

# SOLAMOTION

Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics  
Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier  
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## Merry Christmas



### President's Message

Greetings Fellow Lions!

I hope everyone is well. I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Party. It sure was great to see you all and what a great singing group we had at our home. Thank you all for making it a memorable event and a special thanks to Lion Wayne for bringing his keyboard and for that wonderful SOLA Liontones quartet. Our food was also delicious, thanks to Lions Rosa and Jerry.



I know that many of you were able to attend the Special Olympics Fall Games and that it was a great event. Just a reminder that we will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays in January, the 8th and 22nd, for our Board meeting and Regular Club Meeting. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New 2014. See you all next year!!

Many Blessings,  
Lion Hilda



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# Merry Christmas Athletes!

SELA Christmas Party - December 7 - Simms Park



SOLA Lions sponsored the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Special Olympics Athletes' Christmas Party for the third year running and the event just keeps getting better and better. We SOLA Lions, ably assisted by a couple dozen Key Club members from the Bellflower area, served potluck dinner to 300 or so Special Olympics athletes and their family members. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were on hand to give out toys to the athletes and their younger siblings. Perennial Christmas Party organizer Don Howard presented awards for athletes and coaches of the year, and for the second time in four years the "Organization of the Year Award" went to SOLA for all we do for our SELA athletes during the year. Lion Mark and I accepted the award on behalf of our Club and were we proud Lions! The evening ended with Yours Truly dancing with the athletes while other Lions and Key Club members cleaned up. Sometimes I just gotta hand it to myself :) Another terrific event, fellow Lions! **Thank you!**

*-Lion Bob Warnock*





## The Lions Float in the 2014 Rose Parade



Lions International President Barry Palmer and First Lady Anne will be riding on the 2014 Lions Float



The 125th Rose Parade is themed "Dreams Come True." The theme is a reminder that not only is it possible to attain the seemingly unattainable through extraordinary focus, effort, and belief in the probability of success, but that it has been done. Throughout all of human history, we have achieved "the impossible" by believing in the power of our dreams.

### Giving Children of All Abilities a Place to Play

Liz Lamach wanted what all moms want – a safe place for her son to play with other kids. But her son Matteo has cerebral palsy. And most playgrounds don't have the ramps or the space he needs to move his wheelchair.

### The Lions Step In

Liz was determined to find a way to create a place where children of all abilities could come together and play. After some research, Liz began to plan for a new playground. But with a cost of nearly US\$750,000, it would take a lot more than she could give.



## Matteo's Dream - A Playground for Children of All Abilities

Liz rallied the local Lions, and with a generous US\$75,000 grant from LCIF, the project began. Lions from 45 clubs went on to raise almost US\$500,000. They also joined forces with other community groups to build the park themselves. In just eight days, 3,000 volunteers erected the 12,000 square foot playground. Ron Hudson from the Dawn Breakers Lions Club was one of them. "I spent eight days building Matteo's Dream," he said, "and it was the best thing I have ever done in my life."



### Open to Everyone

When "Matteo's Dream: A Playground for Children of All Abilities" opened to the public, local parents like Tamara Borba were elated. They finally had a place where their children could play alongside siblings with special needs. "To have Matteo's Dream in our neighborhood is wonderful," said Borba. "Both my kids can play. Nicky can be set free. He can wheel himself up and down the ramps and play with everything." Laura Hoffmesiter, the former mayor of Concord, added, "The dream really did become a reality. And we hope this can become a model for other communities."

### Fun Facts

This project reestablished the Concord Lions Club with Liz as the charter president. The Concord Lions Club not only maintains the playground – but it also holds club meetings there.



[Matteo's Dream - A Playground for Children of All Abilities](#) opened to the public on May 16, 2007. Located in Hillcrest Park at 2050 Olivera Rd., the playground project was spearheaded by Concord resident Liz Lamach whose son, Matteo, uses a wheelchair and is blind.

As a member of the City of Concord Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission and the Lions Club of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, Lamach brought people together to make Matteo's dream of an accessible playground a reality.

During the build that took place from April 20 to 29, 2007 over 2,000 volunteers constructed the massive playground, the largest in Concord covering an area a third the size of a football field. The City donated the land at Hillcrest Park and provided \$232,000 in park funds. Lions Club members raised an additional \$500,000 and solicited in-kind donations and volunteers.

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# SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party - December 11



We thank Hilda and Sergio Ortega for hosting our SOLA Christmas Party in their lovely home



# *Merry Christmas Everyone!*





# SOLA Lions Out to Serve Others

## Whittier Uptown Christmas Parade

December 7, 2013



It was a winter morning when Lion Bob, Dan, Steve, Mark joined Lion Susie for the Annual Whittier Parade. We laughed and shouted, "Hello!" to our friends with our fellow Whittier Host Lions bringing up the rear. Thank you all and happy holidays to all.

*- Lion Susie Ausdal*



The SOLA Lions Club had a successful weekend (December 13, 14 & 15) helping with the Healthy Hearing portion of the Healthy Athletes Village at the Special Olympics Southern California Fall Games held in Irvine and Fountain Valley. We partnered with Chapman University to give hearing testing and hearing aids (if needed) to 212 Special Olympic Athletes. Participating SOLA Lions members were Steve Nichols, Bob

Warnock, Wayne Martin, Ron and Carol Copley, and our newest Lion Marla Baker. A big special THANK YOU to our resident driver of the Lions Mobile Health Screenings Unit RV goes to Steve Nichols. Steve is always there for our Club.

*- Lion Ron Copley*



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# Coming Events

Sunday  
December 29

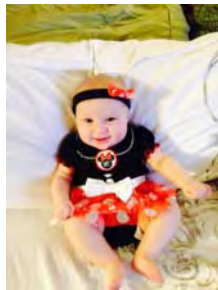
**District 4-L2 Reception for International President Barry Palmer** Quiet Cannon, Montebello  
No charge.



**Must make reservations prior to event by emailing CS Nancy McAfee @ [cs4L2@msn.com](mailto:cs4L2@msn.com). List all name(s) & club of those attending. RSVP by December 27, 2013**

January 8 & 22  
2014

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**Congratulations to Lion Dan and Pam Skewes  
Their first grandchild!**



**Lion Bob and Don Howard  
giving clear directions at  
SELA Christmas Party.**



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## Happy Thanksgiving



### President's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

Each day I am thankful for nights that turned into mornings, friends that turned into family, dreams that turned into reality, and likes that turned into love.....

Greetings to all on this Thanksgiving Season. Hope all of you are doing well and I also hope that you are already for these busy upcoming events that we have in our agenda. We are having our club visitation this November 20<sup>th</sup> from our District Governor Kenny Shu. He will be inducting our new members at our meeting. Please don't forget to bring a wrapped unisex gift for our Special Olympics athletes valued around \$10.00. Lion Bob Warnock will be collecting these at our meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. These gifts will be distributed at our Christmas SELA Party on December 7, 2013. This is a wonderful event and for those of us who have been there it is a memorable experience. It is so rewarding to see these happy athletes and their families enjoying every moment of this event. Please, if you have not participated in this event, plan on doing so; you will not regret it.

The Ortega Family will be hosting this year's SOLA Christmas Party and you are all cordially invited to come to our humble home on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00pm. Our address is: 16256 Lomacitas Lane, Whittier, Ca 90603. Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am thankful and truly blessed to have you all in my life.

Lion President  
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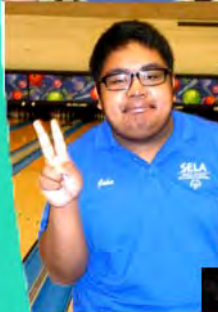
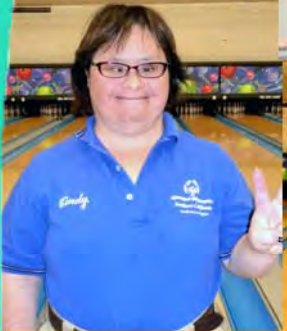




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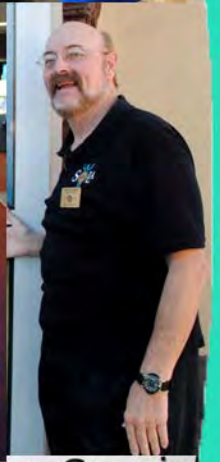


# SELA Bowling Tournament





# Del Rio Lanes - Downey - Nov. 2, 2013





**Our Southeast Los Angeles Area Bowling Tournament** held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Del Rio Lanes in Downey was a huge success. Thanks to our SO Athletes, coaches, volunteers, Del Rio Lanes and members of the SOLA Lions Club we had a very successful Bowling Tournament. Very special thanks goes out to our Special Olympics Liaison, Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre for all her hard work. We had 73 bowlers who bowled on 24 lanes. We had a great turnout of volunteers. The SOLA Lions who worked at the Tournament were: Dan Skewes; Susan Sones; Barbara Lesa; Ron and Carol Copley; Sharon Montes De Oca; Ruri Pierre; Bob Warnock; Rosa and Jerry Masterson; Hilda, Sergio and Sarah Ortega; Steve Nichols; Linnea Pueschel; Mark Elias; Wayne Martin; Marvin Byrne and Susie Ausdal. In addition to our Lion volunteers, we had 19 Leos from Bell Garden High School and 9 members of the Men's League Board at California High School volunteer. From Opening Ceremony's thru bowling, lunch (Pizza, cookies & drinks) and awards (individual pictures, metals and ribbons) a great time was had by everyone. We all look forward to our next event. Congratulations to Robert Norman, from Whittier, for his 3 turkeys (2 sets of three strikes) in a row!!!!

- Lion Ron Copley

**SOLA Lions Club  
Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 11  
6:00 PM**

Home of Hilda and Sergio Ortega  
16256 Lomacitas Lane, Whittier

**Cost: \$20/person**

Catered Dinner! Bring Spouse/Significant Other  
A festive evening of food and fellowship with friends  
**Please RSVP to Hilda (562-631-7021) by 12/8**



**2013 Fall Games**  
**December 14-15, 2013**  
Fountain Valley & Irvine

**The Southern California Special Olympics Fall Games** will be held on December 13-15, in Fountain Valley. Be inspired by athletic determination and courage. Come cheer on more than 1,100 athletes from across Southern California as they compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals and ribbons at Fall Games. The Games will feature our six fall/winter sports — bowling, floor hockey, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Fall Games, one of our largest competitions, is the second of two Southern California competitions held every year

-Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre



## Tip-A-Cop Red Robin-Whittwood Mall October 12



The Annual Southern California Special Olympics Tip-A-Cop was held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Red Robin, at Whittwood Mall. The event gathered City of Whittier Police Officers and Community Services Staff, SOLA Lions and Special Olympics athletes at the Red Robin to ask for donations from customers to help support the SELA (Southeast Los Angeles Area) Special Olympics, which includes the cities of Whittier, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Cerritos and Lakewood. The event was held from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and raised \$2,783.00. The funds raised will go towards uniforms and equipment for the athletes.

*- Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre*

## District 4-L2 Fun Fest October 13, 2013

District 4-L2 came together to celebrate the first Fun Fest at the home of PDG Mike Brassard. What an event! Very well attended by Lion members and friends, the highlight was a 130 pound roasted pig donated by West Covina Filipino Lions Club. Even 3 members of the SOLA Liones sang! - Lion 1st VDG Alberto Montes De Oca





**Annual Athletes Christmas Party**

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**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

**Time:** 5:00pm - 9:00 pm  
**Location:** John S. Simms Park 16614 S. Clark Ave Bellflower, CA 90706

Enjoy fellowship, music, dancing, and door prizes. Santa will bring goodies for each "athlete"!

**Our SOLA Lions Club will once again sponsor the annual Christmas Party for Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Special Olympics athletes and guests.** The Party will be at Simms Park in Bellflower, which is on Clark Ave. north of the 91 freeway, on Saturday, December 7th. Please refer to the flyer above for details.

Our Club has budgeted \$1,250 in support of this event with which we will provide a main course, decorations, a photo booth (new this year) and as many "Santa" gifts as are needed over and above what our Club members and others will gather so that we can assure presents for all athletes and kids present.

As in the past I am asking members of our club to donate one or more wrapped gifts for under the tree. These should be \$5-10 in value. It's easiest if they are not gender specific. Gift cards work well, or music CDs, etc. If you just can't resist that cute package of perfume, make up, etc. on sale at Target, be sure to clearly mark the package "Female."

We begin setup and decoration at 3:00 p.m. The party is from 5:00 to 9:00 but the athletes will begin arriving early. We are going to try to manage the food and Santa lines even better than we did last year, and we can start cleanup before the dance starts, but the party always goes at least a little late so I plan to be there until 10:00.

Because we have excellent help from Bellflower Key Club members and Bell Gardens Leos we don't need to sign up for specific crew shifts. We will be helping with setup, serving, gift distribution and cleanup. If you can only come for a few hours, that's ok. But please do come. **This is one of our signature events and it is great to have ALL of our members there if we can.**

**Call me if you have questions and thanks in advance for bringing your gifts on November 20th and coming to help December 7th.**

**Lion Chairperson Bob**



**Mark Your Calendar!**

# Coming Events

- Saturday November 16 **District 4-L2 Meeting** at Montebello Senior Center  
115 S. Taylor Ave; Corner of Taylor and Whittier Blvd.  
11:00am-3:00pm
- Wednesday November 20 **District Governor Kenny Shu** and cabinet members visit SOLA Lions Club—5:30-7:15pm  
Sage Restaurant, 6511 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier
- Saturday December 7 **60th Annual Uptown Whittier Christmas Parade**  
SOLA Lions and Special Olympics athletes to participate  
**SELA/SOLA Christmas Party** at Simm's Park, see page 6
- Wednesday December 11 **SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party** 6:00 pm  
Home of Lions Hilda and Sergio Ortega
- Fri-Sat-Sun Dec. 13-14-15 **Special Olympics Fall Games** in Fountain Valley  
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This Saturday, October 12 10am-9pm

## Tip-A-Cop



## Red Robin - Whittwood Mall

This is a yearly fundraiser to raise money for the SELA Special Olympics athletes.

*-Lion Ruri Pierre*

### President's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

Happy Harvest! October is a wonderful month when we begin to see autumn leaves. This has been some crazy weather with temperatures in the 90's. I hope that we are all getting ready for flu shots, or if some of you have gotten them already. It is very important that you do.

It was great to have our last guest speaker Red Godfrey and to learn that she was actually a female and not a male. Boy, was I surprised! She was very informative, and moving forward, I hope that she can really help us with our volunteering at all Special Olympics of Southern California events.

We all were very disappointed when our main event on September 21 was cancelled but I am looking forward to our Bowling Tournament. Special thanks to Sharon and Alberto for inviting Carol Mares from LA Lions Host. Reminder to all members: Invite guests so they can learn about our wonderful club and how we can make a difference to these special and wonderful athletes. See you all at our next meeting on October 16.

Love,

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## SOLA Lions Guest Speaker Red Godfrey



Our guest speaker at our October 2, 2013 meeting was Red Godfrey, Director, Volunteer Management for Special Olympics of Southern California. This is a new position at Special Olympics Southern California. She has been in her job only three months and is learning fast. She has toured all areas of the SOSC Regions and is putting together a new volunteer plan. She said SOSC is going to increase the SO Athletes from 14,000 to 28,000 in the next couple of years and she wants to increase the Volunteers by triple from the current level. She had a lot of nice things to say about what our Club has been doing. She referred to us as models for the kind of volunteers she is looking for. She hopes to start a newsletter for volunteers and do a better job of communicating with SO volunteers.. She also went over what would be the requirements for volunteers at the 2015 World Games. Everyone enjoyed her talk. We are looking forward to working with her and we wish her well on her new job.







## SOLA Lions Help at SELA Area Softball Tournament at Del Valle Park in Lakewood - October 5, 2013.



Four members of the SOLA Lions Club attended and volunteered at the Lakewood Softball Tournament. The tournament had 12 teams and they played on three fields. Lions Carol and Ron Copley helped put together and serve lunches. Lions Carol, Ron and Mark Elias were the primary awards presenters at the end of the tournament. Lion Ron Field #1, Lion Mark on Field #2 and Lion Carol on Field #3. Lion Wayne Martin took pictures. It was a great tournament.

SOLA Lions have a special pride in the Dirty Dawgs Softball Team since they are from our Whittier area and two coaches are members of our SOLA Lions Club: Coach Scott Barron and Coach Jeff Garner. Pictured on the bench from left to right are athletes Jason Gray, Amanda Fess, Breanne Shubin, Taylor McMahon, Steven Land, David Ferlin, Dani Bergeron, Joe Valliere (and Collete, on loan from the other team). Coaches assisting at the SELA Area Lakewood Tournament were Coaches Scott Barron, Steve Gray, and Christina Jiminez.





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# Coming Events



Saturday  
October 12

**Tip-A-Cop at Red Robin**, Whittwood Mall - Whittier  
Bring your family to eat and fellowship with athletes.

**ROAST PIG**



Sunday  
October 13

**District-Wide October Fun-raiser Fest** To be held at PDG Mike Brassard home, 9243 Flora Vista, Bellflower. 1PM to 5PM \$15.00 person or 2 for \$25.00. This is the BBQ of the year. Roasted Pig (donated by RC Noel Wychico). Plan on having fun. The SOLA Liontones are scheduled to be part of the entertainment. Email 1st VDG Alberto @ [alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com](mailto:alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com) for tickets and information.



Wednesday  
October 16

**Laura Seckel** from Special Olympics will talk about Fall Games Healthy Athletes at our SOLA meeting Sage Restaurant, 6511 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier



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## Southeast Los Angeles Area Bowling Tournament Saturday, November 2, 2013

**Del Rio Lanes**  
7502 Florence Ave.  
Downey, CA

Special Olympics athletes from the Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Bowling at the **2013 Southeast Los Angeles Area Bowling Tournament.**

### **SCHEDULE:**

10:00am | Check-In  
10:45am | Opening Ceremony  
11:00am - 1:00pm | Tournament Play  
12:00pm | Lunch Served

\* - Times are general and subject to change

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

Friday, October 18th



*This tournament is made possible by a partnership between Special Olympics Southern California, SOLA Lions Club, and the City of Whittier.*

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruri Pierre  
rpierre@cityofwhittier.org  
562-567-9471



## 2013 SOLA Lions Pictorial Directory and Brochures Now Available



Pick up your copy at our next Club meeting



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## SOLA Lions to Assist at SELA Area Softball Tournament in Lakewood - October 5, 2013.

### President's Message

Hello Fellow Lions,

I'm hoping that everyone is having a great end of summer and that we are all keeping cool and are hydrating with fluids. First of all, I want to say that we are all sad because our Softball Tournament was cancelled. I know that we were all looking forward to this event on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Since our founding back in 2009 this would be the first time that our event has ever been cancelled. I know that our Dirty Dawgs were also looking forward to this tournament. Not everything is lost though; Lakewood is having their Softball Tournament on Oct.5, at Del Valle Park. The coach has asked if we could help in this tournament. I encourage everyone to participate. We will be discussing this at our next meetings. Let's all try and keep up the great work that we offer these special athletes. Remember that we are a great club and that together we make a difference!



Thank you in advance,  
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# Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Lakewood Area Softball Tournament

## Saturday, October 5, 2013

### Del Valle Park

5939 Henrilee Street  
Lakewood, CA 90713

Special Olympics athletes from the Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Softball at the **2013 SELA - Lakewood Area Softball Tournament.**

### **SCHEDULE:**

8:00am | Registration  
8:30am | Opening Ceremony  
9:00am | Competition Begins  
12:00pm | Lunch *(Provided)*  
3:00pm | Closing

\* - Times are general and subject to change

### **TEAMS/LEVELS OFFERED:**

- 3 Fields / 12 Teams
- Team Divisions: B, C, and D Levels

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

Friday, September 20th



### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Teresa Borunda | Regional Sports Manager  
tborunda@sosc.org  
562-502-1114





## Suiting Up Our Swimmers



Standing with Coach Zach, Special Olympics athlete David Ferlin proudly wears the new SOLA swimmer's parka after being awarded a second place medal at last June's Southern California Special Olympics Summer Games in Long Beach.

After seeing our Special Olympics swimmers participate for two years running in rainy, cold conditions, shivering on the pool deck waiting for either their swimming event or their medals, our SOLA members voted to provide the 15 members of our team with swim parkas.

These cozy, long jackets serve to keep the athletes warm on the deck both before and after their events. Lion Ruri aided in the size check for each athlete and the folks at Sports Jackets Unlimited on Lambert Road gave us a great deal both on the black and white parkas and the embroidered SOLA logo. Boy, do they look sharp, both on and off our swimmers!

The whole adventure took about three weeks from gavel down to pick up of the parkas. Just in time for our swim meet at Whittier College. As luck would have it, THAT day dawned sunny and HOT! No need for parkas on a day as warm as that one! In any case, the swimmers enjoy wearing their new swim gear and look a lot less blue around the gills on meet days than they did without the parkas!



- Lion Susan Sones



Saturday, Oct. 12 - 10am - 9pm



## Red Robin - Whittwood Mall

This is a yearly fundraiser to raise money for the SELA Special Olympics athletes.

*-Lion Ruri Pierre*

"Law Enforcement give a whole new meaning to "protect and serve" at Tip-A-Cop fundraisers. Officers serve as celebrity waiters at restaurants, and they donate all the tips they receive to Special Olympics.

Tip-A-Cop has been a favorite way for officers to raise money, and the public loves to have the officers wait on them hand and foot.

Tip-A-Cop events are one of the main fundraisers for the Law Enforcement Torch Run®, which is one of the largest fundraising arms of Special Olympics.

All tips are tax-deductible and support sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities."

*- Special Olympics-Southern California website*







# Meet International Director Larry Dicus

SOLA's new Associate Member . . . . .

Larry Dicus, from Whittier, California, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013. Director Dicus is a retired vice president of sales in the information technology field.



A member of the Whittier Host Lions Club since 1996, he has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson and foundation president of the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit of Southern California.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Founders Membership Growth Award, the Quick Start Gingko Award, the District Governor Excellence Award, the International President's Leadership Medal, two International President's Medals and five International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Dicus is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital and the Lake Avenue Church Sanctuary Choir.

Director Dicus is married to Jane, and has two sons and three granddaughters.

- *Lions Clubs International website*



## September and October Birthdays

9/19: Carol Copley 10/15: Theresa Rivas 10/20: Andrea Bodnar 10/26: Larry Dicus



Barry J. Palmer ..... International President, Sidney, Australia  
 Larry Dicus ..... Lions Clubs International Director  
 Derek Ledda ..... California MD4 Council Chair  
 Kenny Shu ..... 4-L2 District Governor  
 Alberto Montes De Oca ..... 4-L2 1st Vice District Governor  
 Larry Wehage ..... 4-L2 2nd Vice District Governor  
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 Fran Coeur ..... 4-L2 Zone B Central Chair



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## Whittier's Larry Dicus Elected International Director and LCIF Pledges \$7.8 Million to Special Olympics at Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany

### President's Message

Dear Lions,

Hope you all had a great 4<sup>th</sup> Of July! Thank you all again for making our installation dinner at the Friendly Hill Country Club a total success. It was indeed a great event. To Lions Bob, Wayne, and Dan and guest Larry Lopez, great performance. We all enjoyed your singing.



Moving forward, I am looking forward to this year as your President and I will do my best to lead us all in a productive manner. We all have busy schedules but if we work together as a team we will make it efficient. We have many good projects coming up and I know that all of you will participate. We will meet for our regular meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Sage restaurant at 5:30pm. Please, let's all try and attend and please try to bring a guest. We have many important things to cover including membership dues.

Our board meeting will not take place until August because there are many of us that are traveling this busy July. Welcome to all our newest members again. You will have a lot of fun in our SOLA LIONS CLUB. Thanks again and we'll see you all at our next meeting.

Best regards,  
Lion President Hilda Ortega



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**Whittier**





# 5th Annual Installation of Officers - June 26, 2013



PCC Larry Dicus installed SOLA Lions Club's new Board of Officers for 2013-2014



Surprise Debut performance by SOLA's Barbershop



Great guitar music by Ernie Hernandez



New Lion Theresa Rivas Inducted



Outgoing President Marvin Byrne's Family and Parents



Incoming President Hilda Ortega's Family

## Our Honored Guests: Four Special Olympics Athletes and Their Families



Mary Fitzpatrick



Jose Rego



David Ferlin



Rae Marie Muñoz

# Friendly Hills Country Club - Whittier, California



Lion of the Year Award  
 Presented to Lion Barbara Lesa



Melvin Jones Fellow Award  
 Presented to Lion Wayne Martin



Marvin Byrne and Hila Ortega Exchange President's Pins and Gavels



President's Award to Lion Marvin Byrne



PP Marvin Byrne Receives President's  
 Scrapbook from Lion Wayne Martin



Pres. Hilda's Speech mentions  
 Marie, Special Olympic athlete



At the reception table: Lions Susan Sones  
 and Linnea Pueschel



Thanks to Marvin & Elena Byrne  
 for a very successful year!

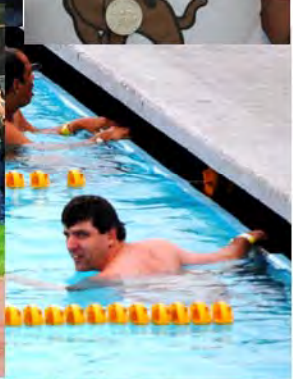
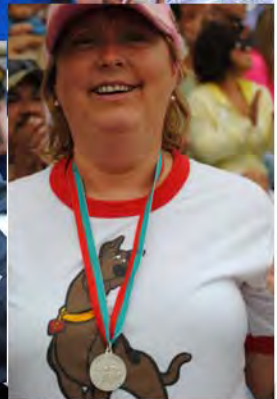
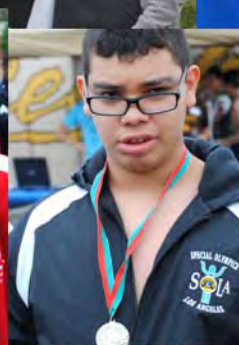


SOLA's five presidents: Hilda Ortega, Bob Warnock, Elisa Roche, Marvin Byrne &  
 Sharon Montes De Oca with PCC Larry Dicus & 1st VDG Alberto Montes De Oca



June 8-9, 2013 - SOLA Lions Assisting the Healthy Athletes Program as Ambassadors and Providing the Lions Mobile Screening Unit

# Special Olympics Summer Games - CSULB





96th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention—July 5-9, 2013

## SOLA Lions at International Convention in Hamburg, Germany



To Support Larry Dicus—California's Endorsed Candidate for International Director  
Congratulations Larry, on being elected to office of International Director!

## A Special **facebook** Conversation with Ernie Hernandez

Wayne Martin Great entertainment last Wednesday evening at SOLA. Thanks.



Ernie Hernandez also commented on his status.

Ernie wrote: "You're welcome, Wayne. I was happy to help-out at your club's 4th Installation Dinner. And my deep thanks goes out to one of SOLA'S Special Olympics young athletes, whose name is MARY. She was so sweet, to let me know that she liked my guitar music. Before leaving, she turned-over the palm of her hand, to show all that she had: four quarters and a nickel. She wanted to thank me, with a monetary "tip". THAT wonderful gesture, made the night for me. I'll never forget her, or her grace. :-)"



**Lion Wayne Martin Honored with Melvin Jones Fellow Award at SOLA Lions Club's 5th Annual Installation Dinner on June 26**

Dear SOLA Lions Club,  
 How surprised I was to be presented the esteemed Melvin Jones Fellow Award at the Installation Dinner on June 26. I was humbled in that so many others in the room were equally, if not more so, deserving of this special recognition for serving Lionism, our SOLA Lions Club, and our Special Olympics athletes so generously. Thank you President Marvin and everyone for honoring me in such a special way.

Lion Wayne Martin

**Lion Wayne's Garden Railroad is finally up and running again and he is inviting SOLA Lion families, children and grandchildren to come visit and "drive the train." Just give Wayne a call so he can "clear the track" before you arrive. 626-333-5690.**



**July and August Birthdays**

- 7/2: Linnea Pueschel, Louis Lawrence    7/3: Marvin Byrne, Maurice Byrne
- 7/4: Sam Onate    7/9: Alberto Montes De Oca    7/13: Sergio Ortega
- 7/22: Mark Elias, Ruri Pierre    8/4: Julio Alvarado
- 8/12: Elaine Roberts, Jeffrey Graner    8/17: Elisa Roche    8/31: Elena Byrne

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Special Olympics



## Lions Clubs International Announces Historic Expansion of Partnership with Special Olympics

### *Increasing Funding, Member Activation and Programming to Benefit Those with Intellectual Disabilities Worldwide*

**HAMBURG, Germany, 8 July 2013** –Lions Clubs International Foundation is pledging \$7.8 million to Special Olympics, expanding worldwide efforts to support the inclusion and well-being of people with intellectual disabilities.

Building on the organizations' 14-year history of collaboration, this pledge is part of a new multi-year partnership plan that will strengthen ties between Special Olympics and Lions Clubs International at the country and the community level. The partnership is providing health services, engaging youth and encouraging family support to benefit the global population of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The announcement was made on stage during the 96<sup>th</sup> annual Lions Clubs International convention in Hamburg, Germany, by Special Olympics Board Member Yao Ming, Special Olympics Chairman and CEO Timothy Shriver, Special Olympics Australia athlete Ben Haack, Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Founder Dr. Paul Berman and Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson Tam Wing-kun.

"Just five months ago at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Korea, Special Olympics convened world leaders for a Global Development Summit focused on ending the cycle of poverty and exclusion that people with intellectual disabilities face around the world. Lions Clubs did more than participate in that gathering -- they committed to action," shared Yao Ming. "With this remarkable commitment, they're putting the funding and strength of their global grassroots organization in direct service for one of the world's most marginalized populations. There's no greater service organization than Lions, and the athletes, families, volunteers and fans of Special Olympics worldwide are proud to stand with their members in service to others."

Lions Clubs International has been supporting Special Olympics with a focus on health through the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes vision screening program. Now, this five-year renewal and increased support will create leadership opportunities for Special Olympics athletes, increase the health work of Special Olympics, conduct outreach to families for additional support and allow for both organizations to reach more young people through inclusive sports and advocacy programs in an effort to achieve full acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in their communities.



“Lions Clubs International is honored to serve as a global partner of Special Olympics,” said Chairperson Tam. “For many years, we have worked side by side in the field of vision care for those with intellectual disabilities, and we are so excited to expand the scope of our collaboration to meet additional needs in our communities. This expanded global partnership provides an opportunity for our Lions and Leo members to engage in new service opportunities like hearing health, family support, inclusive sports, membership development, and much more.”

As part of the partnership announcement, Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson Dr. Tam Wing-kun made Yao Ming an honorary Lions Clubs member for his dedication to serving children throughout China.

Since 2001, Special Olympics and Lions Clubs International have screened more than 325,000 Special Olympics athletes, and with the help of global suppliers Essilor International and Safilo Group, have provided more than 100,000 athletes with high quality prescription eyeglasses. The expanded partnership will utilize the proven collaborative model exhibited through Opening Eyes, with the focus on creating additional health and social impacts to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families, and their communities.

In addition to empowering people with intellectual disabilities to achieve their best both on and off the playing field, the partnership is designed to highlight the global and community leadership offered by Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world, and a global leader in humanitarian service.

“Thank you Lions Clubs for your continued support, but more importantly for your belief in people like me,” said Ben Haack, Special Olympics Australia athlete. “Your support will allow us to reach more young people and empower our athletes to be leaders. We are so excited to work closely with Lions Clubs throughout the world to bring your mission, ‘We Serve’, to every corner of the Special Olympics Movement. These actions will help build understanding and break down barriers and bullying and will create communities of acceptance everywhere.”

In 2001, Lions Clubs International Foundation awarded Special Olympics the first grant in a multi-year, multi-million dollar commitment in the expansion of the Opening Eyes vision screening program. Since then, the Foundation has provided over \$15 million to provide vision and health-related services for a population long denied access to quality health and social services.

The commitment will continue to be more than just financial. Lions Clubs International has supported the Opening Eyes program with more than 20,000 volunteers in more than 80 countries, as well as helping to build capacity for increased disability programming in communities throughout the world.

### **About Special Olympics**

Special Olympics is an international organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports every day around the world. Through work in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, which leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred athletes to more than 4.2 million athletes in 170 countries. With the support of more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics is able to deliver 32 Olympic-type sports and more than 70,000 competitions throughout the year. Visit Special Olympics at [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org). Engage with us on: [Twitter @specialolympics](https://twitter.com/specialolympics); [fb.com/specialolympics](https://fb.com/specialolympics); [youtube.com/specialolympicshq](https://youtube.com/specialolympicshq), and [specialolympicsblog.wordpress.com](http://specialolympicsblog.wordpress.com).

### **About Lions Clubs International Foundation**

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world with 1.35 million members in 208 geographic areas and countries. Through LCIF, Lions have helped to save or restore the vision of more than 30 million people worldwide. Learn more online at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

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**THIS WEEKEND: SOLA Lions Club serves  
as "Healthy Athletes" Ambassadors \***

**Special Olympics SoCA Summer Games**

**June (7) 8 & 9 Cal State Long Beach**

**\*Attend  
Club  
Meeting  
This Week  
For Details**

## President's Message

Fellow Lions, What a busy few weeks we've had!

On May 15, SOLA Lions Club of Whittier welcomed Bill Shumard, President and CEO of Southern California Special Olympics to speak to the SOLA members and guests about what is currently happening within the Special Olympic Organization and the very near future World Games of 2015 – to be held in our own backyard – Los Angeles. There will be 7000 Special Olympics athletes from 170 countries competing in 26 sporting events within 7 competition hubs. We received a lot of great information from Bill Shumard and we look forward to being a huge part of the 2015 World Games.

On May 16, SOLA Lions participated in the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser held at Johnny Carino's in the Whittier Mall. Thanks to Lion Ruri Pierre and her staff, the Athletes, the Whittier Police Department and their staff, Lion Scott Barron, Lion Julio Alvarado, and Lion Sam Onate for your time. The athletes had a fun time working with their assigned police officer in collecting the donations at the tables.

On May 18, SOLA Lions participated at the Special Olympics Regional Games held at Whittier College. "The event was a lot of fun but busy, especially under the hot sun," said Lion Sam Onate. A special thank you goes out to all who helped with this event.

On June 1, we conducted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Special Olympic Aquatics Meet at Whittier College with over 60 athletes participating. The athletes, as always, were excited, focused and determined to win a medal. As I would say, "Game on," the athletes were cheered on by their families and guests, their coaches and the SOLA Lions as they paraded around the pool. Lion Wayne Martin led us with the National Anthem and athlete Jeffrey Morris delivered the Athlete's Oath. It was exhilarating watching the athletes jump into the water and seeing them get ready to start the competition as they would try to psych each other out. Whatever place they finished they were cheerful. Special thanks go out to Whittier College for use of their beautiful Aquatics Center, the Leos of Bell Gardens, The Men's League Board of Cal High, Lion Aaron Sotelo, Theresa Rivas, Coach Ashley of the Whittier Sea Monkeys, and the SOLA Lions Club for a successful aquatics meet.

I would like to wish all fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers a heartwarming father's day. Enjoy your day with family and friends. Enjoy table conversation of the past memories as I know they'll bring smiles and tears to your faces.

Your Lion President Marvin Byrne



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Our Guest Speaker on May 15, 2013

## CEO Bill Shumard

Special Olympics - So. California



CEO/President of Special Olympics Southern California started his informal speech excited about the 45% of So. Cal Special Olympics athletes who are now in the “school games program” at local schools. Athletes as young as 5<sup>th</sup> grade get their first taste of Special Olympics. ESPN will be the world wide presenting sponsor of “United Sports.” Our athletes play on the same teams as the other kids.

In February the Department of Education edict: “If any institution/school is using federal funds/dollars, it will provide equitable training and competition opportunities for students with handicaps.” (Very similar to the edict 20 years ago for equitable programs for female athletes.)

In 5 states (not yet in California) one can earn a letter in Varsity, Jr. Varsity AND United Sports. Our Special Olympics athletes can walk around campus wearing a letterman’s jacket! Wow!

The Special Olympics Southern California organization is going extraordinarily well. It moved its headquarters to West Long Beach to a business park near 405 & 710 freeways, bringing both the Gardena staff and the Long Beach staff together under one roof.

Regarding the Summer World Games – just 2 years away. The Games Organizing Committee needs \$80,000,000 to pull this off; now has 9 employees, 35 by the end of the year, and when totally staffed and ready to put on the games, 155 employees.

The scope of the World Games: 107 countries, 7,000 athletes, \$400,000,000 economic impact to Southern California. It will be the largest sports and humanitarian event in the world in 2015. Competition in 26 spots, at 7 competition hubs, and 7,000 athletes housed at 2 Olympic Villages: USC, and UCLA. Imagine the language issues, medical issues, transportation, and logistics. We have very smart and forward thinking people working on this.

Host Towns Project. Unique to Special Olympics, upon landing at LAX, the athletes will be shipped out to approximately 100 different communities. For three days, each Host Town Committee will arrange housing, food, cultural events, and opportunities for training and practice for a contingency of special Olympic athletes from one or more countries. The ultimate purpose is to change and impact those athletes for the rest of their lives [through genuine American hospitality, goodwill and cheering them on].

When asked which sports, Bill listed “off the cuff” canoeing, sailing, open water swimming, beach volleyball, triathlon, tennis, soccer, softball, swimming, basketball, track and field, badminton, gymnastics, bowling, judo, handball, horseback, golf, and cycling.





Whittier College—May 18, 2013

# 2013 Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Spring Regional Games



Although not a SOLA sponsored event, SOLA Lions Club members Linnea Pueschel, Ruri Pierre, Sam Onate and Wayne Martin showed up to cheer on the athletes and give assistance.

*“Let me win.  
But if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in the attempt.”  
Special Olympics Athlete Oath*



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Photography by  
Lion Wayne Martin

# Our 3rd Annual SELA /Whittier Area Aquatics Meet



# Thanks to All Who Assisted in Making this Aquatics Event Possible



Additional photographs taken by Lions Sergio Ortega and Aaron Sotelo



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 COY CORRESPONDENTS  
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## Bill Shumard

Guest Speaker at May 15th  
SOLA Lions Club meeting  
Sage Restaurant, Whittier

### President's Message

Happy Mother's Day to all Grandmothers, Mothers and God Mothers. May your hearts be filled with love as you are whom we respect, love and are grateful for your unconditional love.

At our meeting on May 01, 2013 we enjoyed a visitation from Tiffany Carlson, a Senior at Cal High and sister of SOLA Lion Scott Barron. She presented her senior project on the "Benefits of Sports for Individuals with Disabilities" with the SOLA members and it was great. We congratulate her and wish her well with her future.

This past week we — 2VDG Lion Alberto Montes De Oca, Region Chair Lion Bob Warnock, IPP Lion Sharon Montes De Oca, President-Elect Lion Hilda Ortega, Lion Sergio Ortega, Lion Elena Byrne, Lion Dan Skewes and I attended the annual District 4-L2 Lions Convention in Cathedral City held at the Doral Princess. The event was educational and fun. We had the pleasure to see a fantastic live Mexican Folkloric Performance by the members of the East Los Angeles Lions Club — they were sensational. And entertainer Lion Floyd Smith sang Happy Birthday to PP Sharon Montes De Oca! District Governor Sally Torres's cabinet did a great job in handing out several awards to SOLA: Honorable Mention Award for District Club of the Year, and Club Signature Project Recognition Award for Various Sports Tournaments for Special Olympics Athletes. Our very own SOLA associate member Lion Dan Skewes received the International President's Certificate of Achievement Award and District 4-L2 Honorable Mention Awards were also given to Lion Carol Copley for Club Secretary and Lion Wayne Martin for Our SOLAMOTION Bulletin — Congratulations!

The Chamber of Whittier will host "Wake up Whittier — A Salute to Service" on May 15, 2013 at the Whittier Hospital on Colima Road starting at 7:30 am. SOLA will have a table with our SOLA banner, athlete photos, and brochures. We'll also have Jeff Morris, a Special Olympics Medalist swimmer, say a few words. This is a time for others to see what SOLA Lions is all about. I encourage you to meet me and a few members at the event. See you there.

Bill Shumard of Special Olympics Los Angeles will speak at our May 15, 2013 meeting about Special Olympics and the World Games in 2015 - Please join us and get informed.

All Hands on Deck — Our annual Aquatics meet held at Whittier College on June 1, 2013 is fast approaching. Please contact Lion Ruri Pierre AKA Peanuts or myself and sign up.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon - Have a safe and great month.

Respectfully, Lion President Marvin Byrne



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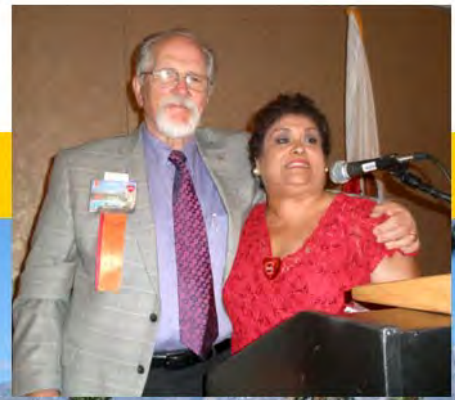
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# District 4-L2 Lions Convention



Doral Desert Princess Resort - Palm Springs





**Our Whittier Police Department helps out Special Olympics Athletes again this year!**

Special Olympics Southern California



# Tip -A- Cop<sup>®</sup>

PRESENTED BY WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Thursday, May 16th, 2013**

5:00pm - 9:00pm



## JOHNNY CARINO'S

15600 East Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603  
Ph. 562-947-3020

On Thursday, May 16th, the Whittier Police Department, will work at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant as hosts and waiters!

Come support your local Law Enforcement Officers and enjoy fine food and fun.

These Whittier PD officers will be accepting tips from dinner patrons to benefit local Special Olympics Southern California athletes.

Please visit us on the web! [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org)

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*Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the tips from this event directly benefit local Special Olympics Southern California athletes*

Special Olympics Southern California



## 2013 Los Angeles & San Gabriel Valley Spring Regional Games

Hosted by Whittier College

**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

### Whittier College

13406 Philadelphia St.  
Whittier, CA 90601

#### SPORTS OFFERED:

Athletics | 275 Athletes  
Basketball Levels | (4) C & (4) D Teams  
Bocce Levels | B, C, & D

#### SCHEDULE:

7:30am - 8:00am: Volunteer check-in  
9:00am - 9:30am: Athlete check-in  
9:30am - 10:00am: Opening Ceremony  
10:00am - 3:00pm: Competition  
3:00pm: Awards/Closing

\* - Times are general and subject to change



Over 600 amazing Special Olympics Southern California athletes from the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Regions will be competing in Athletics, Basketball, and Bocce.



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#### To Volunteer or Sponsor:

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**Come cheer our local Special Olympics Athletes on as they compete for Gold!**



# Information You Need to Know

## SOLA's Upcoming Aquatics Meet on June 1

Special Olympics  
Southern California



### SELA - Whittier Area Aquatics Meet

Hosted by: Whittier College

## Saturday, June 1, 2013

Whittier College - Lillian Slade Aquatics Center

13847 Earlham Drive  
Whittier, CA 90602

Special Olympics athletes from the Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Aquatics at the 2013 SELA- Whittier Area Swim Meet

#### SCHEDULE:

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Save the Date!

## SOLA's Annual Installation Dinner - June 26

*You're  
Invited!*



# SOLA LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER

Wednesday - June 26, 2013

6:30 pm SOCIAL  
7:00 pm DINNER  
No Host Bar

Cost: \$30.00  
Location: Friendly Hills Country Club  
8500 So. Villa Verde Drive, Whittier, CA  
90605

Reservation: Mail to Lion Susan Sones  
14945 Janine Drive, Whittier, CA 90605  
Please include an e-mail address for confirmation  
(562) 696-5200 [sonesfam@att.net](mailto:sonesfam@att.net)

Menu details to follow.



Tiffany Carlson with brother Lion Scott Barron and teacher Lion Susan Sones



Vice District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca inducts Julio Alvarado (Marvin's Dad) into SOLA.



Recently inducted into membership at District Meeting, President Marvin welcomes Lion Sam Onate into SOLA.



Special Olympics, So. Cal Asst. VP, Human Resources Laura Seckel outlines SOLA's involvement with the Healthy Athletes program at the Summer Games.



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## Thank You SOLA Lions and Whittier College for a Very Successful SELA Basketball Tournament



### President's Message

This month SOLA Lions Club of Whittier held its second annual Special Olympics Basketball Tournament hosted at Whittier College. The event brought 8 teams together, C and D classifications,

with approximately 20 players per team allowing individual teams to play three games each. Medals were given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a ribbon for 4<sup>th</sup> place. All Special Olympics athletes and coaches wore their medals and ribbons proudly.



The event was a huge success from setting up, passing out lunches, announcing the game, and tearing down the event. A special gratitude goes to Robert Coleman, Monica Gerardo, the Whittier College athletes, The Bell Gardens LEO'S, Aaron Sotello, Jeff Martin and The SOLA Lion Members for their professionalism and continued support.

Late March – Lion Hilda and I had the privilege to speak to the Whittier Autism Society about SOLA and what SOLA means to the community. Parents were given information on how to get their children involved with The City of Whittier and/or Special Olympics through our very own Lion Ruri “Peanuts” Pierre so that the children may have options in being with others learning team work. It was a great informational session.

Lions District 4-L2 has a lot going on within the next few weeks. First, we have our District meeting on April 20, 2013 in Montebello (see calendar of events on page 5 for address and time) at which our new members will be installed by our District Governor – Sally Torres. Second, we have our annual District Convention being held at The Dora Princess Hotel in Palm Springs, CA on May 9 through 12, 2013. Please sign up and come enjoy good company and the Hospitality Rooms hosted by different clubs.

If you haven't seen them “Our New Shirts” with the SOLA Logo look GREAT. Awesome job Lioness's Elena and Hilda. I hope to see everyone soon....

Respectfully,  
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**6511 Greenleaf Avenue**  
**Whittier**





**Special  
Olympics**

# SELA -Whittier Basketball Tournament April 6, 2013



Lakewood Blue Aliens - C



Pasadena Falcons—C



SELA Whittier Netforce—C



SELA Whittier Netforce—D



SGV Tomahawks—D



SELA Pico Rivera Pirates—D



SELA Lakewood Trailblazers—D



SGV Tomahawks—C



Whittier College Poets Athletes—Assisting SOLA Lions Club with Basketball Tournament



Whittier College

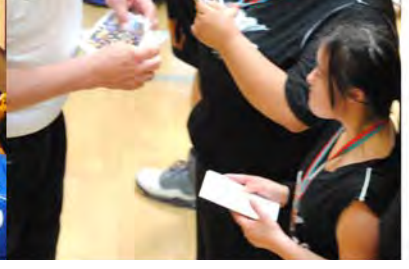
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Special thanks to Whittier College's Director of Athletics Robert Coleman, and Head Women's Soccer Coach Monica Gerardo, and SOLA Lion Ruri Pierre for making this event a tremendous success.

## Thanks SOLA Lions, Bell Gardens Leos, and Whittier College Athletes



We thank our own Lion Cristina Guzman for Sponsoring the Bell Gardens High School Leos Club!



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**District 4-L2 District Meeting**

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**May 10-12**

Doral Resort, Palm Springs

**District 4-L2 Lions Convention—See page 6**

**May 15**

Whittier Hospital on Colima Ave.

7:30 am **Wake Up Whittier**

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The SOLA Lions Club Nominating Committee has met and submitted the slate of officers and director nominees for the 2013-2014 Lions club year. The committee recommends that the election take place at our April 17th meeting, at which time nominations can also be taken from the floor.

SOLA Lions Club  
**2013 Nominating Committee Report**  
 April 3, 2013

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>2013-2014 Nominee</b>
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Special Olympics Liaison	Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre	Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre
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A Little Tax Humor from President Marvin

**A man walked into the tax collector's office and sat down and smiled at everyone.  
"May I help you?" said the clerk in charge.  
"No," said the man. "I just wanted to meet the people I have been working for all these years."**



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## Whittier Police Department Honored by Special Olympics



### President's Message



Happy Saint Patty's Month, my Lion Lads and Lassies,

The month of the lucky charm is upon us as we embark onto spring. The month has been a busy month for SOLA. Last week, we Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-Alberto Montes De Oca, RC-Bob Warnock, IPP-Sharon Montes De Oca, Ruri Pierre, Susie Ausdal, Wayne Martin, Hilda Ortega, Sergio Ortega, Sam Onate, and myself had the pleasure in presenting, in front of Mayor Newcomer and the City Council members "Special Olympics Highest Volunteer Award" to Sergeant Dominic, Chief Piper and the Whittier Police Department for their continued dedication and support for the Special Olympics Athletes. Mayor Newcomer was delighted to hear that the City's Police Department has a huge involvement within the Special Olympics Community.



As Spring begins, we, SOLA also begin in our preparation of the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Whittier College on April 06, 2013. SOLA Lions of Whittier, with the help of Whittier College athletes and volunteers, will be hosting 6 to 8 teams - approximately 80 players in having a fun and a successful tournament. I would like to see everyone there!

I would also like to welcome our new members Lion's Julio Alvarado and Sam Onate to the SOLA Lions Family. Through their enthusiasm and support the Special OlympicS Athletes will enjoy future events.

**May the luck of the Irish be with you!**

For each petal on the shamrock, This brings a wish your way  
Good health, good luck, and happiness. For today and every day.

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Special Olympics  
 Southern California  
 Presented to  
 City of Whittier Police Department  
 Too often individuals are told “You Can’t Do It”  
 Special Olympics says  
 “You Can Do It – All You Need is a Chance”  
 Thank You

For giving that chance with your generous support to the  
 Special Olympians of Southeast Los Angeles  
 Regional Director: Eloise Crawford  
 December 1, 2012



Sergeant Dominic Iraldo has been instrumental in organizing his fellow officers to participate in events supporting Special Olympics endeavors. Police Chief Jeff Piper requested that this plaque be given to him.



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# Welcome to SOLA!

**SOLA Lions Club welcomes two new members,  
both sponsored by President Marvin Byrne:**



**Lion Julio Alvarado**

Realtor – Caldwell Banker Alliance  
Residence: Pomona  
Wife: Maria



**Lion Sam Onate**

Commercial Real Estate Broker  
Residence: Hacienda Heights  
Wife: Maria

**SOLA Lions Club is Now Looking for a New Place to Meet  
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DISTRICT 4-L2

# 75th ANNUAL DISTRICT 4-L2 CONVENTION

Doral Desert Princess Resort-67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA  
Thursday, May 9, 2013 — Saturday, May 11, 2013



## CONVENTION REGISTRATION


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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
DET FIRST NAME (as desired on badge)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

Non-Lion Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
DET 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, 2013	*REC'D AFTER May 1, 2013	HOW MANY	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
SUPER PACKAGE DEAL— <b><u>Does not include golf.</u></b> <b><u>**Super Package includes everything else below**</u></b>	\$ 190.00	\$ 220.00		
LEO Registration Fee	FREE	FREE		
**REGISTRATION (Lions, Spouses, Guests) <b>*MANDATORY*</b>	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00		
THURSDAY, MAY 9th				
Golf Tournament (Morning) <b>*Use Flyer to Sign Up*</b>	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00		
First Niter's Reception—Hosted 4/6	\$ N/C	\$ N/C		
FRIDAY, MAY 10th				
Luncheon—"Honoring Club Presidents"	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00		
<b>Little Italy Buffet</b>	\$ ---	\$ ---		
Dinner—South of The Border Fiesta 	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00		
SATURDAY, MAY 11th				
Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/> Croissant Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Springs Salad				
Croissant Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Breast <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	\$ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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>>> Doral Desert Princess Resort <<<

1-760-322-7000 Group Code Lions 4L2



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## President's Message

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue and  
SOLA is in Love with  
**YOU!**

I trust everyone had a splendid Valentine's Day with their spouse, family and or friends. Many of you may have noticed spring is in the air - flowers are starting to blossom, yards are becoming greener, and the air is crispier. Take the time to enjoy your day everyday as we continue to serve and help our athletes.

Please note and mark your calendars as listed in this month's SOLAMOTION on page 2: Basketball Tournament, and the Swim Meet, both at Whittier College.

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# Opening Eyes Program



LCIF and Special Olympics began a partnership in 2001 to provide free vision screenings at select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. Research has shown that among Special Olympics athletes, 68 percent have not had an eye examination in three years, 37 percent are in need of eyeglasses and 18 percent wear clinically-incorrect eyeglasses. The athletes are largely an underserved group when it comes to vision care and they deserve, and should have access to, quality care that is appropriate to their particular needs.

This partnership resulted in the Opening Eyes Program under the Healthy Athlete Program in Special Olympics. This program relies on thousands of volunteer Lions, doctors, vision specialists and educators. Since the program started more than 250,000 athletes have been

## Helping Athletes Succeed in the Games and Life

“We have never had a more significant partnership in the history of Special Olympics than the partnership we have today with the Lions Clubs.” –Dr. Timothy Shriver, Chairman & CEO of Special Olympics International

SOLA Lions Club has been active in the Healthy Athlete Program in Southern California since we were formed. The Healthy Athletes Program offers free health screenings at the Summer and Fall Games competitions. This program consists of Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physical therapy), Health Promotion (better health and well-being), Healthy Hearing (audiology), Opening Eyes (vision), and Special Smiles (dentistry). Since 1997 more than one million Special Olympic Athletes have been screened in over 100 Countries. We have been active in the Healthy Hearing part of the program at both the Summer and Fall games in partnership with Chapman University in Orange. Working with Dr. Judy Montgomery and her students in Audiology has been very gratifying. Lions throughout the world and the SOLA Lions Club are making a difference in serving the Special Olympics Athletes.

*Submitted by Lion Ron Copley*



screened, with prescription eyewear provided to nearly 99,000 athletes. A total of 10,500 doctors have been recruited and trained through the program. More than 16,000 Lions volunteers worldwide have offered their time and talents for this true team effort. The Opening Eyes program is funded by an LCIF Core 4 grant. Since the program began, the Foundation has awarded more than \$13.3 million in grant funding for this program. This year the amount of the grant was \$1.0 million.

# MD4 Lions Convention - Sacramento



Pictures submitted by 2nd VDG and SOLA Associate Member Alberto Montes de Oca, featuring gatherings in the hospitality suite of PCC Larry Dicus, Districts MD4 & 4-L2's endorsed candidate for Lions International Director.



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A Note from Carol Copley,  
SOLA Lions Club Secretary . . . .

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January 23, 2013



**2013**  
**GOIN' TO BE A**  
**ROARING YEAR!**

## President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. As 2012 has now come to a close with the start of 2013, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our members, associate members and volunteers for their continued support and dedication in serving the Special Olympics Athletes. May you reflect on last year's accomplishments as you set new attainable aspirations for the New year.



May you have a Healthy, Safe, Blessed, and Prosperous New year.

### \*\*Irish toast

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, never in want.

Respectfully,  
Lion President Marvin Byrne



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 23, 2013**





## 2013 Lions Rose Parade Float



On New Year's Eve Lion Elena, our daughter Julia, and I had the pleasure in having breakfast, hosted by Historic Castle Green Hotel with fellow President Wayne Madden. During break- VIP tour buses to the warehouse of the Lions Float. Due to the Lions arrangement we had VIP service - we were able walk in, no waiting, to see the float from the floor level within 10 feet of the float. If you've not been to see the finished floats prior to the actual Rose Parade on New Year's Day - the line is about 4 football fields long with 3-6 people wide standing in 40± degree weather. The VIP service was well worth the money.

- Lion President Marvin Byrne





## New Year's Eve

### An Evening with International President Wayne Madden



On New Year's Eve, Lion Elena and I had the pleasure in meeting International President Wayne Madden. He spoke briefly on a couple of topics that are a priority on his agenda. One of them being the Reading Action Program – RAP, over the years, as an educator himself, he has found that children and adults are reading below their age level. He has asked for Lions Clubs through-

out the world to take on this program within their communities. The second topic was on ideas on how to increase club membership and retention as both were the life line of each club. We wish him and every Lion's Club great success in the RAP program and membership drives.

*- Lion President Marvin Byrne*



**SOLA Lions Club  
well represented at  
District 4-L2  
Cabinet Meeting  
January 19th, 2013**



## New Year's Eve Party with SOLA Lion Friends



After a busy morning and afternoon with Lions International, Lion Elena and I went out and had a fabulous evening with Lion Sergio and Hilda Ortega, Lion Maurice and Nelly Byrne, and our very own Hoedown Chef and wife Ruben and Claudia Enriquez at the Friendly Hills Country Club. While there we ran into the astonishing and stunning presence of Lion Ron and Lion Carol Copley and Lion Drew and Lion Susan Sones. We enjoyed the food, the entertainment and each other's company while we brought in the New Year. (I even got a kiss from Lion Drew) I hope and trust you all had a great evening with family and friends as we did.

- Lion President Marvin Byrne





## Sharing Our Hobbies

Lion Wayne Martin's twin brother Duane is a skilled woodworking craftsman, creating art masterpieces in wood. Elected into the prestigious "League of New Hampshire Craftsmen," Duane uses only the natural wood tones without any dyes or paints to color his intarsia inlays. Once only a hobby for personal and family enjoyment, his work is featured at Art Galleries, in woodworking magazines, and television programs.



Do you have a hobby we could feature in a future SOLAMOTION?



### 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

Have you looked at your SOLA website lately? Share it with a friend!

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Wayne A. Madden..... International President, Auburn, Indiana, USA  
Elizabeth Crooke ..... California MD4 Council Chair  
Larry Dicus.....District 4-L2 and MD4 Candidate for International Director  
Sally Torres ..... 4-L2 District Governor  
Kenny Shu ..... 4-L2 1st Vice District Governor  
Alberto Montes De Oca..... 4-L2 2nd Vice District Governor  
Bob Warnock..... 4-L2 Central Region Chair  
Gabriel Silva..... 4-L2 Zone B Central Chair



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