

SOLAMOTION



Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics of Los Angeles Lions Club
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 **This Saturday, December 11,
SOLA Lions to March in
Whittier Christmas Parade**

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 **Wednesday, December 15,
SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party**

President's Message

What a terrific Special Olympics Athletes and Families Appreciation Night we had last week at the Whittier Senior Center. (I like that title better than "holiday food give-away"—how about you?).



My admiration and applause to all who helped, and may I single out the following Lions (at the risk of forgetting others) for duty above and beyond: Lion **Ruri Pierre** and her Whittier Senior Center staff for hosting the event; Lions **Elisa Roche** and **Steve Nichols** for donating much of the food; Lion **Sandra Hahn** for getting 30 turkeys donated from her vendors, and State Assembly Majority Leader **Chuck Calderon** (even though he's not a Lion) for arranging for the other 10; Lions **Ron Copley** and **Yours Truly** for donating the apple pies; Lion **Wayne Martin** for knowing every Christmas Song by heart; and Lion **Sergio Ortega** for donating the boxes.

Advance thanks to Lions **Elena and Marvin Byrne** for hosting our Club Christmas Dinner next Wednesday. Sounds like a party!

Finally, I hope as many of you as possible can join me and several of our Special Olympics Athletes as we represent SOLA in the Whittier Christmas Parade this Saturday morning.

In this season of giving remember to "share Lions." It's a great gift.

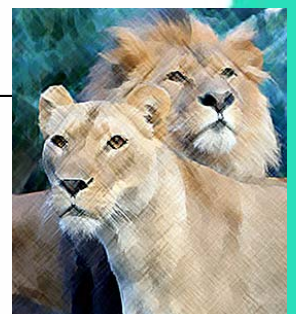
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Next Regular Meeting
December 15, 2010





BOXES OF FOOD AND A TURKEY GO A LONG WAY

The SOLA Lions Club hosted its yearly Holiday event on Dec. 2, thanking our Special Olympian Athletes and their families for their hard work and sportsmanship throughout 2010. Forty athletes and their families were invited to the Uptown Senior Center for hot chocolate (with miniature marshmallows), cookies, a few Christmas songs plus holiday food favorites and a turkey to be enjoyed during the holiday season.

It was great to visit with our athletes “out of uniform” as they were most appreciative of SOLA’s support this past year and the goodies to take home. The entire room erupted in appreciative applause and cheers when our President Bob Warnock announced that the Club would be sponsoring three athletic events in 2011 – Swim Meeting, Basketball Tournament and our third Annual softball Tournament. There is even talk of adding golf and bowling in 2012!

We had 22 Lions helping with loading the food into boxes, setting up the room for our invitees and helping in any way needed to get the goodies delivered to the waiting cars and then finally cleaning up: Hilda, Sergio and Sarah Ortega, Marvin Byrnes, Wayne Martin – piano player and photog extraordinaire, Barbara Lesa, Drew & Susan Sones, Elaine Roberts – Photo Shoot Director and Cruise Director, Jackie Franks, Steve Nichols, the Go-to guy! Sharon Montes De Oca, Bob Warnock – Song Leader and MC, Ruri “Peanuts” Pierre, Ron & Carol Copley, Dan Skewes, Scott Barron, Jeff Graner, Jerry & Rosa Masterson, Elisa Roche.

Submitted by Lion Drew Sones






Plan Ahead!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS WEEK

WHITTIER PARADE THIS SATURDAY

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. near the corner of Hadley and Greenleaf. Folks can park at the Uptown Y if they'd like and walk 4 blocks up the street to Greenleaf. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp and we are #5 in line, so don't be late. We will have a number of Special Olympics athletes walking with us, and they will carry the Special Olympics banner. Members of our Club will carry our new Club banner. We should be done by 11:00 a.m. The parade ends at the Whittier Community Center at the corner of Mar Vista and Washington. - Prez Bob Warnock


The Whittier Uptown Association,
the City of Whittier, and the Whittier Chamber of Commerce



Proudly Present

57TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

"Community Pride" **Dec. 11th
Sat. 2010
10 a.m. till 12p.m.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

SOLA Lions Christmas Celebration

At the home of Lion's Marvin and Elena Byrne,
Located at 8615 Seranata Drive, Whittier, CA 90603

December 15, 2010 at 6:00pm

Food will be served by Whittier's very own "Enchiladas y Tamales Tambien"
At the cost of \$15.00 per person

Please bring a favorite dessert to share with everyone.

The Christmas committee would like everyone to bring a wrapped ornament to exchange among ourselves.
(Creativity is welcomed)

A friendly reminder to all; SOLA Lions Club FOUNDATION is donating \$1000.00 to help SELA achieve their goal of 200 gifts for the Special Olympic Athletes. In addition SOLA Lions CLUB is asking members to bring a wrapped gift (labeled Generic, Male or Female) to help achieve the goal. Please bring them to this Christmas Event and Lion President Bob will take them to SELA.

Please RSVP via EMAIL Lion Rosa Masterson / grmasterson7@gmail.com

Or contact;

Lion Sharron Montes De Oca (562) 237-0711
Lion Carol Copley (626) 825-4185

Spouses and Guests Invited!

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at this special evening.

RSVP TODAY



A Cut Above the Rest!

CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS

SOLA is honored to announce that our membership continues to grow with SIX new members: **Gracie Oyoque** (sponsored by Hilda Ortega), **Jeffrey Graner** (sponsored by Tavy Guzman and Ron Copley), **Scott Barron** (sponsored by Henry Lozano and Carol Copley), **Gabriel Sanchez** (sponsored by Rosa Masterson), **Maurice Byrne** (sponsored by Marvin Byrne) and **Ed Covarrubias** (sponsored by Gracie Oyoque).

Furthermore, we would like to announce our recent Transferees and Associate Members:

David Manuel, Henry Lozano, Tavy Guzman, Steve Nichols, and Wayne Martin.

With your continued support and dedication, our SOLA Lions Club will continue to grow and provide the Special Olympians with new equipment, Uniforms and Organized Tournaments.

- Lion Marvin Byrne, 2nd V.P & Membership Chair

DG Khan Kayum installed 3 new members on Nov. 17.



A BIG SOLA THANK-YOU GOES TO CUSTOM COMFORT MATTRESS!

Custom Comfort Mattress, in Mission Viejo, generously donated a raffle prize worth \$1000, to our SOLA Afternoon fundraiser. Included in the prize was a \$500 gift card, pillows and bedding. Due to the value of the donation, Lion Tavy recommended that we have a special raffle event.

Our members diligently sold and bought tickets. At our Dec. 1st meeting, all ticket stubs were turned in and the winning ticket was drawn. The winner of the \$1000 prize was..... **SANDRA HAHN**, a SOLA club member!!

Congratulations to Sandra!! May she have visions of sugarplums while sleeping on her new mattress.



A standing ovation of THANKS! goes to **Custom Comfort Mattress** for their incredible generous donation. 100% of the money raised will go to our Special Olympic Athletes. Thank you also to our club members who sold tickets and so generously bought them. With the addition of the proceeds from this event, it will bring the total profit for our fall fundraiser, "A SOLA Afternoon" to over **\$4000!!!**



THANK YOU CUSTOM COMFORT MATTRESS!!!



- Lion Elaine Roberts



Please Consider Attending

DISTRICT 4-L2 INVITATION

Every year our Lions International President travels to Southern California to ride on our Lions Float in the Rose Parade on January 1st. There will be a reception for him and the first lady on December 29th at 5:00 PM. This reception is free and is an opportunity to meet him. The last two years SOLA has hosted a luncheon for the International President but not this year. Please see the District 4-L2 flyer below with all the information about the reception. - *Lion Ron Copley*



You're Invited!
to a Reception Honoring
Lions International President

Sid Scruggs & 1st Lady Judy

When: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 - 5 - 7:30 p. m.

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 888 Montebello Boulevard
Rosemead, California

Drinks & hors d'ouvres will be served at no charge, BUT we must know how many will attend, so PLEASE RSVP by December 23 to kpow@charter.net or 562-433-7271.

There will be a raffle for Lions float merchandise, so bring a few bucks!

Hope to see you there!
PCC Roger Powell, President, Lions Float, Inc.
and the Lions Float, Inc. Board of Directors

FYI: Planning to have dinner after the event? There's a Charlie Brown's nearby as well as a number of restaurants in the mall cross the way (walking distance).



Lions International President
Sid Scruggs III



December & January Birthdays

12/21: Henry Lozano 12/24: Cristina Guzman 1/8: Bill Walters
1/9: Dan Skewes 1/11: Drew Sones 1/13: Barbara Lesa

SOLA Pictorial Directory in the Works

We plan to have our new pictorial directory ready for distribution in January. In order to defray the cost of printing, we are offering the opportunity for members to place ads in it at a donation of \$50 each. Just submit whatever you wish to ad to say and/or a business card to Lion Wayne by January 5, and he will do the rest. Thank you. Email: waynestrains@gmail.com.



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This Wednesday, November 17!



Lions District 4-L2 Governor Khan Kayum Visits SOLA

President's Message

Congratulations to fundraising chair Lion Tavi and his committee for a great 2nd Annual SOLA Afternoon last month. What a "can do" Club we are! I will never forget standing in the rain with Lions Elaine and Steve and looking at our planned venue, looking at the weather, looking at each other and saying, "We're going to make this happen!" In the matter of a little less than an hour we moved an outdoor event indoors, got everything ship shape, and then did what we Lions do best: partied! It looks like we made well over \$3,000 on the event.



Every Lion knows how to read a calendar but let me add a bit of presidential encouragement to two upcoming events. This week Lion District Governor Kahn will make his official visitation to our Club, and will install our three newest members. We want and need excellent attendance that evening.

Finally, we have set the date for our annual Holiday Food Basket distribution to deserving Special Olympics athletes and their families. Mark your calendar: Thursday, December 2nd, the night after our regular Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Whittier Senior Center. We are going to distribute 40 baskets—double last year's total—and we'll need everyone's help.

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A SOLA Afternoon

The rain didn't dampen the festivity of our 2nd Annual "A SOLA Afternoon" event where we honored eight past 4-L2 District Governors and celebrated our Special Olympics work of the past year. MC'd with a great script by Lion Tavy Guzman, beautiful music by guitarist Michael Edon, a delicious Mexican feast, words of thanks and encouragement by Special Olympic's CEO Bill Shumard, the raffle of many beautiful gift baskets by Robin Guzman and Ruri Pierre, greetings by President Bob Warnock, Dr. Elisa Roche, and the Dirty Dawgs coaches Jeff and Scott, the event raised nearly \$4,000 for our year's Special Olympics endeavors. A special thanks to Lions Elaine Roberts and Tavy Guzman for co-chairing this great event!



Raffle Tickets
5 Tickets - \$ 5.00
12 Tickets - \$10.00
30 Tickets - \$ 20.00
*Pay by cash only, cash only at the time of purchase.
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COMING EVENTS

- December 2** Preparing and giving Gift Food Baskets to needy Special Olympics athletes families. 7:00 pm
Whittier Senior Center Dining Room
- February or March** Crab Feed fundraiser
- March 20** Hosting our first Aquatics Meet—Palm Park
- April 30** Hosting our first Basketball Tournament
- June 11 & 12** Summer Special Olympic (Charter) Games in Long Beach. With the Lions Eyemobile, SOLA will be administering Hearing Tests at the Games.



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SOLA Pictorial Directory in the Works

Most all members in attendance at our recent meetings have had their pictures taken for our first Club Directory to be published in December. This will be a members-only publication and a chance to help learn everyone's name. ALL members are encouraged to send a photograph of oneself if Lion Wayne hasn't already "captured your smile." Please email photographs to waynestrains@gmail.com this month. Thank you.

Visitors Steal President's Gavel

Present at SOLA's last Business Meeting on November 3rd were three members of the East Whittier Lions Club: President Sam Defeo, Bertie Reed, and Bob Ehlers. We enjoyed their visit until reading this week in their *Growler* newsletter a description of their visit where they "lifted" SOLA's President's gavel. Now we must visit them to get it back.





A Cut Above the Rest!



We are excited to announce our new fundraising program:

“The Power of the Patch”

We are asking Lions Clubs from Districts L1, L2, and L3 to support our Club’s mission by purchasing our patch to display on their Club banner.

The program works like this:

The first, initial year (for \$250), they will receive the SOLA logo patch. Each year afterwards, (for \$150), they will receive a numbered year chevron, indicating their continued support.

A big thank you goes to the Montebello Lions Club for being the first Club to support this program.

100% of the funds received will go directly to our Special Olympic Athletes! Think of what our Club can accomplish with just 1 patch!

Now, imagine 10 patches 50 patches And more!

Equipment, uniforms, tournaments in softball, swimming, basketball, bowling and more. Can we make this a reality? Yes!! with

“The Power of the Patch!”



SOLA MEMBERS PARTICPATE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Five members of the SOLA Lions Club participated in “The Sixth Annual Harvest Golf Tournament” to raise money for the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Region of Special Olympics of Southern California. The tournament was held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas. The entry fee included golf, cart, golfer goody bag, lunch, dinner, and a live auction. It was a great event. Our SOLA foursome of golfers were Bob Warnock, Marvin Byrne, Tavy Guzman and Bill Walters. Ron Copley also played and was in the Dodger foursome.

Tavy Guzman won closest to the pin with a shot that ended up only 21 inches from the cup. A terrific shot. Ron Copley’s foursome placed first in the tournament due to the skill of the Dodger players. Next year we hope we will have more SOLA Lions play in this wonderful event that benefits the SO Athletes.

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This Sunday!

A SOLA Afternoon

*"Come Learn About Lions Getting Involved
in Special Olympics!"*

Sunday, October 17th, 2010

Event Time: 1 pm — 5:30 pm

Food Served: 1:30 pm—3 pm

\$34.00 Donation (Includes Food, Drinks & Raffle Ticket)

Oralingua School 7056 S. Washington Ave., Whittier

President's Message

First of all a hearty "thank you" and "congratulations" to all the members of our SOLA Lions Club who worked hard to put on our second annual Southeast Los Angeles Special Olympics Softball Tournament in September. What an absolutely marvelous event! I was never more proud to be a Lion than on that day. Seeing the faces of the athletes as they rounded the bases and as they received their awards was worth every dime spent and every drop of sweat, well, dropped.



This weekend is our second annual SOLA Afternoon, and proceeds from this event will help assure that we can not only continue our fine softball tournament but also expand into other Special Olympics sports as well. I urge you to take one more look through your Rolodex (does anyone have one of those anymore?) and invite another couple or two to attend.

Finally, come to our October 20th meeting and bring a friend. Who would not want to share in what we have? The only way to make absolutely certain that friend or business associate of yours does not join our Club is to not ask him or her to come to a meeting. I don't plan on ever being District Governor but if I was, my theme would be "Share Lions." It's a great gift.

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* JOIN OUR CONTEST TO GIVE A NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!

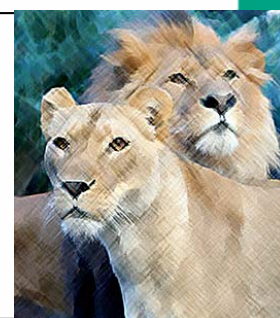
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October 20





Our 2nd Annual Softball Tournament

.....A Homerun Hit!



SELA SPECIAL OLYMPICS
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by




SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2010



Take me out to the ball game!!! The SOLA Lions Club hosted the 2nd Annual Southeast Los Angeles Special Olympics Softball Tournament, Saturday, September 18, 2010, at York Field, in Whittier. The Dirty Dawgs, our Whittier team, invited three teams - two from Lakewood and a Pomona Valley team - to compete. Approximately 50 athletes were involved. Games began with SOLA Lion President Bob Warnock and Lion Drew Sones doing the play by play announcing. In addition to 15 SOLA Lion volunteers, the Leos from Bellflower and the MLB from California High School came to help and cheer on the players. After a morning of hard play the athletes, coaches and volunteers were treated to a delicious and filling lunch prepared by Lion Sandra Hahn and her staff of volunteers. After the games, an awards ceremony was conducted,



where each participant received a medal or ribbon, a picture of their team (taken by Lion Ron Copley) and a beautiful silk screened bag (by Lion Elaine and Lion Tavy). **Submitted by Lion Ruri, Special Olympics Liaison**



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Introducing Our Cabinet



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