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Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics
Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier
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Southern California



Merry
Christmas
& Happy
New Year

President's Message

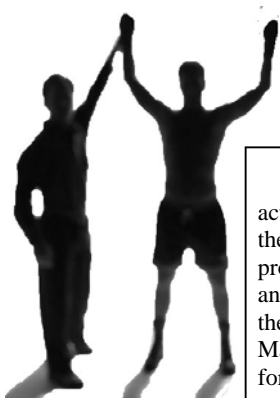
Looking through the photos of ALL the events SOLA has participated brings the true meaning of Christmas. We, SOLA Lions Club of Whittier, have come together for a purpose. The purpose of giving unconditionally – Joy, Happiness, Laughter, and most of all LOVE to many Special Olympic Athletes and their families. We have grown to be a family within many families, our SOLA Members Christmas Party was evident of that. A special appreciation goes out to all of you for what you do to bring ALL events together.

When spending time with your immediate family, friends and neighbors this holiday season remember to cherish the moment and give them the best gift of all – a simple smile and a hug. Our prayers and thoughts are with those families who have lost a loved one throughout the year and most recent the families in Newton, Connecticut.

As the year comes to an end and the beginning of a new year approaches, it is time to reflect on our past accomplishments, be grateful for what we have, be inspired and inspire others, and look forward to our new aspirations. With this I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Lion Elena and I are grateful for being a part of your family.



Respectfully,
Lion President Marvin Byrne



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January 2, 2013





December 1, 2012
Simm's Park, Bellflower

SELA Special Olympics Christmas Party



On Saturday, December 1st, 15 SOLA Lions participated as volunteers at this year's Southeast L.A. Special Olympics Christmas Party, which we sponsored again this year. Three hundred or so athletes and family members attended. The pot luck dinner was a big success and Mr. and Mrs. Santa were the highlight of the evening. A great time was had by all. We are grateful to SELA, and in particular Eloise Crawford and Don Howard, for giving SOLA the opportunity to support and enhance this long standing event. We will be back next year!

- Lion Bob Warnock



December 8, 2012
Uptown Whittier

Whittier Christmas Parade 2012



SOLA members and Special Olympics athletes participated on a slightly cool, but pleasant day along with 130+ entries in this happy event. We proudly carried our banner along Comstock, Greenleaf and Philadelphia Avenue and received applause, cheers and – what a wonderful surprise – hugs from some of very special friends. The plethora of colors from the participants, music from the marching bands, waves, good wishes and applause from the spectators was an experience I won't forget. My first ever parade as a participant! What a joyful morning and what a good way to tell people about our SOLA athletes & events.

- Lion Ursula Bell

District 4-L2 December Events to Attend

12/29 6:00—8:00 PM

- * Reception Honoring Lions International President Wayne A. Madden
Ontario Hilton Hotel

12:31 8—11:30 AM

- * Rose Parade Buffet Breakfast and VIP Float Tours
Hosted by Pasadena Lions Club

* Check District Website for details: www.lions4L2.org



December 7-9, 2012
Irvine, California

2012 Fall Games



Healthy Athletes Program

The 2012 Special Olympics Fall Games were a big success. Our Club participated in the Healthy Athlete Program by partnering with Chapman College to give hearing tests and evaluations to the Athletes. For the first time the program was offered at three different locations over the three days. On Friday evening Healthy Hearing testing was at the Athletes Hotel at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine, on Saturday testing was at the RINKS (location of Floor Hockey) in Irvine and on Sunday testing was at the Fountain Valley Sports Park (location of Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball). Lion Steve Nichols did an outstanding job of driving the Lions Health Screenings Unit Van and moving it to all the locations at the appropriate time over the three days. Lions working at the Fall Games were Lions Steve Nichols, Ruri Pierre, Wayne Martin, Hilda & Sergio Ortega, Ron Copley, and Rosa & Jerry Masterson. Hearing testing and evaluations were given to 78 athletes on Friday, 26 athletes on Saturday and 72 athletes on Sunday for a total of 176 athletes tested. All the Athletes and Coaches were grateful for the program and our participation. Well done SOLA Lions.

- Lion Ron Copley

SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party



Thank you Elena and Marvin Byrne for a wonderful Christmas Party in your beautiful home. What a fun time everyone enjoyed. And the delicious full course meal was catered by friends of Rosa and Jerry Masterson. Merry Christmas everyone!



In Memoriam - PIP Kay Fukushima



His motto:
“ONE HEART, ONE WORLD”

SOLA members were saddened to hear of the passing of Past Lions International President Kay K. Fukushima, a personal friend to several of our club members. His memorial service was held Friday afternoon, December 14, at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento.

President Fukushima “traveled to 78 countries and met with many leaders, including Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Pope John Paul II, Prince Charles of Great Britain and Prince Rainier of Monaco. Under his leadership, the Lions reorganized clubs in China that had been disbanded during the communist revolution and started their first club in Vatican City. He also visited and supported organizational improvements in African countries. During his year as president, "my husband was only home 24 days," said his wife, Denise. "He had speaking engagements all over the world. He was very good at inspiring people to get involved."
- Robert Davila, Sacramento Bee

Lion Kay will truly be missed. He showed great interest in each person he met and encouraged many of us to “give our all” in serving our community and the world.



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 1/8: Bill Walters 1/9: Dan Skewes 1/11: Drew Sones 1/13: Barbara Lesa

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SOLA Lions Club Again Sponsors SELA Special Olympics Christmas Party

Saturday, December 1

5:00 to 9:00 PM

Simm's Park - Bellflower

President's Message

Thanksgiving Wishes - Gratitude & Thankfulness, Sharing & Warmth

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I wish you all a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. May you all be surrounded by your loved ones and people you care for. May you enjoy the wonderful smells and tastes of a time where we give thanks for what we do have. May you be warm in your hearts, with happy times to save for your memories. Relax. Enjoy. Give thanks.

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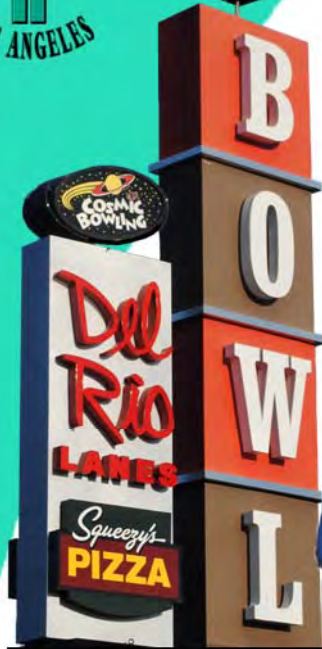


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November 21, 2012





SOLA's 2nd Annual Bowling Tournament October 20—Del Rio Lanes—Downey



Pictures taken by Alberto Montes de Oca



Important Dates

Monday, November 19 - 5:00-9:00 pm – Lion Larry Dicus Fundraiser at Steve's Barbeque – 7007 Greenleaf Ave, Whittier, CA 90601—Only \$15.00/plate

Wednesday, November 21 - 5:30 pm – Early SOLA Meeting, No Dinner to be served. Please bring Xmas Decorations, Wrapped Gifts marked Male/Female/Neutral – Lion Bob will pick them up

Saturday, December 1 - 3:00-10:00 pm – SOLA decorates and sets up, sponsors, and cleans up the Simm's Park meeting room for the SELA Christmas Celebration for 300 Special Olympics athletes and their families.

Friday—Sunday, December 7-9 – S.O. Regional Fall Games

Saturday, December 8— Whittier Christmas Parade, Please contact Lions Bob Warnock and Susie Ausdal and let them know you'll be participating.

Wednesday, December 12— 6:00-10:00pm – SOLA's Annual Christmas Party to be held at Lions Marvin and Elena's home – 8615 Seranata Drive, Whittier, CA 90603 (More information to follow)



Your editor, Lion Wayne, is looking forward to another wonderful SOLA Christmas Party at the lovely home of Marvin and Elena Byrne!



SOLA Lions are Needed to be Healthy Athlete Ambassadors

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Fall Games Fact Sheet

December 8 – 9 | Fountain Valley & Irvine

ABOUT THE GAMES

- Free and open to the public
- Six Competitions: Bowling, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball
- 1,100+ athletes travel from all over Southern California to participate in this competition
- Fall Games is the second of two Southern California championships held every year
- 2,000+ coaches, spectators, sponsors, and volunteers

COMPETITIONS

- **Bowling:** December 8 from 12 – 4 p.m.; December 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Fountain Bowl, 17110 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley)
- **Floor Hockey:** December 8 from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; December 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (The RINKS-Irvine Inline, 3150 Barranca Parkway, Irvine)
- **Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball:** December 8 from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; December 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Sports Park, 16400 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley)

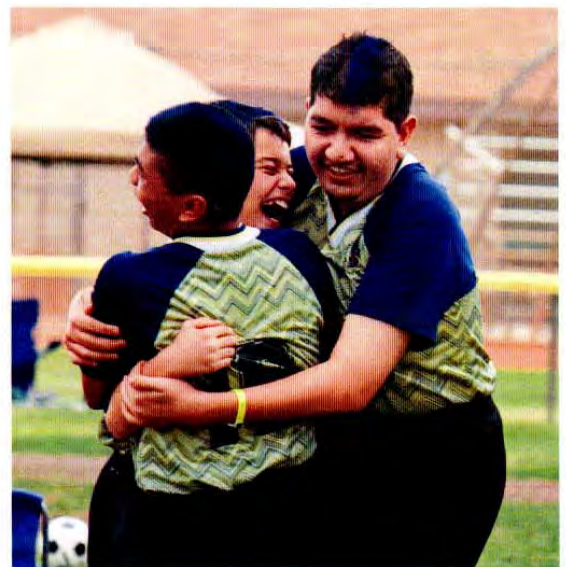
Awards ceremonies will follow the competitions. Bowling and tennis awards will be presented on Saturday and Sunday. Floor hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball will be presented on Sunday.

FEATURED EXHIBITS

- Healthy Athletes - Volunteer healthcare professionals and students will provide free health screenings for the athletes (at select venues)
- Boutique - This is where you can shop for your Fall Games souvenirs and Special Olympics merchandise
- Fun Zones - Sponsor activities at each sports venue

ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Special Olympics Southern California offers year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. More than 11,600 athletes in 11 Southern California counties train and compete in 12 Olympic-type summer and fall sports. There is no cost for athletes to participate in Special Olympics. To see how you can become involved, visit www.sosc.org.



Updated on November 5, 2012

See following page for details of SOLA's involvement in Fall Games



Here's information from Laura Seckel about Fall Games

SOSC's **Healthy Athletes program** is participating at our upcoming Fall Games the weekend of December 7-9, at two different locations in Irvine and one in Fountain Valley. **Lions credentials** (name badges) are required to be worn and visible at all times while volunteering. **Santa hats** are welcome, but not required! **Dinner will be provided** Friday and **lunch** on Saturday and Sunday. Leos are welcome if over the age of 14. Attached [to this email] are the forms the Leos need to complete and have signed by their parents (if not already a Class A Volunteer with SOSC).

We could please use SOLA Lions Healthy Athletes Ambassadors as follows:

• **Friday, December 7, Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, California**

17941 Von Karman Avenue Irvine, CA ,

Screenings will start when the first athlete bus arrives, which we estimate to be 3:00 p.m. Screenings are scheduled to conclude at 9:00 p.m.

We could use 6 volunteers from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. to welcome athletes to the hotel and escort them through the screenings and out to the SOLA Lions Club van. The parking lot where the van will be parked is well lit and rumor has it the van will be VERY noticeable. It would be nice if volunteers could also bring flashlights with them just in case. This is a rain or shine event so please dress accordingly.

• **Saturday, December 8, Irvine Inline**

The RINKS - Irvine Inline 3150 Barranca Parkway, Irvine

Screenings are scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

We could use 6 volunteers during this time to serve as athlete escorts and venue manager assistants as needed. If some could stay to help pack up the equipment that would be great.

Please be advised that this venue is a pavilion - it has a roof but not walls, dress accordingly. It can get a bit windy in there so please dress accordingly.

• **Sunday, December 9, Fountain Valley Recreation Center**

Fountain Valley Sports Park 16400 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley

Screenings are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

We could use 6 volunteers during this time to serve as athlete escorts and venue manager assistants as needed. This is an indoor venue.

Other information:

• **We need a SOLA Lions Club member to be the group leader to handle sign-ups.**

• I need a list of volunteer names by date and shift by Monday, December 3.

If you want to break the shifts up into 1/2 day shifts that will work.

• Detailed information about the entire Fall Games event may be found at: www.sosc.org/fallgames. Directions and other pertinent information is listed there.

• If you have any questions please direct them to Laura Seckel at lseckel@sosc.org or [310.400.3117](tel:310.400.3117).

• **Thank you so much for taking time out of the busy holiday season to participate in this life changing program. I look forward to serving alongside you all.**





Check Out SOLA's Facebook Page



<http://www.facebook.com/SolaLionsClubOfWhittier#!/SolaLionsClubOfWhittier>

It's only a start! Members need to make it grow!



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SOLA's Busy Fall Schedule



Saturday
Oct 20

2nd Annual Bowling Tournament
Del Rio Lanes—Downey



Saturday
Dec. 1

SELA Annual Christmas Party
5:00-9:00 pm—Simm's Park—Bellflower



Sat-Sun
Dec. 8-9

So. Calif. Special Olympics Regional Fall Games
Fountain Valley - SOLA mans Health Screen Mobile Unit



Wednesday
Dec. 12

SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party & Gift Exchange
Oralingua School

President's Message

We're now in the middle of October and the weather is finally cooling. The month of October has been very busy for SOLA Lions with multiple events; as always, SOLA Members step up to the mission and take care of business.

IPP Lion Sharon, with her committee, did an exceptional job with our Rafer Johnson event. The food was plentiful and the decorations were outstanding. The boys of MLB of Cal High did a remarkable job in setting up, serving and breaking down the event; they're truly awesome. Mr. Rafer Johnson spoke of his youth growing up with words of inspiration from his coaches and his triumphant victory of earning his Gold Medal for the "Decathlon (de-cath-lon)" in 1960.



Our visit from District Governor Sally Torres and her cabinet was a pleasure. DG Sally Torres honored Lion Carol Copley for "Women in Lionism" and Lion Ron Copley for "Years of Leadership." A huge congratulations to them from everyone of SOLA Lions; you truly have earned your recognitions. DG Sally Torres also installed a new member, Robert Ornelas, to the SOLA Lions Club. Lion Robert has participated at SOLA's events and shows much enthusiasm in the support of the Special Olympic Athletes. Welcome and thank you Lion Robert.

An appreciation to Lion David Williamson of Whittier Host and District Chair of the LCI Foundation, speaking on Measles Awareness and fundraising. The presentation was insightful as the Lions across the world fight to eliminate the disease. The Foundation thus far has raised 8 million dollars and has a goal of 10 million by the end of November. Through the help of Lion David and LCIF I'm sure their goal will be accomplished. Great work Lion David! By the way, we accept Associate Memberships.

This past weekend we supported Special Olympics Los Angeles National Fundraiser "Tip a Cop" at the Whittwood Red Robin Restaurant; it was a huge success. Lion Ruri Pierre put a lot of energy and enthusiasm in organizing the event with the Whittier Police Department, her Staff, SOLA and Special Olympics; Eloise Crawford. Lion Ruri, you did a fabulous job and the tips proved it.

SOLA's bowling tournament is scheduled for October 20, 2012. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

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An Afternoon With
Olympic Gold Medalist

Rafer Johnson

October 6, 2012





A Grand Evening to Remember

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Rafer Johnson, Olympic Gold Medalist and founder of Special Olympics Southern California, spoke at the SOLA Lions Club's fundraiser Saturday evening, October 6, held in the playground of Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired in Whittier. Three key points of his very inspirational talk were: "Be the best you can be!" "If you fall down seven times, you have to get up eight!" and, "The way you become the best you can be is to have somebody help you."

What a grand evening with friends. Our thanks to PP Lion Sharon Montes De Oca, Chair, and her committee—Lions Alberto Montes De Oca, Barbara Lesa, Wayne Martin, Steve Nichols, Ruri Pierre, Linnea Pueschel, Hilda and Sergio Ortega, Susan and Drew Sones —and the special help of Cal High School's Men's League Board for a very successful and memorable event.





District 4-L2 Officers visited the SOLA Lions Club on October 3, 2012

Left-Right: Central Region Chair Bob Warnock, District Governor Sally Torres, 1st VDG Kenny Shu, 2nd VDG Alberto Montes De Oca, LCIF Coordinator David Williamson, Cabinet Treasurer Dan Skewes



New Member Induction

DG Sally Torres inducts Robert Ornelas into the membership of SOLA Lions Club with Lion Robert's sponsor, Pres. Marvin assisting



Ron and Carol Copley Honored

DG Sally Torres presented a "Women in Lionism" pin to Carol and a special "We Serve" pin to Ron for years of leadership.



What to Know About LCIF

An excellent presentation by Lion Dave Williamson including this years' international emphasis on measles eradication.

A Great "End of Summer Party" at Lion Chief Garry Couso-Vasquez's home with special entertainment by the Flashback Cowboys and delicious food organized by Lion Rosa Masterson was held on September 23rd. Thanks Lion Chief Garry and Lion Rosa!





Sign Up at Club for Your Participation in Saturday's Bowling Tournament



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SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES

AREA 
BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Saturday, October 20, 2012

Special Olympics Southern California athletes will compete in individual bowling at the **2012 Southeast Los Angeles Bowling Tournament**

LOCATION:

Del Rio Lanes
7502 Florence Ave., Downey, CA

CHECK-IN:

10:00am

OPENING CEREMONY:

10:45am

TOURNAMENT PLAY:

11:00am - 1:00pm

LUNCH:

Will be served

** Approximate schedule; Subject to change*

CONTACT: Ruri Pierre | rpierre@cityofwhittier.org | 562.567.9470

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This tournament is made possible by a partnership between Special Olympics Southern California Southeast Los Angeles (SELA), and SOLA Lions Club



"Tip-A-Cop" at Red Robin Restaurant



Red Robin—yum! The annual Southern California Special Olympics Tip A Cop fundraiser was held at the Red Robin, Saturday, October 13, at the Whittier Mall. Whittier Police Officers and Police volunteers, Special Olympics athletes and City of Whittier staff coaches, and SOLA Lions Club members, spent the day traveling from table to table talking to guests at the restaurant about Special Olympics. Athletes briefly shared their involvement in Special Olympics and showed off their medals, while police officers and volunteers shared information on the Southern California Special Olympics. The event was a tremendous success, raising \$2500, all from tips from the guests at the restaurant!!!



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2nd District 4-L2 Meeting is on October 27th. Artesia Community Center 18722 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia. 8:30 AM Sign In & Continental Breakfast, 9:00 AM Call to Order. Program "Personality Colors" presented by Carole Linn. Cost \$15.00 (No discount) \$5.00 will go to the LCIF-Measles Initiative as a District Donation. You still need to rsvp by 10-25-12 rsvp and mail checks payable to District 4L2 to CS Nancy McAfee 5156 E. Ebell St. Long Beach, Ca 90808. You can rsvp by email to cs4l2@msn.com and pay at door. (from District website)



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In Spite of the Heat, Saturday's Softball Meet was a Great Success!

Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympics on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – 3p.m. & 4p.m. – 8p.m., at the Red Robin, Whittwood Mall. Local Law Enforcement Officers will trade their handcuffs for aprons to spend the day at the Red Robin Restaurant serving customers. 100% of the "tips" donated to the officers and athletes will benefit the Special Olympics athletes in the Whittier Area.



President's Message

WOW, WOW, WOW. Did someone say, "Got Sun Tan Lotion" and "Got Water" at 106 degrees at York Field in Whittier for our 4th Annual Special Olympic Softball Tournament? The athletes, volunteers, SOLA Members, LEO's and Mens League Board of Cal High SURVIVED!

A huge congratulations to the Gold Medalist: Lakewood 51's and Torrance Dodgers and to the Silver Medalist: Whittier's Dirty Dawgs and Greater Los Angeles Warriors. Although, the heat being unbearable, all four teams played their hearts out with one group playing a tie breaker with three extra innings. Both fields were electrified by the spectators; family members, friends, volunteers and SOLA members with loud cheers from the stands.

A special appreciation to our Parent and Friend Volunteers, The Mens League Board of Cal High and The LEO's of Bell Gardens High School. They did an amazing job of helping our teams check in, setting up, running back and forth to keep everyone hydrated and breaking down the event. Their spirit is priceless.

Lion Bob Warnock (AKA Vince Scully) and Lion Robert Ornelas did a good job at announcing both games. Lion Bob, you may have a job with the LA Dodgers.

SOLA Members you did it again... no matter what the weather was like, no matter what the challenges were; We always come together and have a remarkable event. The proof is "The smiles on the Athletes Faces."

The quote for the month: "People doubt their beliefs, but believe their doubts. Believe in yourself, and the world will believe in you." Sharon L. Lechter and Greg S. Reid's book entitled "Three Feet from Gold":



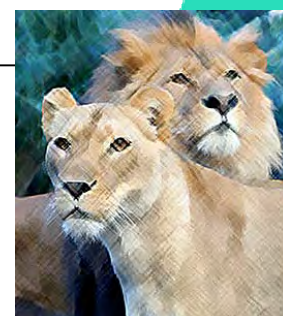
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4th Annual SOLA Softball Tournament - Sept. 15 - York Field



Greater Los Angeles Warriors



South Bay Torrance Dodgers



Cal High Mens League Board



SELA Lakewood 51's



Bell Gardens High Leos Club



SELA Whittier Dirty Dawgs

Despite the heat our 4th Annual Softball Tournament went well on Saturday, September 15. Cal High's Mens League Board and Bell Gardens High's Leos were so good about hydrating everyone. Thanks to Lion Bob, spirits were kept high with great baseball songs played over the P.A. system. Despite the sizzling heat, the athletes and coaches had fun.

We thank the City of Whittier for allowing us to use York Field each year for this Special Olympics event.



SOLA Lions Club and Friends

IT'S A SOLA POTLUCK PARTY AT THE HOME OF CHIEF GARRY



Sunday **SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**
Time **1:00—7:00 pm**
Address **15838 West Rd., Whittier, 90603**
RSVP **Lion Rosa Masterson 714-883-1913**

The Flashback Cowboys will play! Bring the family! Bring your swimming suits and casual attire. Let's make this a real end of the summer party! Call Rosa and indicate what you'd like to bring:

Main Dish • Appetizers • Macaroni, Potato, or Fruit Salad •
Chips and Dips • Relish • Dessert

Chief Garry, the SOLA Lions again thank you for offering your home. It's a beautiful place to enjoy the end of the summer together!



Come and Meet Celebrity Olympic Gold Medalist **Rafer Johnson**



Special Olympics
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at Whittier's SOLA Lions Club
Special Event

When:
Saturday

October 6, 2012

4 to 8 pm

Where:

**Oralingua School
for the Hearing Impaired**
7056 S. Washington Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602



Food:
International Cuisine

Tickets:
\$50.00 Adult
\$25.00 18 and under
Available at the Door

RSVP:
714-394-4776
562-698-0434

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SOLA Events For Fall



SAVE THESE DATES



Saturday Sept 23 **SOLA Potluck Party at Lion Chief Garry's Home**



Wednesday Oct. 3 **Special Guests at SOLA Lions Club Meeting**
DG Sally Torres, Lion Dave Williamson from LCIF—Measles



Saturday Oct 6 **Rafer Johnson—Guest Speaker at SOLA Fundraiser Event—Oralingua School Playground**



Saturday Oct. 13 **Tip-A-Cop - Red Robin Restaurant**
Whittwood Mall 11 am—3 pm and 4 pm—8 pm



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Thursday Nov. 29 **Family Holiday Party for Our Whittier Area Special Olympic Athletes**
Whittier Senior Center



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Oralingua School



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President's Message

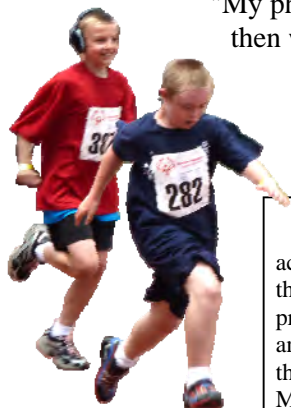
We're off to a great start with a busy calendar ahead of us. We have our first event, Softball Tournament, on September 15, 2012 at York Field. Lion Ruri will give out the details and take sign ups at our next meeting.

A colossal congratulations to Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre for receiving an award from the Mayor of the City of Whittier. Mayor Owen Newcomer, a guest at our installation dinner, was impressed with Ruri's commitment to the community of Special Olympic Athletes. Ruri, your dedication and leadership is very much appreciated by all of us.

A couple of weeks ago, a number of SOLA's members had the pleasure of judging Oralingua School's very own Student Olympics. I, with my daughter Julia and Lion Rosa Masterson judged the Ribbon Dancing event (my major in college was Ribbon Dancing, just kidding). The kids as young as they were definitely have the ability to become our next USA medalists in the future Olympic Games. We, at SOLA, would like to thank the Staff and Parents of Oralingua for allowing us to be a part of your family.

A great quote for today's time particularly during the World Olympics.

"My philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make of our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose -- somehow we win out." - Ronald Reagan



Respectfully,
Lion President Marvin Byrne

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SOLA Events For Fall



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Saturday
Sept 15

4th Annual Softball Tournament - York Field



Saturday
Oct 6

Rafer Johnson—Guest Speaker at SOLA
Fundraiser Event Oralingua School



Saturday
Oct. 13

Tip-A-Cop - Red Robin Restaurant
Whittwood Mall 10 am—8 pm



Saturday
Oct 20

2nd Annual Bowling Tournament
Del Rio Lanes—Downey



Thursday
Nov. 29

Family Holiday Party for Our Whittier
Area Special Olympic Athletes
Whittier Senior Center



Saturday
Dec. 1

SELA Annual Christmas Party
Simm's Park—Bellflower



Sat-Sun
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SOLA Welcomes a New Member

Lion Robert Ornelas

Sponsor: Lion Marvin Byrne





SOLA Lions Judge Oralingua School's Summer Olympic Games





A SOLA Lions Club Special Event!

Rafer Johnson

An Olympic Gold Medalist and Founder
of California Special Olympics in 1969

Speaks at SOLA Lions Fundraiser on Oct. 6



American athlete Rafer Johnson completed his first decathlon in 1954 as a sophomore at the University of California Los Angeles but made his mark in athletics when he won a gold medal in the decathlon in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. He has appeared in several films, including the James Bond film **License to Kill** as a DEA agent.

Rafer Johnson has graciously confirmed his commitment to speak at the SOLA Lions Club event on October 6. Details are yet to be finalized, but please

SAVE THE DATE!

October 6, 2012

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Lion Sharon Montes De Oca Receives Melvin Jones Fellow Award at SOLA Lions Club's Installation Banquet June 27th, 2012 *Congratulations Sharon!*



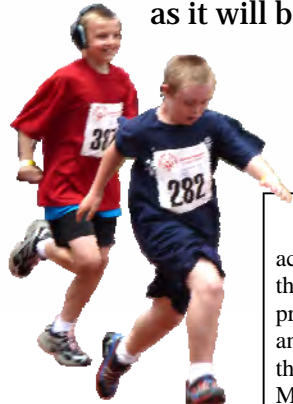
My First President's Message of the Year,

It is with honor as I take the responsibility as your new President by pledging to hold this position with the upmost admiration and dignity.

I would like to thank everyone for making SOLA's Installation Night a great success and a lot of fun. The room, food, decorations, music (Ernie Hernandez) and view of the Friendly Hills Golf Course was incredible. We had five Special Olympics athletes join us for dinner and to our surprise two athletes, Jeffrey and Anthony Morris, wrote speeches on how they came involved in Special Olympics, what Special Olympics means to them and how their lives have changed since being a part of the Special Olympics organization. It really put it into perspective of why I'm a part of this superb club. A huge congratulations to our Immediate Past President Lion Sharon Montes De Oca for receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award as well as acknowledgments from the offices of our dignitaries: Mayor Owen Newcomer, Linda T. Sanchez, Don Knabe, Ron Calderon, and Tony Mendoza.

With everyone's help, as one team, SOLA Lions will continue to grow in the success of its members and service to the athletes.

Thank you in advance for all you will do and I hope that you look forward to the next 12 months, as it will be an exciting year, with as much enthusiasm as I do.



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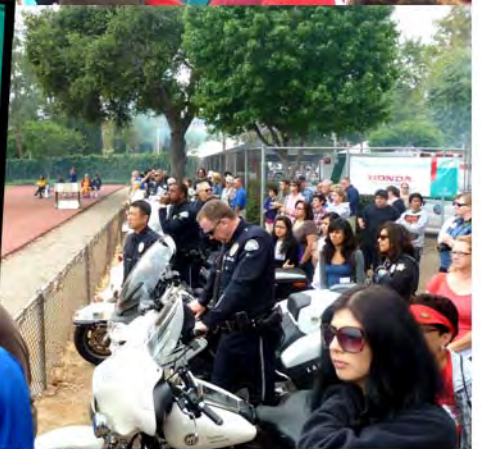
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUMMER GAMES 2012

SOLA Lions Serve as Healthy Athletes Ambassadors



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - LONG BEACH - JUNE 9-10, 2012



SOLA Lions Honored to Have Patrick McClenahan Speak



Patrick McClenahan is President and Chief Executive Officer of the **2015 Special Olympics World Games** and spoke at our June 20th meeting about the plans for the games and how our SOLA Lions Club might participate in the "Host City Program."

The World Games consists of 9 days, 24 different sports and athletes from 170 countries. Three days before the 9 days is called the "Host City Program." The Host City Program is where cities and communities throughout Southern California can host one or more delegations from visiting countries. This allows athletes to get acclimated to the time zone, to put on exhibitions and rallies, and where the Host City supports those delegations for the 9 days of competition.

Patrick gave a brief overview of the Special Olympics Summer World Games in Dublin, Ireland (2003), Shanghai, China (2007), and Athens, Greece (2011) and spoke of the bidding process for securing the 2015 Games in L.A. He recalled the standing ovation Tim Shriver received when he spoke in Ireland "about inclusion, about dignity revolution, about one day students without intellectual disabilities, are going to look across the field and know that student with disabilities because they've played together on the field of sports." Last summer in Athens, "an athlete from Greece and an athlete from the United States presented a resolution to the head of all of Education [in Greece] that they establish Special Education in Greece. All people with intellectual disabilities are relegated to other separate facilities and they don't have Special Education. A lot we take for granted here in the United States. A very emotional moment when they did that, and when the Prime Minister and the President pledged their support to change that."

". . . our real focus is on legacy and impact, how we reach the next generation with that message of inclusion and accepting people with differences, not just intellectual disabilities. Eunice Shriver believed it went beyond that. Once you did that you were more accepting of people of all differences. What a great opportunity to do that in Los Angeles."

The Special Olympics Summer World Games 2015 will feature 24 sports venues, 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches/chaperones from 170 countries, all athletes housed in the dorms at USC and UCLA; provide 350,000 healthy meals and transporting each athlete to their competition venue within 20 minutes travel time. The total budget: \$85,000,000 with no government or taxpayer monies. For more information, check out the website: www.losangeles2015.org.

Our SOLA Lions Club thanks Patrick McClenahan for his presentation and looks forward to helping in 2015.





4th Annual Installation of Officers - June 27, 2012



Ernie Hernandez provided great guitar music



Our Honored Guests: 5 Special Olympics Athletes and Families



New President Marvin Byrne's Extended Family Came to Wish Him Well





President Sharon presented Lions trophies to officers and members who served in key rolls this past year



Lion Ruri Pierre received Lion of the Year Award



Luis Gonzalez, *District Representative of Senator Ron Calderon's Office* presented Certificates of Appreciation to our Out-Going Board



2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Alberto Montes De Oca Installs New Board for 2012-13



Out-Going President Sharon presents a Gavel to New President Marvin Byrne



Pres. Sharon Montes De Oca was presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award

Local and State Civic Leaders Recognized President Sharon's Leadership and SOLA's Special Olympics Work This Past Year



Andrea Avila, *Office of Supervisor Don Knabe 4th District*

Owen Newcomer *Mayor City of Whittier*

Kara Medrano, *Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez*

Luis Gonzalez, *Office of Senator Ron Calderon*

Assemblyman Tony Mendoza



Delicious Food
Great Fellowship
Awesome Fireworks

**Thanks
 Copleys
 for a great
 4th of July
 Party!**



Save These Dates!

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"I can't fly, but swimming is the next best thing.... The water is my sky."

- Author unknown



Another Very Successful SOLA Sponsored Special Olympics Aquatics Meet

Pictures
Inside

My Last President's Message of the Year,

June is already here and my term as president is winding down. How fast the year has gone. The year for me has been an experience of a lifetime, something I will cherish forever. When I started my year, I did not know how rewarding the year would turn out to be. But because of you, SOLA members, it has become super rewarding. Marvin, I have three words of advice for you...don't sweat it! You have a great club behind you, and from where I am standing, it only looks like it will be bigger and better.

Since I had the opportunity to visit other Lions clubs, I came to realize how much SOLA Lions have accomplished in the three years of existence. As I visited other clubs that are 30, 40, 60, and 90 years old, I came to realize how much a club as young as ours can accomplish when its members work as hard as you have done. I have to tell you, I am very proud to have served SOLA as your third president. In our district (4-L2) and in other districts, we have built a reputation as a friendly, engaging, and fun club that gets things done! This is because of you, the members, who are so dedicated to this great cause, serving the Special Olympics athletes.

On May 16th, I represented SOLA at the *Wake-up Whittier*, Chamber of Commerce's "Salute to Service Organizations," where I invited Brandon Adachi, Manager, Programs & Volunteer Services of Special Olympics and Dustin Plunkett, Special Olympics Athlete and Global Messenger Ambassador for the Healthy Athletes Program. We were introduced last, so Dustin would have a few minutes to address the audience. Dustin shared his experiences as a Special Olympics athlete and how it has changed his life. By the time he finished the presentation, he was given a standing ovation with not a dry eye in the audience. What a homerun for SOLA to be introduced into the community this way. You just added another feather in your cap!

Thank you SOLA Lions for your faith and trust in me during my presidency. I look forward to another exciting year of service as your immediate past president.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion President Sharon Montes De Oca



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June 2, 2012 Palm Park Aquatics Center, Whittier

SELA SPECIAL OLYMPICS AQUATICS MEET



Special thanks to Lion Ruri Pierre for her leadership and to the City of Whittier for use of the pool.



District 4-L2

Convention



Congratulations to Lion Alberto Montes De Oca, 2nd VDG-Elect



Special Request for SOLA's Help at Summer Games



On June 9 & 10, the **Special Olympics Summer Games** are being held at **California State University in Long Beach**. Our Club has participated the last three years participating in the Hearing portion of the Healthy Athletes program. Our Club will again participate with the hearing booth in our Health Screenings Unit. We asked **Laura Seckel**, head of Volunteer Services for SOSC, if we could have an even larger role as volunteers during this event. **She was at our last meeting and asked us to work throughout the Healthy Athletes area assisting the athletes and walking them through the screenings. We will work both days with shifts in the morning or afternoon with four volunteers needed for each shift.** If you have not signed-up for a shift, please do so at our meeting on the 6th or contact Ruri Pierre with the shift you want to work. This is a great opportunity to work closely with the Athletes. Wear your SOLA shirt and name tag.



June 20th Speaker at SOLA - Don't Miss This Meeting!

“Patrick McClenahan is President and Chief Executive Officer of the **2015 Special Olympics World Games**. He accepted the position after serving as the Chairman of the LA Bid Committee that recently won the International Competition to bring the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games to Los Angeles. . . . As President and General Manager of the two CBS-owned television stations in Los Angeles, CBS2 and KCAL9, McClenahan led the largest local broadcast operation in the country..” - from website
Patrick McClenahan will be telling us about the plans for the games. What a special treat to be “on the know” so early in the planning. **Let’s have a great turn-out on June 20th!**

District 4-L2 Convention

Our Lions District 4-L2 Convention was held at the Doral Princess Resort in Cathedral City on May 10-12. Over 150 Lions from throughout our District representing 50 Lions Club attended the Convention. It was a time to renew old acquaintances and meet new Lions. Our Club was well represented by Regular Members: President Sharon Montes De Oca, Marvin Byrne, Carol Copley, Susan Sones and Bob Warnock and by Associate Members: Alberto Montes De Oca, Ron Copley, Drew Sones, Bill Walters, Dan Skewes, Frank Berumen, Carlos Gutierrez and Wayne Martin. Our own Associate Member Alberto Montes De Oca ran for 2nd Vice District Governor against another outstanding Lion Theresa “Tessy” Prumatico and Alberto was victorious. Alberto will make a great District Governor. The Convention had much to offer; it was very informative and it was a big success. See the enclosed pictures of the Convention.
- Lion Ron Copley

"Wake Up Whittier"



Brandon Adachi, Manager, Programs & Volunteer Services of Special Olympics, Dustin Plunkett, Special Olympics athlete and Global Messenger for Healthy Athletes Program, Lion President Sharon Montes De Oca



Natalie Saenz, Chamber Event & Member Services Coordinator, Lion Sharon Montes De Oca, Carol Crosby, Chamber Executive Director, Special Olympics Athlete Dustin Plunkett, Jessica Magdosku, Chamber Director of Membership.

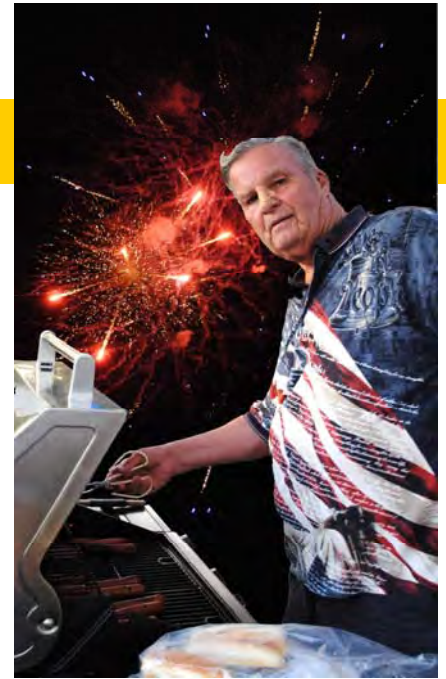




4th of July SOLA Party

SOLA Lions Club Family Social
Wednesday, July 4th at 6:00 PM
Fireworks are at 9:00 PM

The Copley Home
15352 Mar Vista Street
Whittier



Bring drinks for your family and please call and RSVP
and discuss with Carol what you can bring.

By email or phone by July 1st
roncopley@earthlink.net or 562-693-8330

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Special Olympics Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier

You are cordially invited to attend our



Installation and Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, June 27th, 2012

*Friendly Hills Country Club
8500 South Villaverde Drive
Whittier, California 90605*

*No Host Cocktails 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:15 pm
\$25.00/person
Cocktail Attire Please*

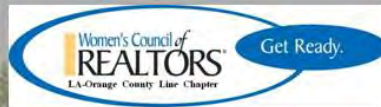


*Please RSVP by June 19 to: Lion Elena Byrne 626-277-9062
elena@myprudentialagent.com*



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Save the Date!!!

Tenth Annual LA-Orange County Line Chapter Golf Tournament

Monday, August 20, 2012

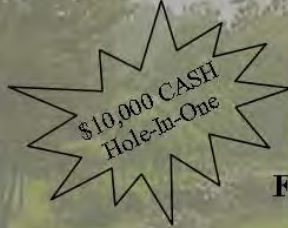
**Friendly Hills Country Club
8500 S. Villaverde Drive, Whittier CA 90605**

Foursome—\$700 & Individual Golfer—\$195

Golf Committee Chairmen:

Paul E 626-716-7453 & Maurice Byrne 323-829-5080

**Reservations: Sandra Guinto-Lozoya 951-550-5652
www.wcrlaorange.org**



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Save These Dates!

Wednesday	June 6	5:30 pm	Regular SOLA Lion Club Meeting
Sat.—Sun.	June 9-10		S.O. Summer Games—Long Beach State Univ.
Wednesday	June 20	5:30 pm	Patrick McClenahan guest speaker at SOLA Lions Club regular meeting. Invite a friend!
Wednesday	June 27	6:30-9:30	SOLA Charter Night—Installation Dinner at Friendly Hills Country Club
Wednesday	July 4	6:00 pm	4th of July SOLA Family Social at the Copleys
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Special Olympics LA/SGV Regional Spring Games This Weekend in Whittier



Whittier College has opened up its sports complex for this year's Regional Spring Games on Saturday, May 12. Fellow Lion Robert Coleman, Director of Athletics at Whittier College, has again arranged for the use of Whittier College's beautiful facilities and has gathered a group of Whittier College football players to assist Special Olympics with the various competitions: basketball, bocce, gymnastics, track and field sports. Although this is the same weekend of our District 4-L2 Convention in Cathedral City, many SOLA members will be involved at these regional games too. Our SOLA Lions thank Lion Robert for Whittier College's generous contribution to Special Olympics athletes.



District 4-L2 Convention This Weekend SOLA's own Alberto Montes De Oca is campaigning for 2nd Vice District Governor

Both Basketball Tournament and Hoe-Down Great Successes

Pictures Inside

Fellow Lions,

Time is really going by quickly. We just finished our Basketball Tournament (and, what a tournament it was!), SOLA Lions congratulations! You know how to organize a first class event. Then we jumped into our biggest fundraiser of the year, our second year Hoe-Down, and it was very successful! It was great to have other Lions Clubs participating at the event, and this is what Lionism is all about. Wow, what a surprise when I won first place for best costume! The Lion dancing instructor and the DJ kept the floor packed with dancers. I sure had a great time, and I know many others did, too. Food was excellent and the bartender (Lion Steve) kept everybody very happy. Thank you SOLA Lions for all the work you have put into this event.



Last week's meeting was great! For those of you who didn't come, you missed an opportunity to hear about the state of Whittier through our guest speaker, none other than Whittier's City Manager, Mr. Jeff Collier. This week I will be participating at the 4-L2 District Convention, where I will be representing the SOLA Lions Club. Happy Mother's Day!

Yours in Lionism,
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Saturday, April 28, 2012

1st ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



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It's a Hoopla for Whittier College Poets & SOLA Lions



Thanks to Lion Marvin Byrne and his hard working team

Our Hoe-Down Fundraiser - A Foot Stompin' Success



Great food and beverages, Great Dancing, Great Raffle Prizes . . . Thanks everyone!



Thanks Whittier College Athletes for a Great Basketball Tournament

The SOLA Lions Club sponsored a Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Whittier College. Eight Special Olympics Basketball teams competed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the new Graham Athletic Center. Whittier College athletic students, headed up by Coach Monica Gerardo, came out in full force (approximately 100) to volunteer for the day, as scorekeepers, teams escorts, setup and takedown crews, distributing refreshments and cheering on the Special Olympics athletics.

Teams that competed were:

Division C

Greater L.A. -Marine Adults Therapeutic Center
South Bay - Mychal's Learning Place
Southeast L. A. - Lakewood Aliens
Southeast L. A.—Whittier Netforce

Division D

San Gabriel Valley — Tomahawks
Southeast L.A.-Pico Rivera Pirates
Southeast L.A. - Lakewood Trailblazers
Southeast L.A.—Whittier Netforce

Second Annual Special Olympics Aquatics Meet - Saturday, June 2



SOLA Lions Club will be sponsoring their 2nd Annual Special Olympics Aquatics meet, Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Palm Park. Approximately 60 swimmers from the Southeast Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Special Olympics will be competing in various events, i.e., Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and the Relay. SOLA Lions will need to sign up with Lion Ruri Pierre, our Special Olympics Liaison, for various tasks at our next meeting on May 16.

Recapping Recent Club Meetings

March 21, 2012



Lion Stuart Moore—United Kingdom

April 18, 2012



District Governor Dennis Drag

May 2, 2012



Jeff Collier, Whittier City Manager

Lion Stuart Moore spoke of his New Century Lions Club's major project with Romanian orphans, bringing these children happiness, spending valuable time with them, and giving them a childhood.

Our District Governor and his cabinet joined us on April 18. After reclaiming our stolen gavel from Lion Bob Preston, DG Dennis Drag spoke about the various projects of the District, along with planting trees in the Angeles Forest. Lion Sharon pinned a SOLA pin on his lapel.

We all learned a lot more about Whittier and what is in the works for our future. Lion Sharon presented Jeff Collier, City Manager with our SOLA Lions Plaque for the great leadership he's giving Whittier.

CLUB ALERT! "Wake Up Whittier" This Week

The Chamber of Commerce Wake-Up Whittier this month is at Whittier Hospital, 9080 Colima Road, on Wednesday morning, May 16, 7:30-10:30 am. It is a "Salute to Service Organizations" and we will have a display table, as well as a Table at breakfast. Also coming is Laura Seckel, AVP, Human Resources and Volunteer Services, Special Olympics of Southern California with Dustin Plunket, Special Olympics Athlete and "Global Messenger" for the Healthy Athlete Program. He will be speaking and sharing his story. We need SOLA members to participate in this event.





District 4-L2's Cabinet visit to SOLA Lions Club on April 18.



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Saturday	May 12		S.O. LA/SGV Regional Spring Games-Whittier
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District Convention This Weekend

All club members are invited and encouraged to attend our District 4-L2 Convention each May. This year we return again to the beautiful Doral Desert Princess Hotel in Cathedral City on May 10-12. Great sessions, food, entertainment, and fellowship, you will be pleased you attended. Voting for District Officers will take place on Saturday morning, May 12. Our own Lion Alberto Montes De Oca is running for 2nd Vice District Governor.



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Per by-laws requirement to notify membership 14 days prior to election of new officers....

The following slate of officers was announced at this evening's regular SOLA club meeting and will be voted on in two weeks at the May 2nd Club Meeting:

SOLA LIONS SLUB
2012 Nominating Committee Report
April 18, 2012

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>2012-2013 Nominee</u>
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Next Regular Meeting
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This Wednesday, April 18! Lions District 4-L2 Governor Dennis Drag Visits SOLA

President's Message

What a busy month April has been. Hope everyone had a great Easter! Here we are April 15th... (Hint: Taxes due but you get to file by the 17th this year) and, already, half of the month is gone! The SOLA Lions have been busy with visitations to other clubs this month. Lions Marvin, Elena, Alberto, and myself, visited the Bellflower Family Lions Club on April 5th, and presented Lion President Rudy Hernandez with our SOLA Patch, and we thanked the club for their donation of \$250 to the Hoe-Down Fundraiser and continued support, and on April 10th, we visited the Irwindale Lions Club, and presented Lion President Gary Hall with a SOLA Pin, and thanked his club for their \$100 donation to the Hoe-Down Fundraiser and their support to SOLA Lions. On Thursday, April 19th, we shall be visiting the San Marino Lions Club and presenting a SOLA Patch to the club for their generous donation to the Hoe-Down Fundraiser.



Lion members, please plan on attending our club meeting this Wednesday, April 18. We are having a visitation from Lion District Governor Dennis Drag and his Cabinet, and a visit from the City of Industry Lions Club. It will be a fun-filled evening! Please come and show your support and bring a guest! We will also be finalizing our sign-ups for our first ever Special Olympics Basketball Tournament which will be held at Whittier College on Saturday, April 28th. This will be a really exciting meet with 8 basketball teams. Please invite your family and friends to attend.

Our Hoe-Down Fundraiser on May 5th is right around the corner, and we need your help with Raffle Items and/or Gift Baskets donations. Please contact Lion Hilda Ortega for ideas or how you can help. Tickets are available for a \$25 donation each. Eat as much as you want and Lion dance all night long!

On Wednesday, May 2nd, our Special Guest for the evening is Mr. Jeff Collier, City Manager for the City of Whittier. Please plan on attending and find out about what is going on in the City. Feel free to bring guests! Dinner donation is \$10.00.

Thank you Lions for your commitment "to serve" the Special Olympics athletes. If each one of us continues to invite a guest, follow up, and encourage our guests to join such a special organization, our club will continue to grow. Just as our Lions International President Dr. Tam has challenged us to continue to plant seedlings around the world, we must water them, and take care of them, so they too, will grow and become trees. Membership in the club grows one member at a time. Invite a guest to our next meeting or event!

Yours in Lionism

Lion President Sharon Montes De Oca



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SELA 2012 **BASKETBALL** **WHITTIER** **TOURNAMENT**

Special Olympics Southern California Southeast Los Angeles



HOSTED BY: SOLA Lions Club & the City of Whittier

Special Olympics athletes from the Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Basketball at the **2012 SELA- Whittier Basketball Tournament.**

SATURDAY, April 28th, 2012

LOCATION:

Whittier College -
Donald E. Graham Athletics Center
13847 Earlham Drive
Whittier, CA, 90602

SCHEDULE:

8:00am - 8:30am: Volunteer check-in
8:30am - 9:00am: Athlete check-in
9:00am - 9:30am: Opening Ceremony
9:30am - 2:00pm: Competition
2:00pm - 2:30pm: Closing

* - Times are general and subject to change

TEAMS/LEVELS OFFERED:

- > 8 Total Teams
- (4) Low C Level Teams
- (4) D Level Teams

GAMES INFO: Ruri Pierre | rpierre@cityofwhittier.org | 562-567-9471



Our next Special Olympics event hosted by SOLA is a Basketball Tournament this month on Saturday, April 28 at Whittier College's Donald E. Graham Athletics Center for the following invited teams:

- SOSC—Greater Los Angeles—MATC—C Team
- SOSC—South Bay—Mychael's Learning Center—C Team
- SOSC—Southeast Los Angeles—Lakewood—C Team
- SOSC—Southeast Los Angeles—Whittier-Net Force—C Team
- SOSC—San Gabriel Valley—Tomahawks 2—D Team
- SOSC—Southeast Los Angeles—Whittier-Net Force—D Team
- SOSC—Southeast Los Angeles—Lakewood—D Team
- SOSC—South Bay—City of Carson—D Team

SOLA Lions Club members will need to be at the basketball gymnasium by 7:00 AM to assist with setting up and organizing the event. Again, we will be taking team pictures and providing meals for all participants.



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A Special Thanks to SOLA Members, Our fellow surrounding Lions Clubs, and Businesses for your continued support in making this event a success.

See ya'll there

Lion Marvin Byrne



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Lion President Rudy Hernandez of Bellflower Family Lions Club receives a SOLA banner patch from SOLA Lions Sharon and Alberto Montes De Oca and Marvin Byrne for Bellflower Family Lions Club's donation to our club's work with Special Olympic athletes. Thanks Bellflower Family Lions for your valuable financial assistance.



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Special Olympics SELA

Aquatics Meet

**Heavy Cold Rains Forecasted
for this Sunday. The SOLA Swim Meet
is Postponed until Saturday, June 2.**

The 2nd SOLA Lions Club Aquatics Meet will take place on Sunday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Whittier Community Pool, 5703 Palm Avenue, Whittier. Approximately 60 Special Olympics aquatics athletes from the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, and Torrance, will compete in various events, such as the 25, 50, and 100m Freestyle and Backstroke and the Freestyle Relay. SOLA Lions Club members will be there to be timers, greeters, lunch preparers, runners and medal presenters.

President's Message

Here we are in March with St. Patrick's Day just a few days away and we are getting ready for our Aquatics Meet on March 18th, weather permitting.

We celebrated Valentine's Day, birthdays and anniversaries in February and some at our first meeting in March. We had two speakers from Special Olympics, Laura Seckel, and Dustin, a Special Olympics Athlete Global Messenger, who shared with us the importance of testing the athletes for Sight, Hearing, and Dental checkups, as Dustin shared his story with us. This brought him to promote the awareness and importance of the services the "Healthy Athlete" can provide to the Special Olympics Athletes.



Lion Marvin and I visited the San Marino Lions Club to promote SOLA Lions and we were well received. Our program was scheduled after the District Governor, Lion Dennis Drag's remarks. The San Marino Lions were very interested in the work that we do with the Special Olympics programs. The San Marino Lions Club presented Sola Lions Club with a very generous donation. Thank you, San Marino Lions!

Don't miss our next club meeting, March 21st. We will have a Lion visitor from the United Kingdom, Lion Stuart Moore, Secretary, New Century Lions Club of East Anglia, MD105. Please show your support by attending.

Our Hoe-down Fundraiser event is coming up on May 5th. Remember to sell your tickets to everyone, so we can make this fundraiser the best yet! If you need more tickets, please contact Lion Linnea.

Yours in Lionism,
Sharon Montes De Oca
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Special Olympics
Southern California

Exciting Club Meeting and Coming Events

February 15th Guest Speakers



Our speaker at the February 15th SOLA club meeting was Laura Seckel, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources and Volunteer Services, Special Olympics of Southern California. Laura shared with us the Healthy Athlete Program for Special Olympics and suggested ways SOLA can become important partners at the coming June 8-10 Summer Games in Long Beach.

Special Olympics provides athletes with a variety of free health screenings, including dental, vision, hearing, physical therapy, podiatry and nutrition. People with intellectual disabilities have a 40 percent greater risk for health issues and typically receive substandard or no health care.

Particularly on Friday, the group home Special Olympics athletes will come in vans to receive the various health screenings offered by on-site doctors. In addition to our hearing screening efforts as in the past with the Eyemobile, "Escort Ambassadors" are needed to escort the athletes to the various exams. Also the doctors need help with the paperwork. This will greatly increase the effectiveness of the Healthy Athlete Program.

Laura brought along a Special Olympics athlete, Dustin, who has become a "Global Messenger" for the Healthy Athlete Program. He shared a wonderful story of how this program literally "saved his life" by catching an illness in time. He calls the Special Olympics "his second family."



Special Olympics LA/SGV Regional Spring Games Come to Whittier



Whittier College has opened up its sports facility for this year's Special Olympics - Los Angeles/San Gabriel Valley Regional Spring Games on Saturday, May 12.

Fellow Lion Robert Coleman, from the Whittier Host Lions Club and Director of Athletics at Whittier College, not only has arranged for the use of Whittier College's beautiful facilities but has offered Whittier College's outstanding athletes to assist Special Olympics with the various competitions: basketball, bocce, gymnastics, track and field sports. Although this is the last day of our District 4-L2 Convention

in Cathedral City, SOLA members will surely be involved at these regional games too.

Our SOLA Lions thank Lion Robert for Whittier College's generous contribution to Special Olympics athletes.

All SOLA Hands on Deck for Saturday, June 2 at 7:00 A.M.



- Set up Canopies
- Sound system
- First Aid Station
- Welcome Athletes
- Photograph Teams
- Warm Up Activities



- Opening Ceremonies
- Start and Announce Events
- Organize Awards
- Lunch Preparation off-site
- Photograph Events



- Judges Record Winning Scores
- Lunch Served to All Athletes, Sponsors, Volunteers



- All Athletes Awarded Placement Ribbons
- Team Photos Presented
- Farewells
- SOLA and Volunteers Clean Up Area Used





Congratulations to SOLA's Associate Member Alberto Montes De Oca who has officially announced his candidacy for District 4-L2's Second Vice District Governor for the coming year. He is now on the campaign trail throughout the district with the election being held on May 12 at the District 4-L2 Convention in Cathedral City. We wish Lion Alberto great success on his road to District Governorship.



Lions Sharon and Alberto Montes de Oca celebrated their 34th Wedding Anniversary on February 19th.



Lions Sergio and Hilda Ortega celebrated their 24th Wedding Anniversary on February 13th.



Angelicas and Ray Garcia, managers of Schultz Optical Service on Colima Road behind Ralphs, were guests of PP Lion Bob Warnock at last week's meeting. Welcome!

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Sunday	March 25	9:00-2 pm	Lions Tribute Day at City of Hope (Please RSVP by March 16 213-241-7134)
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DISTRICT 4-L2

74th ANNUAL DISTRICT 4-L2 CONVENTION

Doral Desert Princess Resort-67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA
Thursday, May 10, 2012 — Saturday, May 12, 2012



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Please PRINT or TYPE (Reproduce this form for additional registrations)

Name _____ Club Name _____
LAST FIRST (as desired on badge)

Address _____ Phone _____
STREET CITY ZIP

Non-Lion Spouse/Guest _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME (as desired on badge)

Current Status in Lionism: DG VDG PDG CS/T RC ZC DIST CHAIRMAN
 Club President Club Secretary President-Elect PCC
 First Timer Melvin Jones Fellow DELEGATE ALTERNATE

CONVENTION EVENTS	*RECEIVED BY May 1, 2012	*REC'D AFTER May 1, 2012	HOW MANY	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
SUPER PACKAGE DEAL—(Does not include golf.) **Super Package includes everything else below**	\$ 190.00 (Save \$65.00)	\$ 215.00 (Save \$80.00)		
LEO Registration Fee	FREE	FREE		
**REGISTRATION (Lions, Spouses, Guests) *MANDATORY*	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00		
THURSDAY, MAY 10th				
Golf Tournament (Morning) *Use Flyer to Sign Up*	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00		
First Niter's Reception—Hosted 4/6	\$ N/C	\$ N/C		
FRIDAY, MAY 11th				
Luncheon -"Honoring Club Presidents"	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobb Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Deli Plate	\$ ---	\$ ---		
Dinner—Taste of Texas BBQ w/Entertainment	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00		
SATURDAY, MAY 12th				
Luncheon w/International Director - Awards				
<input type="checkbox"/> Croissant Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Caesar Salad	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00		
DG Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib <input type="checkbox"/> Tandori Grilled Salmon	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				

Special Dietary Needs: _____

ALL HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE RESORT
 >>> Doral Desert Princess Resort <<<
 1-760-322-7000 Group Code Lions 4L2

Please mail registration form with check payable to "DISTRICT 4-L2 CONVENTION FUND" to
Lion Jerry Banuelos, 416 S. 6th Street, Montebello CA 90640
(323) 721-5057 e-mail: jbanuelos@cityofmontebello.com

[] Payment Enclosed \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER May 1

SOLAMOTION



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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.

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MD4 LIONS CONVENTION FEBRUARY 3-5



LARRY DICUS WINS MD4 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ENDORSEMENT





Recapping Exciting Lions Events

THE 93RD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA LIONS MD4 CONVENTION

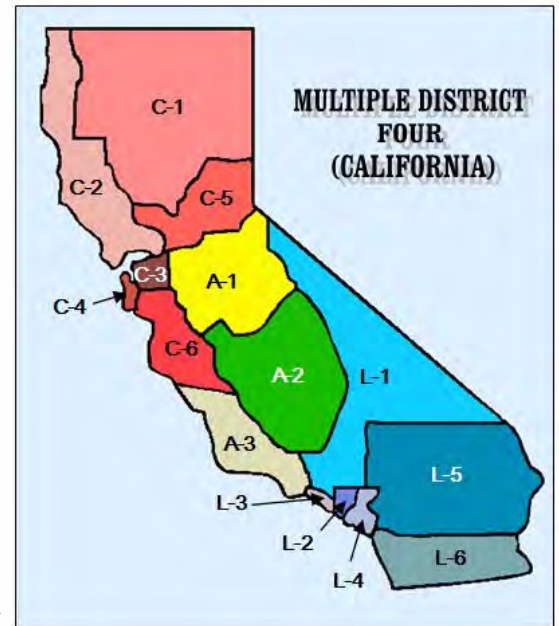
February 3-5, 2012
Double Tree Hotel Ontario Airport

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 PID 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 1st 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.

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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

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Special Olympics - So. California CEO Bill Shumard Visits SOLA Lions Club - January 18

Mr. Bill Shumard, President & CEO of the Southern California Special Olympics will be our guest speaker on January 18th. He will be giving us an update on what is happening here in Southern California in Special Olympics. **All club members, make sure you attend.** Also attending will be Eloise Crawford, Regional Director, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Region of Special Olympics. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Special Olympics and ask questions.

President's Message — By President Sharon Montes De Oca

Happy New Year!

On January 1st, Lions International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam invited all of the Lions Club Presidents to attend a reception to meet and discuss ideas and issues of every club. Lion Alberto Montes De Oca and I attended this reception. President Lion Tam's theme "I Believe," carries a significant meaning to all Lions in the world by implying that each of us believe that we can make a difference by being involved and serving our communities. I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of SOLA and to explain what SOLA stands for and the projects we have accomplished. President Lion Tam was very interested to hear about a new club with less than three years experience has done so much for the community. Then, I presented to President Lion Tam our SOLA pin, which I pinned on his lapel and he wore it proudly. This was also a time for me to plug our club to all the other club presidents, and the interest was overwhelming. I distributed our new brochures, and many clubs asked us to contact them to give a presentation about SOLA and what we do. Thanks, Lion Wayne, the brochures were a hit!

The District Cabinet Meeting is on Saturday, January 21, 2012. This is a great place for old and new members to learn about Lionism. Everybody is welcome. So far, we have six SOLA members attending and some associate members. Remember, this meeting is open to all Lions. You can pay at the door.

On February 3-5, is the MD-4 Convention 2012 located in Ontario, California. This is another opportunity for Lions to learn about Lionism. It is also an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with fellow Lions from the State of California. SOLA has five delegates that will be casting their votes to elect a new International Director. Each club gets one vote for every ten members.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet our Special Guest CEO and President Bill Shumard of Special Olympics Southern California at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30pm.

On behalf of SOLA Lions Club, our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our own Lion member, Henry Lozano, who passed away on January 10, 2012.



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
January 18, 2012





2012 PASADENA ROSE PARADE

Lions International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tan rides Lions Clubs International Float designed from Lions International Peace Poster Contest drawing by 11 year old Raj Phairenbam from Manipur, India.



“The date, January 1, 2012. It was a pleasure visiting with Lions International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tan today. It was an honor for Lion Alberto Montes de Oca and myself to place SOLA’s pin on President Tam’s lapel. He was very honored and proud to receive it.”
 - SOLA President Sharon Montes de Oca



Thursday, December 29, 2011.
 Reception for Lions International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tan at Double Tree Hotel, Montebello. Pictured left-right: Lions David Williamson, Alberto & Sharon Montes de Oca, International Director candidate PCC Larry Dicus, IP Dr. Tan, Mrs. Jane Dicus, Lions Carol and Ron Copley.



FAREWELL LION HENRY LOZANO

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our dear friend and SOLA member, **Lion Henry Lozano**. Although no one knew he was fighting stomach cancer, Lion Henry was active to his last days, participating in our Christmas Party and the next day helping with the Food Baskets Give - Away to our Special Olympics Athletes Party.

First an active member of the Montebello Lions Club and was it's 77th President (2001-02), Lion Henry transferred his membership to SOLA 2 years ago to share the Special Olympics cause, having already been active with his Special Education Teacher Mom in Special Olympics—Southern California events. We were all saddened in July when his mother, whom he frequently brought to Club meetings, passed away.

Henry was not only a Lion, but active in Elks and the President of the Cantwell High School Alumni Association as well. Retiring several years ago, Henry worked for the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles.

Lion Henry was a man with a big heart, generous in service and also financially, providing scholarship money for our Special Olympics athletes to purchase needed sports equipment and other supplies. We shall truly miss his friendship and spirit.



EmailsJanuary 10, 2012

It is with a great deal of sadness that I report to you that Lion Henry Lozano passed away this afternoon. He was a great Lion and a good friend to all of us. We will miss him.

Carol & Ron Copley

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Henry's family. In deed, Ron, he was a great person.

Hilda Ortega

SOLA lost someone very special who loved to serve Lions and especially serve Special Olympics athletes. Lion Henry shall be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Sharon & Alberto Montes de Oca

Henry was a giving, pleasant, caring, generous individual with a genuine personality- he added much to our SOLA Lions Club- he will truly be missed. My deepest regrets to all his family.

Barbara Lesa

I could not agree more. I met Lion Henry back in the early Nineties when my oldest son was running track and playing basketball for Henry's true Love besides Mom, Cantwell High School. He was a truly caring person and loved the Lions and what we stand for. We have all lost a true friend and true Lion! RIP my Brother and friend. You are and will always be missed and never forgotten.

Lion Chief Garry Couso-Vasquez

We don't know what to say, except that we are so, so sorry to hear about the death of Lion Henry. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family through this heart breaking time. In loving memory of Lion Henry Lozano, he will be missed dearly. With warmest regards,

Marin & Elena Byrne

I am so, so sad.

Bob Warnock

What a gentleman and special Lion we've lost today. Lion Henry's untimely death deeply saddens all of us. Our sympathy, prayers and love are with his family and friends. Lion Henry's wonderful character and unselfish service will be remembered.

Wayne Martin



Henry Lozano Memorial Service

**Saturday, Feb. 4,
12 Noon
Montebello Elks Lodge
506 W. Whittier Blvd.
Montebello**





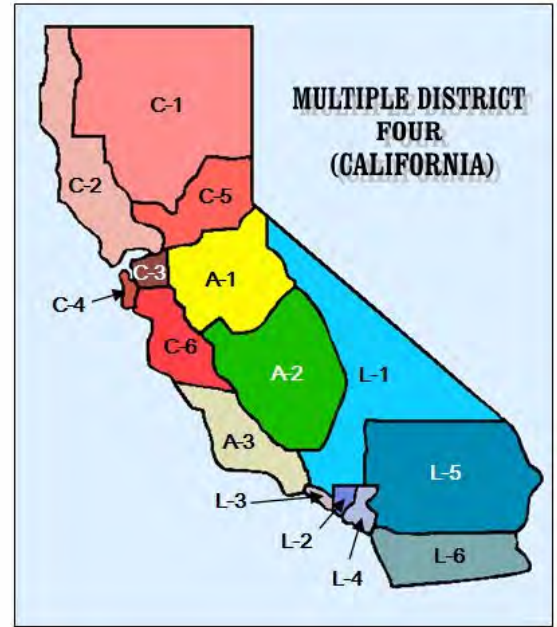
Please Consider Attending

MD4 LIONS CONVENTION FEBRUARY 3-5

It's Not Too Late to Sign-Up for THE 93RD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA LIONS MD4 CONVENTION

February 3-5, 2012
Double Tree Hotel Ontario Airport

Your weekend will be packed full of entertainment, education, information, surprises and just plain FUN! Check at www.md4lions.org for details. But hurry!



PID Phil Nathan and wife Heidi-Anne

Although this year's convention details have been kept a big secret, we know from the registration form that **PID Phil Nathan** from Great Britain will be the motivational speaker for the Saturday Luncheon.

Of special interest to our SOLA Lions Club members, Phil was appointed as a **Director of Special Olympics Great Britain** in 2008. Phil's personal motto, "Show you care, get involved, let's enjoy ourselves," sums up the type of person he is. For causes in connection with Lions Clubs International, "A Gift for Living" (saving the lives of children in disaster areas), he has to date been responsible for securing anonymous corporate donations in the sum of more the £190,000. In 2001 Phil was recognized by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for services to Lions Clubs International by being awarded the MBE (Order of the British Empire).

And the motivational speaker at Sunday's Brunch will be the American television personality best known for his travel show, California's Gold, **Huell Howser**. Since the incarnation of California's Gold (1991) and Visiting...with Huell Howser (1993), he has expanded his documentaries with new series' such as "California's Green", "California's Golden Coast", "California's Golden Parks", "Road Trip...With Huell Howser", "California Missions" and specials highlighting the resort city of Palm Springs, California.



This convention is also a very important event for District 4-L2's overwhelmingly endorsed candidate for Lions International Director, **Larry Dicus** as voting will take place to choose California's MD4 endorsed International Director candidate to the international selection process. There are 4 candidates running. Since last July, PCC Larry, along with his wife Jane, have traveled 15,000 miles throughout the state greeting and listening to Lions, outlining his qualifications and soliciting their support in 14 of the 15 districts in California. We wish him great success. Be sure to stop by his hospitality room, suite 1107, and wish him well.

See You at the MD4 Lions Convention!



Save These Dates!

Wednesday	January 18	5:30 pm	Regular Club Meeting Bill Schumard, Guest Speaker
Saturday	January 21		District Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday	February 1	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Club and Foundation Board Meetings Regular Club Meeting
Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 3-5		MD4 Convention—Ontario
Wednesday	February 15	5:30 pm	Regular Club Meeting

Help Us Advertise!

Our SOLA website is again on-line with a new look and our brochure is now professionally printed!

Let your friends know that they are welcome to join us! Grab some brochures to pass around and regularly check out the latest news at www.solalionsclub.org



January and February Birthdays

1/8: Bill Walters 1/9: Dan Skewes 1/11: Drew Sones 1/13: Barbara Lesa
2/15: Rosa Masterson 2/18: Robin Guzman 2/20: Sandra Montez 2/25: Kathy Sussman

SOLA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS 2011-2012

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