, Autry National Center. Ed Shannon is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children and their spouses, Michael and Kimberly Shannon, Kathy and Steve Johnson, and Bruce and Kim Shannon. The Shannon's have 8 grandchildren, Chiara (Derek), Monica and Brendan Shannon, Martine, Kevin (Michele) and Bridget Johnson, and Robert Bruce and Melinda Shannon and two great grandchildren A celebration of life service will be held October 18, 2008 11:00 am. Sky Rose Chapel, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial contribution are directed to The Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Foundation, 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, California 90602-1006 or L.A. CADA, 11015 Bloomfield Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. Interment will be private.



HEARD AT CLUB

By Lion Doug Halliday

ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

The stage packed with our Club's song leaders and a rousing chorus of "God Bless America" sung, Thursday's meeting was underway. Lion **David Dickerson** led the flag salute and Lion **Aaron Ellis** gave the invocation.

District Governor **Judy Powell** was with us on Thursday. Later in the program she gave an update of what's going on in the district as well as an insight as to some of the changes that will be made to the format of the annual District Convention. In addition, Judy presented **Larry Dicus** the Builder Key Award for his efforts in bringing 10 new members into our Club. **Bea Proo**, our District Bulletin Editor, was also with us. Bea is a member of the Pico Rivera Lions. Other guests were **John Wilson**, who was back for his fourth visit, and was the guest of **Mac McFarland**. **Leo Hazell** invited **Ted Eclc** to Club, while **Richard Barba** came at the invitation of **Rob Coleman**.



Lion Tamer **Larry "Red" Williams** introduced Past President **Gary Cates** as our Lion of the Day. Gary is a native of "Beautiful Downtown Burbank," growing up in the shadows of the NBC studios. Graduating from Cal State Northridge with a degree in accounting, Gary joined the accounting firm of *Vilmure, Peeler and Boucher* and never looked back. Today he's a CPA and Managing Partner of the firm. Gary is married to **Carol**, his wife of 26 years. They have four children and two grand kids. Their son Brian is a member of the Marine Corps, and has just finished his second tour in Iraq. When asked for his solution to the current economic problem, Gary stressed the need for more complex tax laws! Are we looking for job security Gary?



President **Drew Sones** had several announcements. Our annual White Cane Day will be held on Saturday, October 25th. Whittier Host Lions will once again be found in the middle of the intersection of Philadelphia and Greenleaf in Uptown (avoiding traffic and the Whittier PD), as well as at *Trader Joe's* in East Whittier. See Lion **Rich Dewberry** for details.

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