

# SOLAMOTION



Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics Los Angeles Lions Club  
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## Special Olympics - So. California Laura Seckel Visits SOLA Lions This Week - Feb. 15

We have an important meeting coming up this Wednesday. Our speaker will be Laura Seckel, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources and Volunteer Services, Special Olympics of Southern California. Laura will be telling us about the Healthy Athlete Program for Special Olympics. This is the program that we have been involved in at the Fall and Spring Games. Lions Clubs International gives money to Opening Eyes each year for the eye part of this program. This will be a very informative program for all of us and will help us understand how our efforts have been helping the Athletes. We will have an opportunity to ask questions.

We will also be voting on our proposed by-laws changes. Plan on attending this important meeting.

### President's Message

What an exciting weekend we just had in Ontario, California, where we went to vote for our own PCC Lion Larry Dicus to represent California as the endorsed candidate for International Director of Lions. There were a total of 4 candidates but our own 4-L2 candidate prevailed. Congratulations PCC Lion Larry Dicus!

What an opportunity to meet so many Lions from the whole State of California. I met a lot of Lions that have heard about our SOLA Lions Club and the work that we have been doing. In between visiting the hospitality rooms of the candidates I attended a few meetings. I also had the opportunity to meet many Lions presidents, and one of them was a Special Olympics Club president from Northern California, Lion President Amy Fink of BASO Lions Club in San Bruno, CA. I had a very good time visiting with her and I learned about many projects that they are implementing as a Special Olympics Lions Club.

As you can see in the pictures on pages 2 and 3 we had a great time, and for me personally, it was a fantastic experience. I recommend to all our Lion members to attend any of the conventions when possible. You will have a better understanding of what Lionism has to offer and the many different areas in which you as a Lion can serve.

I hope to see you at the next District 4-L2 Lions Convention, May 10 –12, 2012 in Cathedral City, California.

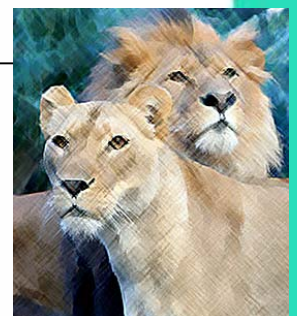
Yours in Lionism,  
Sharon Montes De Oca  
President



The Mission of the SOLA Lions Club is "to take an active interest and participate in the mission and vision of the Special Olympics, to help provide sports and training programs for any individual with intellectual disabilities and thereby improve their lives and the lives of everyone they touch." Our SOLA Lions Club was chartered in March 2009 and is the third Lions Club in the world formed to serve Special Olympics.

Our SOLA Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired, 7056 S. Washington Ave., Whittier.

Next Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2012





# MD4 LIONS CONVENTION FEBRUARY 3-5







## Recapping Exciting Lions Events

### THE 93RD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA LIONS MD4 CONVENTION

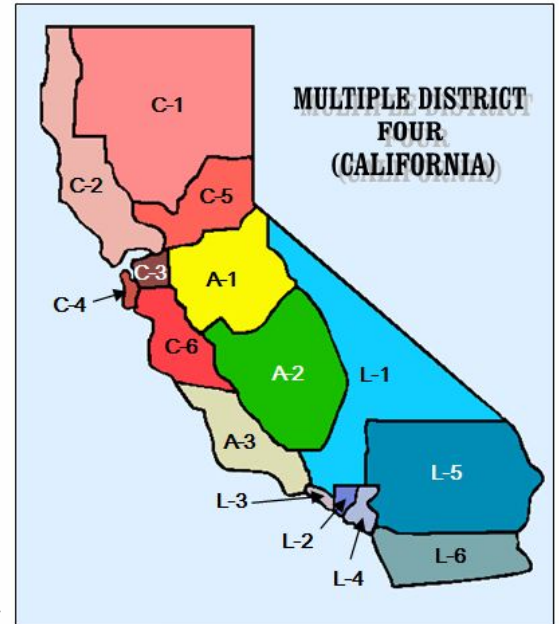
February 3-5, 2012  
Double Tree Hotel Ontario Airport

As one can see by the preceding picture collages, SOLA Lions and Whittier Host Lions were deeply involved, along with many other California Lions, in Larry Dicus's campaign for the International Director nomination at this year's MD4 Convention. And when the votes were counted, Larry Dicus won hands down without necessitating a run-off ballot which could have easily happened with 4 candidates competing. Congratulations Larry!

On Saturday morning, the traditional "demonstration" following the formal introductory nomination speech by PIP Bill Crawford and Larry's speech requesting support was out of this world! Members of Whittier's California High School Band entered playing "California Here I Come" followed by a 10 foot banner and close to 100 Lions dressed in red, white and blue attire, carrying balloons and waving placards. Clapping to the rhythm of the music was heard throughout the room.

Other highlights of the weekend included the spectacular parade of 206 flags representing those countries where there are Lions Clubs, videos of Lions work around the world, and a keynote speech from PIP Phil Nathan from Great Britain, who had special interest to our SOLA members, since he was Director of Special Olympics Great Britain in 2008.

- Lion Wayne Martin, editor



### BILL SHUMARD VISIT ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012



Special Olympics  
Southern California

Our Club was fortunate to have Bill Shumard, President/CEO of Southern California Special Olympics visit our Club at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and talk to us about Special Olympics. He was very complimentary about what our Club was doing and how we were having an impact on the Athletes. He thanked the Club for all we do and especially thanked us for hosting the SELA Christmas Party. He told us about the upcoming SOSOC fundraising events. He talked about the World Games coming to Los Angeles in 2015 and what a big event it will be. He went over the Olympic Village sites, where events would be held, how many athletes and coaches would be coming and the dates. He discussed his vision of having a torch relay for the games and the tradition of cities, in the area of the games, to host a country before the games begin. It was great having Bill and Eloise Crawford attend our meeting.

- Lion Ron Copley

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



SOLA LIONS OF WHITTIER

# HOE-DOWN

**SATURDAY  
MAY 5, 2012**

**4:30 PM - 11 PM**

**\$25.00  
DONATION**

**INCLUDES ENTRY  
FOOD - WESTERN BBQ  
DRINKS - SODAS - TENNESSEE TEA  
ENTERTAINMENT - DJ**

**GRAB YOUR COWBOY HAT AND BOOTS  
AND GET READY FOR A KICKIN' HOE-DOWN  
LION DANCING - RAFFLE PRIZES  
WESTERN DRESS OPTIONAL  
(1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE PRIZES)**

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**ORALINGUA SCHOOL  
For the Hearing Impaired  
7056 S. Washington Ave.  
Whittier, California**



# Save These Dates!



Correction: In last month's tribute to Lion Henry Lozano it was stated that he had worked for DWP when in fact he had worked for the Metropolitan Water District of So. California instead. My error. Sorry. Wayne Martin

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Regular Club Meeting</b> Laura Seckel, Guest Speaker
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Club and Foundation Board meetings</b>
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Regular Club Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 18</b>		<b>SOLA Aquatics Meet at Palm Park, Whittier</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Regular Club Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 23</b>		<b>San Gabriel Valley S. O. School Games</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 4</b>		<b>SOLA Board and Regular meetings</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 14</b>		<b>Lions District 4-L2 Cabinet Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>DG Dennis Drag's Office Visit to SOLA meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>		<b>SOLA Basketball Tournament—Whittier College</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 2</b>		<b>SOLA Board and Regular meetings</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>4:30-11</b>	<b>SOLA HOE-DOWN Fundraiser—Oralingua Sch.</b>
<b>Thurs.-Sat.</b>	<b>May 10-12</b>		<b>District 4-L2 Convention—Cathedral City</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>SOLA Regular Club Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>		<b>SOLA Softball Tournament—York Field, Whit.</b>



## February and March Birthdays

2/15: Rosa Masterson 2/18: Robin Guzman 2/20: Sandra Montez 2/25: Kathy Sussman  
3/8: Jay Prestella 3/10: Alberto Perez 3/12: Sandra Haun 3/23: David Manuel 3/28: Gabriel Sanchez

### SOLA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS 2011-2012

Sharon Montes De Oca.....*President*  
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Carol Copley.....*Secretary*  
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Steve Nichols..... *Lion Tamer*