

SOLAMOTION

Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics
Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier
Volume 5, No. 7 December 20, 2014



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Santa Steve's Presidents Message

Greetings All,

Can you believe it? Yep, the holidays have arrived and 2014 is coming to a close. What a year it has been and I am so proud of our club. We have been quite busy and the month of December has certainly been no different. We always look forward to the SELA Athletes Christmas Party and this year was no different. Once again the event was held at Simms Park in Bellflower and it was a terrific evening. Thanks to all of you for the gift cards and hard work that went into the success of this Christmas program. From setting up, decorating, food prep, serving and clean up, you wonderful people got it done! You brought so much joy to these athletes and their families, you're such a blessing and I can't thank you enough.

This past weekend we traveled to the city of Irvine for the Fall Games. Unfortunately "Mother Nature" tossed a little monkey wrench in things. With all the recent rain, we discovered most of the fields for outside activity were under water. As a result, the focus switched to testing the athlete's for sight and hearing, with greater numbers than we've ever seen in the past. What comes to mind is, "Be careful what you wish for!" By the conclusion of the weekend, we tested 238 athletes and referred 58 more for further diagnoses. Doctor's Judy Montgomery and Gill Herrer were extremely grateful for the use of the Sight and Hearing Mobile and how it contributed to the success of the games. I personally want to thank Ron Copley, Mark Elias and Roddy Hiatt for their help the entire weekend.

This past Wednesday evening was another special time for our club. We gathered at Portofino's Italian Restaurant for our annual Christmas Party. We had a big turnout and it was a great night. Our music was provided by Wayne Martin and Larry Lopez; these two are so talented and we are very fortunate to have them. The highlight of the evening was presenting the Melvin Jones award to our dear friend and Guiding Lion, Ron Copley. He really is the glue that holds our club together and is so deserving of this award. For those of you that don't know, being presented with the "Melvin Jones" is the highest honor that you can achieve as a Lion. It couldn't happen to a more deserving person and I'm thankful for the direction and support he gives me.

In closing, let's not forget the "reason for the season" and our many blessings. Enjoy your time with loved ones during the holidays. Time passes so quickly and I think we all realize how precious it really is. Please keep Lion's Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre and Ursula Bell in your thoughts and prayers. Each of them has recently lost loved ones near and dear to them. Never easy of course, but especially difficult this time of year.

Again, my thanks to each of you for making our Special Olympic Athletes a priority. May we continue to make a positive difference in their lives in 2015!

Merry Christmas
and God Bless!

Lion Steve

*Editor's Note:
-- Pictured Above --
SOLA's Pres. Steve Nichols
was the beloved Santa for
many years at the Orlingua
School for the Hearing
Impaired in Whittier.*

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



December 6, 2014

Our Annual SELA Christmas Party



Santa's Helpers at the SELA Christmas Party



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Christmas Party

December 17, 2014



Lion Ron Copley receives Melvin Jones Fellow Award



Invocation and
Funny "Night Before
Christmas" Poem
by Jeff Martin

Parade of the Wooden Soldiers
and Sleigh Ride
Piano Duets by Larry Lopez
and Wayne Martin



Date to Remember

December 29 Reception for Lions International President Joe Preston
 DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Los Angeles-Rosemead, California
 Hosted by Lions Float, Inc. and Lions District 4-L2 (Tickets sold out)



December and January Birthdays

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Happy Thanksgiving!

President's Message

Hi Folks,

I hope all of you are continuing to do well. November started off in fine fashion with a terrific bowling tournament in Norwalk. My thanks to all who were able to attend. It was another great event. We now have our sights set on the SELA Athletes Christmas Party on December 6th at Simms Park in Bellflower. Just a reminder, please be sure to bring your \$10 gift cards (more than one if you can) to our meeting tomorrow night at Sage. Lion Ruri or I will get the cards to Don Howard later this week.



This is how things are shaping up: Jeanette Gosden (SELA Special Olympics) will purchase the lasagna and SOLA will reimburse her. SOLA will also present Don with a check for \$1,000 to purchase paper goods, utensils, coffee, etc., and the Key Club will purchase gifts from that money as well. Special Olympics Southern California will be paying for the DJ, permit and staffing. On Sunday, November 30, the Key Club will be wrapping presents at the Kiwanis building.

This is always a wonderful time with our athletes and their families. BUT we will need "all hands on deck" so I'm hoping everyone can make it. Regarding decorations, once again Jerry and Rosa will take charge and direct us. Ruri will be donating the coverings for the tables and Rosa has suggested that each of us bring a few decorations (don't spend a lot) for the tables. We never know what will be carried over from the previous year and often times the athlete's like to take these little goodies home as souvenirs. Who can blame them! :) :) If you can bring a few items, they might include tree ornaments, garland of any color, or festive decorations we can put on the tables.

Finally, we need to be at Simms Park in Bellflower at 3:00 pm to assist with individual table set up and decorations. Please let us know if you can make it. We need to know how many SOLA Lions will be coming to help serve meals, work in the kitchen and clean up.

Thanks to each of you for your commitment. We do make a difference and that's how it should be!

Hoping to see all of you tomorrow...

All my best, Lion Steve



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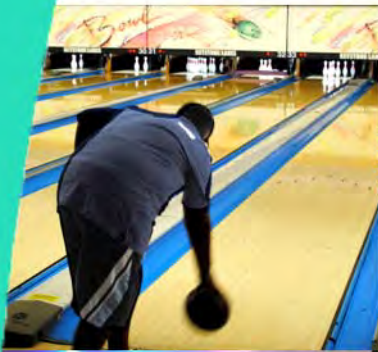
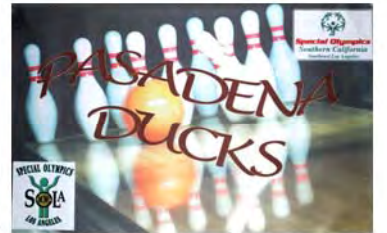


SPECIAL OLYMPICS



— SELA

Bowling Tournament





November 1, 2014

Thanks Everyone for a Great Tournament!





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

Saturday, December 6, 2014

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Athletes please PRE-REGISTER for this year's Christmas Party TODAY!
Mail or E-mail the form below.
Confirm your participation and favorite potluck dish.
NOTE:
Lasagna and all drinks provided by SELA

*Please register by
Monday, November 24th.

FOR MORE INFO:
Call Don @ 626-824-3732

YES! I will attend the Special Olympics Southern California Southeast Los Angeles Annual Athletes Christmas Party.

ATHLETE NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Team Location & Sport: _____

I am only allowed to bring two (2) guests (family, friends, group home chaperones)

Guest(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

NOTE: The Food dish should serve eight (8) guests.

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Main Dish: _____ Salad: _____

Vegetable: _____ Bread: _____

Fruit: _____ Dessert: _____





We hope all SOLA families can join us this year!

SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party

*Wednesday
December 17
6:00 PM*

\$30 per person

Includes tax and gratuity

Invite your family and friends!

*Portofino
Ristorante
Italiano*



*651 West Whittier Blvd.
La Habra, Ca. 90631*

Dinner Menu Choices

Chicken Marsala

Chicken breast sautéed with Marsala wine and mushrooms

Sole Piccata

White fish sautéed with lemon and capers

New York Steak

New York Steak topped with peppercorn sauce.

Dinner Includes

Bruschetts

Polenta Sausage and mushrooms

Penne pasta with marinara sauce

Salad

Dessert: Tiramisu

Ice Tea on Table

Soda and Coffee on request

No Host Bar

Please RSVP by Friday, December 12 to SOLA Lions Club Treasurer Carol Copley at 562-693-8330 or email: roncopley@earthlink.net.

At SOLA's November 5th Meeting . . .



Lion Theresa "Tessy" Prumatico

from the Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club visited the SOLA Lions Club meeting to promote her candidacy for next year's 2nd Vice District Governor to be elected at the May 14-15, 2015 District 4-L2 Convention in San Diego. Standing with SOLA Lion Club President Steve Nichols are members of her support team: PDG Chris Ohrmund, Lion John Nelson. Seated are Lions Dan Skewes and Gary Hall.



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Dates to Remember

- November 19 **Next SOLA Lions Club Regular Meeting - Sage Restaurant**
- December 3 **SOLA Lions Club Regular and Board Meetings**
- December 6 **Christmas Party for SELA Special Olympics Athletes**
- December 13-14 **Special Olympics Fall Games**
- December 17 **SOLA Lions Club Christmas Party 6:00 PM**
Portofino's Italian Restaurant, La Habra
- December 29 **Reception for Lions International President Joe Preston**
Space is limited for this event at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rosemead. Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased through District 4-L2 Treasurer Lion Ron Copley, 562-693-8330, email: roncooley@earthlink.net. Let's have SOLA well represented at this event.



November & December Birthdays

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Special Reminder



Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Whittier Area Bowling Tournament Saturday, November 1, 2014 Keystone Lanes - Norwalk

President's Message

My Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe, but October is coming to a close and yes, it's been another busy month. Time is moving along and it seems like such a challenge just to keep up. A big thanks to all of you for your continued hard work. Our last meeting was quite a night with a very full agenda. We had many guests, which included our own District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca and his 4-L2 Cabinet. They looked mighty fine, by the way!

We were also fortunate to have our friends from Special Olympics, Laura Seckel & Dustin Plunkett stop by, along with Zabi Mansoori, GOC Healthy Athlete's Program. They were kind enough to give us an update regarding the World Games in 2015.

As the evening came to a close, new members Jeff Martin & Joseph Nichols were installed by our District Governor. We also welcomed Aaron Sotelo of the Los Angeles Lions Club as an associate member.

Thanks to each of our SOLA Lions that were able to attend "Tip -A- Cop." It was a big success and we certainly couldn't have done it without Whittier PD's help.

I'm hoping to see all of you this Saturday morning at Keystone Lanes in Norwalk (9 am) for our Bowling Tournament. It should be a great time.

In closing, I want to personally thank Wayne Martin for his amazing work, encouragement and dedication. What a difference he makes in what we do and we are certainly blessed to have him.



See you folks on Saturday!

Lion Steve



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SOLA's Bowling Tournament This Saturday

Special Olympics
Southern California



Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Whittier Area Bowling Tournament

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

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Keystone Lanes
11459 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Special Olympics athletes from Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Bowling at the 2014 Southeast Los Angeles - Whittier Area Bowling Tournament.



SCHEDULE:

9:00am | Volunteer Check-In & Setup
10:00am | Delegation Check-In
10:45am | Opening Ceremony
11:00am | Competition Begins
After 3rd Game | Lunch (*Provided for registered athletes & volunteers*)
1:30pm | Closing

*Times are general and subject to change

ALLOTMENT: Open to invited SELA Athletes Only

DELEGATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 24th, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Games & Volunteers: Ruri Pierre | rpierre@cityofwhittier.org | 562-567-9471

Delegation Registration: Rachel Pittock | rpittock@sosc.org | 562-502-1123

A Very Special Lions Club Meeting



District 4-L2 Officers made their official visit to SOLA on Wednesday evening, October 15 at which time Lions Jeff Martin and Joseph Nichols were inducted as new members. Also joining us were Special Olympics "Healthy Athletes" leadership Laura Seckel and Zabi Mansoori, and S.O. athlete/ambassador Dustin Plunkett, updating us as to medical screening and care available throughout the World Games 2015.



Lion Aaron Sotelo from the Los Angeles Lions Club officially joined us as an associate member. SOLA members enjoyed hearing the latest District happenings from DG Alberto Montes De Oca, 1st VDG Larry Wehage, who spoke about the Pediavision Vision Screeners the District hopes to purchase, and from 2nd VDG Manny Sanchez, who invited us to next May's District 4-L2 Lions Convention in San Diego.



"Tip-A-Cop" Another Great Success



Thanks to our Whittier Police Department officers and S.O. athletes, \$2,260 was donated by Red Robin patrons for Special Olympics programs locally.



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- November 5 Next SOLA Lions Club Regular and Board Mtgs
- November 15 District 4-L2 Meeting #2 PIH Health, Whittier 8am
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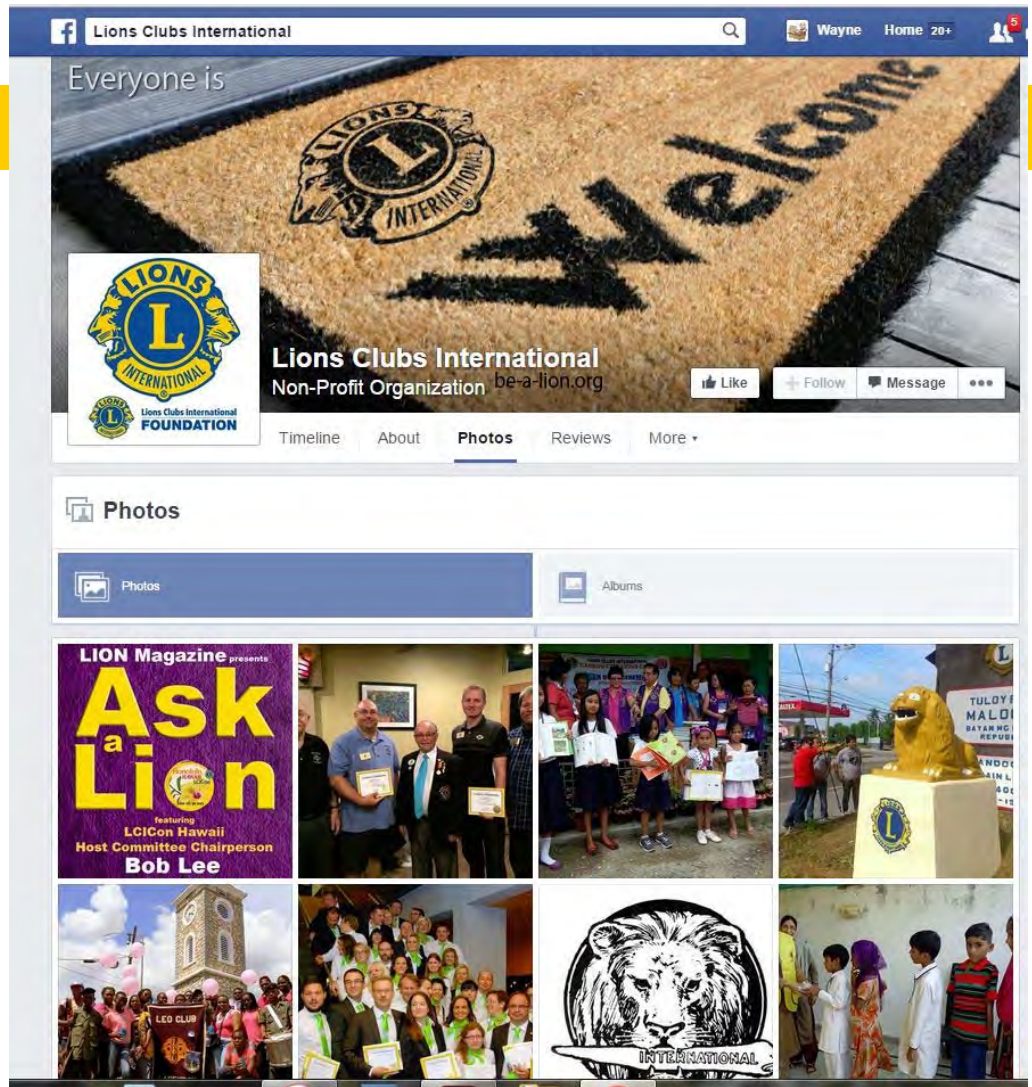
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Special Olympics Southern California
Southeast Los Angeles Area (SELA) - Whittier

Softball Tournament

Saturday, September 20th

Rio Vista Park—Pico Rivera



SPECIAL EDITION

President's Message

Greetings All,

What a wonderful day we had in Pico Rivera at Rio Vista Park. Our softball tournament was a big success and the athlete's were amazing and such a joy. It came together because of the dedication and effort put forth by each of you and I offer my thanks. We were fortunate to have tremendous help from the Cal High Men's League and the Leo's from Bell Gardens High School. They always make such a difference in what we do.



Another reason for a very successful day was the participation by our friends from the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station. Captain Allen Castellano and his staff spent the day with us and helped present medals to the athlete's. This certainly brought a lot of happiness to everyone and really made the day complete.

Please mark your calendars for our Bowling Tournament on November 1st in Downey. I'm sure this will be another great day.

My thanks again to each of you!

All My Best,

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SELA - Lakewood Angels



Pomona Wildcats



SELA - Whittier Dirty Dawgs

Rio Vista Park—Pico Rivera, California

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SELA - Whittier Area Softball Tournament



GLA - Marine Adult Therapeutic Center



OC - Laguna Hills Hawks



GLA - Giant Steps Warriors 2



SELA - Lakewood Dirt Bags



Long Beach (LOB)





September 20, 2014

SELA - Whittier Area Softball Tournament

With a cloud overcast most of the day, 10 teams of Special Olympics athletes enjoyed playing softball in cooler weather last Saturday, September 20th at Rio Vista Park in Pico Rivera. This Special Olympics Southern California 2014 SELA-Whittier Softball Tournament was organized and sponsored by the Special Olympics Los Angeles (SOLA) Lions Club of Whittier, with help from the Men's League Board of California High School, Whittier, and the Bell Gardens High School Leos Club.



The 10 teams were divided into 3 groups (rated by Special Olympics on each team's ability level) playing on 3 diamonds, each with emcees announcing athletes' names and plays, score keepers and professional umpires. Over 116 Special Olympics athletes from the Greater Los Angeles (GLA), Long Beach, Orange County, Pomona, and Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) participated with over 200 adults, coaches, Lions Club members, and youth cheering them on. Each athlete received either a gold, silver, or bronze medallion and a picture of their team during the closing ceremonies. Also, the SOLA Lions Club provided sack lunches for all the athletes, coaches and workers.

The SOLA Lions Club wishes to thank the City of Pico Rivera for use of their beautiful new softball facility at Rio Vista Park, Captain Allen Castellano, commander of the Pico Rivera Sheriff's station and his officers for their assistance with presenting the awards, the MLB boys from Cal-Hi for helping set-up, keeping score, and along with the Leos Club, cheering the athletes on. We thank City of Whittier's recreation leader Lion Ruri Pierre who is the SOLA Lions Club Special Olympics Liaison, and Special Olympics So. Cal. staff Rachel Pittock and Teresa Borunda, for their leadership.

- Lion Wayne Martin



CalHi Mens League Board

Bell Gardens H.S. Leos Club



Thanks Everyone!





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e-mail sjufrank@yahoo.com



Take a **new** solid colored polo shirt (or other style you'd prefer to wear) to Sports Jackets Unlimited and they will embroider the SOLA logo on it for a very reasonable charge.



1 - 4 PM

PDG Mike Brassard's Home
9243 Flora Vista Street
Bellflower, CA 90706

The dress is Hawaiian. The Luau will feature two roasted pigs, hot dogs, salads, desserts and more. A great fun event with your fellow Lons. There will be music and a raffle.

The low cost is \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a couple if paid by Tuesday, October 14; otherwise it will be \$20 per person at the event.

Checks are to be made out to "Lions District 4-L2" and sent to Lion DT Ron Copley, 15352 Mar Vista Street, Whittier, CA 90605. Any questions please call Lion DT Ron Copley at 562-693-8330 or Lion DS Drew Sones at 562-696-5200. **Come join in on the fun.**

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Special
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Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



It's Softball Season!
SOLA's Annual Softball Tournament
is just a month away!

President's Message

My Fellow Lions,

It was great to see each of you at our first meeting of the new year! We had many guests and I thank each of you for making that happen. I also want to personally thank Bill Shumard, President and C.E.O. of Special Olympics for taking the time to stop by and wish us well. He is our friend and it's always good to see him and find out how things are moving along and how we, as SOLA Lions, can help. He certainly shared his vision of putting our athletes first and recognizing the accomplishments that they strive for and achieve. As an example, Bill spoke about the importance of earning and receiving a letterman's jacket. As the years have flown by, I forgot how important it is to earn your letter at the high school level. Trust me, that is a major accomplishment in any young person's life! I'm not sure how it happened, but mine doesn't fit like it once did!



Finally, the World Games for 2015 are just around the corner and this will certainly be a challenging and exciting time. We, as a club, will have an opportunity to participate and make a difference in many lives. We will figure out the best way to make that happen.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting on August 20th and planning for our softball tournament in September. Always remember; "Start where you are, use what abilities you have & do what you can." Our athlete's deserve nothing less!

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SOSC President/CEO Bill Shumard Speaks at SOLA

Special Olympics Southern California President and CEO Bill Shumard favored us with a visit on August 3 to welcome Lion Steve Nichols as our new Club President and wish all of us a great year serving our SELA area Special Olympics athletes. It's always our pleasure to have Bill as our guest and hear the latest scoop about the World Games coming to Los Angeles in 2015 and its implication for the future of Special Olympics in our Southern California area.



Key points of his presentation were:

- It's only one year until the World Games 2015 begin — July 25 to August 2
- 7,000 athletes from 170+ countries, 3,000 coaches, 5,000 honored guests, 30,000 volunteers, 500,000 spectators, 2,000 media representatives, 9 days, 27 venues.
- President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle will serve as Honorary Chairs.
- The World Games have some great sponsors and financial supporters including Bank of America, California Community Foundation, Coca-Cola, Kaiser Permanente, (also Rose Hills Foundation), yet they need many more.
- ESPN has become the Official Media Service for the World Games, and will televise both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, along with dedicating an hour each day of programming on Events and Special Segments.
- Toyota is the Official Transportation for the World Games, after making a 5 million dollar donation to the Games.
- The HostTown 2015 program is unique to these games, in which the City of Whittier will be hosting a delegation of Special Olympics athletes from one or more nations in pre-game cultural and sports activities and cheering them on during the games; over 50 communities out of the 70 to 100 needed have now volunteered.
- "Unified Program" - Through the "Unified Program," Special Olympics is encouraging local school districts, with the help of the CIF, to allow Special Olympics athletes/students to participate on "regular" Freshmen, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports teams throughout the year. The athletes would be a member of each of the teams, rather than playing separately, and then hopefully would be given a "Letter" for their achievement at the conclusion of the season. Currently the Los Angeles School District is on board with this plan.
- Local sporting events, like the one's SOLA is sponsoring each year, are desperately needed to meet the needs of the thousands of athletes joining Special Olympics teams.

We look forward to this coming year serving our local Special Olympics athletes and seeing Bill Shumard joining us at some of the events. What a great encourager he is! Thanks Bill!

Thanks to our newest Lion, Jeff Martin, for taking such great notes for me.



Events like this is what the SOLA Lions Club is all about!

Every SOLA Member Needed on September 20

Special Olympics
Southern California



Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Whittier Area Softball Tournament

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

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Rio Vista Park
8751 Coffman & Pico Road
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Special Olympics athletes from Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Softball at the 2014 SELA Area Softball Tournament.

SCHEDULE:

7:30am | Volunteer Check-In & Set-up

8:30am | Delegation Check-In

9:30am | Opening Ceremony

10:00am | Competition Begins

11:30pm - 12:30pm | Lunch (*Provided for registered athletes & volunteers only*)

3:00pm | Closing

*Times are general and subject to change

TEAMS/LEVELS OFFERED: (4) B Level, (4) C+ Level, (4) C Level, (4) C- Level

DELEGATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 5th, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Games & Volunteer Info: Ruri Pierre | rpierre@cityofwhittier.org | 562-567-9471

Delegation Registration Info: Rachel Pittock | rpittock@sosc.org | 562-502-1123



The tournament will have 16 teams from the Los Angeles County Area. With the use of 4 diamonds, the SOLA Lions will be taking on the lead of this tournament with the help of the Leo's, Whittier College Lion's Club and Men's League Board (California High School).



From the Desk of Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre

SOLA's Busy Fall Schedule



Gone, Gone, Gone , Homerun!!! **September 20**, SOLA Lions Club and the Southern California Special Olympics will host a Softball Tournament, with 16 teams, from the Greater Los Angeles Area. The games will be held for the first time in the City of Pico Rivera at Rio Vista Park from 9:30am to 3:00pm.



On **October 16**, the annual Tip – A – Cop will be held at the Red Robin Restaurant, at the Whittwood Mall, from 4pm-9pm. The event is a fundraiser for our local Special Olympics programs. Come spend an evening as the Whittier Police Officers and Special Olympics athletes serve you at your tables.



November 1, the annual Bowling Tournament will be held at Del Rio Lanes in Downey. We will have approximately 80 bowlers ready to throw strikes!!!



Two Special Olympics Olympics programs have stated their practices for the Fall season.

- The **Dirty Dawgs** softball team practice is on Sundays, at Joe Miller Field in Whittier, from 3:00pm-5:00pm
- The **Incredi-BOWLS** bowling team will practice at the La Habra 300 Lanes on Saturdays, from August 2014 –April 2015.



Come support our fantastic athletes as they practice and compete for the 2014 season!!!



Like us on
Facebook

Along with our webpage, www.solalionsclub.org, SOLA has a Facebook Page too. Check it out and add your comments and pictures of SOLA events. This is a great way you can help promote the great work we do for Special Olympics athletes and every club member will enjoy your pictures and comments! Share it with your friends. Try it. It's fun!





District 4-L2 Installation of Officers Dinner, July 27, 2014

SOLA Members in Lions District 4-L2 Leadership



Pictures and Collage by Lion Bea Proo, Editor of District 4-L2 Newsletter

Several of our SOLA Lions Club members wear several hats in their "We Serve" roles this year throughout Lionism. Not only are they great participants in SOLA's many Special Olympics events, but now have District and International responsibilities: Lion Larry Dicus serves his second year as International Director. Serving District 4-L2 are Lion Alberto Montes De Oca as District Governor, Lion Ron Copley as District Treasurer, Lion Drew Sones as District Secretary, Lion Wayne Martin as District Directory Coordinator, and Lion Susan Sones as District Contests Coordinator. We wish them all a very successful year.



July 20, 2014

July SOLA Potluck at Carol and Ron Copley's

Beautiful Location!
 Delicious Food!
 Great Fellowship!
 Wonderful evening!
 Thanks Carol & Ron!



August and September Birthdays

8/4: Julio Alvarado 8/5: Larry Lopez 8/12: Elaine Roberts, Jeffrey Graner
 9/17: Cecilia Morales 9/19: Carol Copley



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**Special
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SOLA's Associate Member
Alberto Montes De Oca
Elected Governor at District 4-L2 Convention

SOLA's Fundraiser
HOE-DOWN
A Fantastic Event!



President's Message

Greetings to all of you fine folks. I hope this finds each of you doing well. It's hard to believe that we are beginning our sixth year as SOLA Lions and I am now taking the reins. When I look back on that first year and the hurdles that we overcame, it makes me very proud. We are now known world-wide for our efforts and dedication in serving Special Olympics and our wonderful athletes. It's been a job well done and we should all be proud and humbled by this unique opportunity to serve.

This upcoming year will offer many challenges and I know we will rise for each and every occasion. Having said that, I recognize that we, as a club, receive the most joy and satisfaction when we serve our athlete's at their local tournaments. As your President, I want to encourage everyone to re-new your commitment to our athletes. This should always be our focus and priority; they deserve nothing less! One key person that has shown us the way and enabled us to succeed is our own Lion Rurie, Special Olympics Liaison. I think it is safe to say that without her we would not be where we are today. I know with her guidance we will continue to be successful.

In closing, I want to thank each of you again for your commitment and encourage everyone to get a little rest during the month of July. We will get started the first week of August with our meeting at Sage Restaurant and that will be here before we know it. Come September we will need to have our seatbelts fastened because we are gonna be busy, but as usual we will get it done! I hope to see everyone at Ron and Carol Copley's for our SOLA potluck on July 20th. That should be a great afternoon.

My warmest regards,
Lion Steve

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August 6, 2014
Sage Restaurant
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Whittier





**Special
Olympics**

Saturday, May 31, 2014 - Palm Park, Whittier

SOLA-SELA - Whittier Area Aquatics Meet



Thank You SOLA Lions Club, City of Whittier, Cal High Men's League, and Bell Gardens Leos Club for a Great Swim Meet





June 18, 2014 Portofino Ristorante Italiano, La Habra

SOLA Lions Club's 6th Annual Installation of Officers Dinner



PP Marvin Byrne MC's event

Outgoing Pres. Hilda Ortega shares & awards leadership

S .O. Liaison Peanuts Pierre introduces S. O. athletes



Lions of the Year
Rosa & Jerry Masterson

Steve Nichols
New President



Installation of Officers by DG Alberto Montes De Oca 2014-2015 Officers/Board of Directors

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 Special Olympics Liaison Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre

Directors

Lion Marla Baker Lion Cecilia Morales Lion Susan Sones



SOLA LIONS CLUB HOWDY



HOWDY FELLOW LIONS,

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came to help decorate the Whittier Community Center. It looked fabulous! And special appreciation to newly elect president Lion Steve and crew for hanging all the twinkle lights over the dance floor, along with all the decorators who brought the decor to turn the center into a country fair extravaganza and country western delight. Everyone enjoyed the cowboy grub, thanks Lion Marvin and Chef Ruben. Thanks to past president Hilda and Lion Rosa for the wonderful array of raffle baskets. Also a huge appreciation to KC Douglas and her line dancing "KC's Krew" for getting us off our booties and dancing, and we wouldn't have had any other great music without D.J. Miguel. Thanks to each of you for your commitment. The California High School MLB Boys for toting and bailing hay and so much more! Thanks Lion Cristina for arranging for the Bell Gardens High School Leos for serving the food. It goes without saying, "You All Come Back Next Time, Ya' Hear."

You're the Best, Lion Linnea



Great BBQ Leo Club Dancers Raffles Too!
June 28, 2014 - Whittier Community Center



Don't Miss These SOLA Events!

A Fun Evening Together



SOLA Potluck at Carol and Ron Copley's Home

What: SOLA Summer Social Pot Luck

When: Sunday, July 20th

5:30 P.M.—?

Where: Lion Ron and Lion Carol Copley's

15352 Mar Vista Street

Whittier, CA 90605

R.S.V.P. to: Lion Susan and Lion Drew Sones at:

sonesfam@att.net

Or: (562) 696-5200

On or before Tuesday July 15th to state your preference on your pot luck entry.
Choose from the following categories and please bring enough for 10-12 Hungry Lions!

Hors d'oeuvres, Salads, Bread/rolls, Casseroles and Desserts!

Bring your own favorite beverage
Ron and Carol will supply the paper goods
and fabulous setting for our get together!



Family and friends are invited!

Special Olympics
Southern California



Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - SOLA Lions Club Sponsored

Regional Softball Tournament



Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014

Time: TBD

Location: Rio Vista Park

8751 Coffman-Pico Road, Rico Rivera, CA 90660

Special Olympics athletes from the Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will complete in Softball.





RSVP to
 Dist. Treasurer Ron Copley
 by Monday, **July 21**
 Phone: 562-693-8330
 Make checks payable to
 "Lions District 4-L2" and mail to
 DT Ron Copley
 15352 Mar Vista St.,
 Whittier, CA 90605
 with names of persons attending.



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 8/5: Larry Lopez
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SOLA Lions invited to Special Olympics Opening Eyes Reception at Lions International Convention this week in Toronto, Canada.

Pictured left to right: Ron Copley, ID Larry Dicus, Ariel Ary, Special Olympics Global Messenger from Costa Rica, David Evangelista, Vice President Special Olympics, DG Alberto and Sharon Montes De Oca, Carol Copley.

SIGN UP TODAY!

You're Invited!


District Governor
ALBERTO MONTES DE OCA
and District 4-L2 Officers
INSTALLATION DINNER

Sunday - July 27, 2014 - 2:30 P.M.

Installation by our own
 International Director Larry Dicus

\$50.00 /person

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




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Two Big Events for SOLA Members This Month!

May 17 Lions District 4-L2 Convention
at Hilton Hotel in Pasadena



May 31
SOLA-SELA Whittier
Special Olympics
Aquatics Meet Palm Park



President's Message

Hello Fellow Lions,

April was definitely a very busy month for our club. The Whittier College Lions Club Charter Night was a total success and we all were very proud and happy that we have the new campus club under our wing. Thanks to all of our club members who were able to attend and support them.

Our Basketball Tournament was also a great event indeed. Our athletes were amazing and tried their best and we had a great turn out. We had the support of the Whittier College students, the Leos, and of course, our SOLA members were there to support and cheer our wonderful athletes too.

We are looking forward to our swimming event coming up this month also. For some of us who have done this for the last couple of years, we know that we can use all the help to make this a success, so please do plan to attend.

I'm looking forward to June because we have our Hoe-Down and our Installation Dinner for our new Board members. Congratulations to all! See you all at our next SOLA meeting.

God Bless,

Lion President Hilda



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SOLA-SELA SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Annual SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament was once again held at the Donald E. Graham Athletics Center, on the Campus of Whittier College, and to borrow the slogan from the NBA, the event was "FANTASTIC!"

This year's field featured eight talented teams, comprised of both men and women athletes, and they traveled from Lakewood to Pico Rivera to compete in another well organized format. The games were both competitive and entertaining, and when the final horn sounded, each Special Olympics athlete left the gym with an award of excellence. Congratulations to the Lakewood Trailblazers, the Carson Gold, Pico Rivera Pirates Yellow and Black, Whittier NetForce 2, 3, & 4 and the San Gabriel Valley Tomhawks for their excellent displays of teamwork and sportsmanship in each contest.

The success of this year's "hoopfest" could not have happened without the wonderful members of the "SOLA" Lions Club, the awesome Student/Athletes from Whittier College, the team coaches and parents of each team, and the support from the newly installed Whittier College Lions Club.

I was once again honored to be a part of this terrific event, and I am looking forward to participating in next year's tournament.

Jeff L. Martin

WHITTIER COLLEGE - DONALD E. GRAHAM ATHLETICS CENTER



**Special
Olympics**



Photography by Lion Linnea Pueschel



“What a high it is to be around young adults!”

WHITTIER COLLEGE LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION

April 23, 2014 Friendly Hills Country Club - Whittier



Twenty-some of our SOLA Host Lions Club members were there on Wednesday evening, April 23rd when the brand new Whittier College Lions Club chartered with 24 members: 23 Poet students and one faculty advisor. Eighty-five Lions were in attendance at the Friendly Hills Country Club for the gala event, which featured addresses and presentations from Lions International Director Larry Dicus, District Governor Kenny Shu, 1st VDG Alberto Montes De Oca, 2nd VDG Larry Wehage, our own Lion President Hilda Ortega, my fellow Guiding Lion Tanner Gish of the Whittier Host Lions Club, Lion President Amy Coeur of the East Whittier Lions Club, Lion President Chris George of the Whittier Host Lions Club, Whittier Mayor Pro-Tempore Fernando Dutra (who noted that Whittier is now blessed with four Lions Clubs) and, of course, the SOLA LionTones, PDG's Chris Ohrmund, Khan Kayum, Mike Brassard, District 4-L5 2nd VDG David Radtke, and Cabinet Secretary Nancy McAfee all were introduced, smiled and waved.

Charter officers for the new club are President Hunter Alexander, Vice Presidents Lara Cornelius, Noelle Leczel, Thomas Mehari; Secretary (and Charter Night Chair) Justice Stanley, Treasurer Hannah Ellett, and Director-at-Large Ishmerai Angeles.

Lion President Hunter closed the meeting by ticking off an impressive list of new Club projects already in the works: helping out with our SOLA Basketball Tournament, tutoring local children and adults, and in collaboration with the Whittier College College Campus Enactus Club proving a financial planning seminar for Whittier College students and working on a safe drinking water project in Uganda.

The Whittier College Lions Club will be reconvening and seeking additional new members in the fall semester. Meantime, as members of Whittier's newest "Host" club, let's pledge SOLA's total support to this impressive group of young Lions!

- Guiding Lion Bob Warnock



SOLA Lions Club is the Proud Sponsor

WELCOME WHITTIER COLLEGE LIONS





SOLA-SELA—Whittier Area Aquatics Meet

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club & City of Whittier

Saturday, May 31, 2014

Palm Park Aquatics Center—5703 Palm Avenue, Whittier, 90601



Aquatics:

- * 10m Assisted Swim
- * 15m Walk
- * 15m Unassisted Swim
- * 15m Kickboard
- * 25m Freestyle—Lower
- * Denotes lower ability races
- 25m Backstroke
- 25m Breaststroke
- 25m Butterfly
- 25m Freestyle
- 50m Backstroke
- 50m Breaststroke
- 50m Butterfly
- 50m Freestyle
- 100m Freestyle
- 200m Freestyle
- 400m Freestyle
- 100m IM
- 4x25m Freestyle Relay

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
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For More Information:

Lion Ruri Pierre

rpierre@cityofwhittier, org



SOLA Lions Club of Whittier Installation Dinner

Wednesday—June 18, 2014

6:30 Social 7:00 Dinner

\$30.00 per person

Portofino's Italian Restaurant

651 W. Whittier Blvd, La Habra

OTHER EVENTS IMPORTANT TO SOLA

- May 17 **SOSC LA-San Gabriel Valley Regional Spring Games, Whittier College—Competition in Track and Field, Basketball and Bocce 9:00 am**
SOLA Lions, if you can come, please do!
- May 18 **SOSC LA-San Gabriel Valley Regional Aquatics Cerritos Park East—Olympic Swim Center**
- June 6–8 **Special Olympics Summer Games at USC Campus**
- July 4–8 **Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada**
- July 27 **DG-Elect Alberto Montes De Oca Installation Banquet**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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LOS ANGELES

SOLA LIONS OF WHITTIER
HOE-DOWN

SATURDAY
JUNE 28, 2014

\$30.00
DONATION

5 PM - 10 PM
INCLUDES ENTRY
FOOD • WESTERN BBQ
DRINKS • SODAS • TENNESSEE TEA
ENTERTAINMENT • DJ

GRAB YOUR COWBOY HAT AND BOOTS
AND GET READY FOR A KICKIN HOE-DOWN!
LION DANCING • RAFFLES • WESTERN DRESS PRIZES

A Lions Club Fund-Raising Event to Help Finance the SOLA Lions Club's support of Special Olympics Athletes in Whittier / Southeast Los Angeles / San Gabriel Valley

SOLA LIONS CLUB

WHITTIER COMMUNITY CENTER
2630 Washington Avenue
Whittier, California

RSVP by June 21, 2014 to Linnea Pueschel 714-394-4776 linnea.mobil1@att.net



A New Van for the Boys and Girls Club



After almost a year of hard work and in front of representatives from the City of Whittier, the Lions District 4-L2 officers, the Whittier Chamber, and members of the Boys and Girls Club Board at a Whittier Host Lions Club luncheon meeting, a beautiful 2014 Honda Odyssey Van was presented to the Boys and Girls Club of Whittier. The van was given by the generous donations of the three Whittier Lions Clubs (Whittier Host, SOLA, and East Whittier) and a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Boys and Girls Club was extremely grateful for our donation. They were in desperate need for a new van and Lions were able to help.



May and June Birthdays

5/13: Sharon Montes De Oca 5/21: Steve Nichols 5/26: Tavy Guzman
 6/10: Carlos Gutierrez 6/16: Susie Ausdal 6/19: Ursula Bell
 6/23: Kristin Dunton 6/24: John Wall 6/26: Ron Copley



Barry J. Palmer International President, Sidney, Australia
 Larry Dicus Lions Clubs International Director
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Special Olympics **STEPHEN NEILL** Guest Speaker

Pictured left-right:
PP Sharon Montes De Oca
1st VDG Alberto Montes De Oca
Joann Kionowski, HomeTown2015
Stephen Neill, SO Sr. VP
Sarah Wall, Special Olympics Athlete

President's Message

Hello Fellow Lions:

Hope all is well with all of you. What an exciting month this has been. For all of us who experienced the shaking of mother nature! Boy was that scary. I hope that we can start to relax and enjoy our spring moving forward. I'm so excited for our upcoming events. Our basketball tournament and our swimming meet are very near and we need all the support that we can get for our special athletes.. Please plan on attending these wonderful events. I also want to welcome our new members again. Welcome aboard and thank you for joining our family! The new Whittier College campus club will be chartered this month also. Please try and come to support them. See you all soon.



HAPPY EASTER EVERONE!

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Hilda



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A Special Evening with Stephen Neill

**Stephen Neill, Senior Vice President,
Global Development and Government
Relations with Special Olympics in Washington, DC,
spoke at SOLA Lions Club Meeting on Monday, March 24
accompanied by Joann Kionowski,
Vice President, HostTowns LA 2015.**



“When we met in Hamburg I meant what I said. I would love to come out to see this club because, probably you don't realize it but, from the newsletters that come out, to the word on the street, this club is well known and admired by so many in Special Olympics, to recognize what you all have done.

“This morning (at the World Games stakeholder's meeting) we shared a couple of stories that I think really, in my mind, embodies the spirit of Lionism and of Special Olympics. One you guys were involved in. It was an event that took place in Malawi, in Africa just a couple months ago, that I was privileged to be a part of. It was a conference that was held by the President of Malawi, focused on the rights of people with intellectual disabilities. And this club helped raise a significant -- from Malawi, an enormous-- amount of money that is helping Special Olympics in Malawi buy a van. . . . In Malawi its just hard to understate the significance of what that means to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. It's going to allow us to identify problems through Healthy Athletes screening, and Opening Eyes screening, and most importantly, actually get them to these Lions hospitals, and when follow up care is needed, to get to physicians; it is literally life-changing. The support that this club gave for that van initiative . . if you'd all been there, you'd understand on a far deeper level exactly what that means to Special Olympics in Malawi.

“The thing about that event was that, in conjunction with the major governments convening that we had with heads of state, government ministers

from 13 African countries, and development fund-ers, aid agencies, and all these different audiences who have their influences in the power that can change the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, we had a unified soccer match to really underscore the power of sports as a platform for change and for mobilizing communities. And if you go to a place like Malawi, you really understand the stigma and the stereotype and the discrimination that people with intellectual disabilities and their families face is really entrenched, and really difficult to overcome. By bringing them out on the field to play . .with footballers and high profile politicians . . we were able to break down some of those barriers and let them see what people with intellectual disabilities can accomplish if they're given a chance.

“So we were planning this major event in the national stadium, seats 10,000 people, . . . (as beat-up a stadium as you'd ever seen in your life; in the developing world where everything is challenging) . . . We needed to get this event off the ground; we had commitments from top footballers, from the athletes, from the government officials. We didn't have anything to pull this event off though, no resources. The government had no money . . . there are no volunteers - people are worried about survivalso we called Lions leadership in the country. "We need twenty volunteers to help us to somehow pull this event off." Two hundred Lions showed up. For part of the planning for this event, they repainted the stadium, they hung the banners, they lined the fields, they mowed the grass, they were officials,

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Stephen Neill

they were vendors. There were Lions driving a sound truck through neighborhoods promoting the event. . . . In a country where there's no culture of volunteerism, where people are really focused on what they need to do in order to get by -- the average income is a dollar a day. Lionism is vibrant and strong in support of Special Olympics. . . . it shows you the power of Lions to mobilize communities in support of social change.

“Today we talked a little bit about some of the ideas in which we can replicate that magic on a much bigger scale -- if they can do that in Malawi -- I hate to even think of what we can accomplish here in support of the World Games in 2015. Seven thousand athletes, coming for 9 days of competition in every summer sport that we offer, the world will really turn its attention on Los Angeles and on our athletes as stars. We had a great meeting today in which we talked about specific ways that we can look to mobilize this club, but also some of the other Lions Clubs in the district and across the state.



Pres. Hilda presents Stephen with a SOLA Lions Club pin.

“Joann Kionowski is the "driver" behind the Host Towns - you will experience it here in Whittier and across the state - it's one of the best parts about the World Games experience when communities embrace athletes who come from around the world, from places like Malawi, or Rwanda, or Pakistan . . . you will see athletes who have come and their life experience is culminating in many ways in this experience to be celebrated on a global stage at the World Games. In the Host Town experience, communities just embrace these athletes in a way that they've never been before in their home cities, in their schools—if they're lucky enough to go to one—in their communities. . . and you can just read it on their faces what it means to them.”

*Parts of Stephen Neill's talk,
transcribed by Lion Wayne Martin*



“I enjoyed getting to visit with the legendary SOLA Lions Club. SOLA Lions couldn't have been more gracious, and I continue to be inspired and motivated by your “athlete first” passion for our movement.”

In an email from Lion Stephen Neill sent to Lion Ron Copley.



LCI WEBINARS



Expand Reach Of Leadership Development Training

Our own SOLA Lions Club's Guiding Lion, **Lion Ron Copley**, was recently part of a live on-line "webinar" Lions Clubs International panel for promoting the creation of new Special Interest Lions Clubs throughout the world. The session was recorded and all



Lions can now listen to his presentation again. Just follow these instructions: Open the website www.lionsclubs.org, click on MEMBER CENTER located on the menu bar, click on "Membership and New Clubs" listed on the left column. Then under the heading "Membership Communication" click on "Monthly Webinars." From the chart of available topics choose "**March 26, 2014 – Chartering Special Interest Clubs**" and click on "**Listen**". Enjoy this excellent presentation. Congratulations Lion Ron, for being part of this Lions Clubs International on-line "webinar."

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You are Invited to Attend

Whittier College Lions Club Charter Night

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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

\$40.00 per person

RSVP to Elizabeth Stanley
Whittier College
13406 Philadelphia St., Whittier, CA 90601
Make check payable to Whittier College

Questions? Contact Charter Night Chair
Justice Stanley
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INCLUDES ENTRY
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DRINKS • SODAS • TENNESSEE TEA
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Special Olympics
Southern California



SOLA-SELA Special Olympics Basketball Tournament

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club & Whittier College

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Whittier College—Donald E. Graham Athletics Center

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

Levels Offered:

(4) Low C Level Teams, (4) D Level Teams

For More Information:

Lion Ruri Pierre

rpierre@cityofwhittier, org





Hello Volunteer,

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week and I want to make sure that you know that I appreciate you. There are currently 15,000 athletes in Southern California that benefit from volunteers like you dedicating their time. Because of you my friends and I can participate in sports and even make new friends!

I know we deserve the chance to do our best and try our hardest. Having Volunteers like you is what allows us that chance. Thank you for all your time you have given to us and welcome to the Special Olympics Southern California Family.

Sincerely,

Dustin Plunkett

Dustin Plunkett
Special Olympics Athlete and Global Messenger

Election of SOLA Lions Club Officers at April 16 Regular Meeting



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Stephen Neill, Senior Vice President, Global Development and Government Relations with Special Olympics in Washington, DC, speaks at SOLA Lions Club Meeting on Monday, March 24



**5:30 pm at Portofino's
Italian Restaurant
BRING A GUEST!**



Hello Fellow Lions!

Can you believe we are now in March? How quickly time flies. I missed you all last meeting. I have been extremely busy at work. We had our new CEO in our building and it was impossible for me to leave on Wednesday the 5th.

I am truly blessed and thankful that my daughter Sarah is safe as she was traumatized during her performance for Red and Gold for Rosary High School. She was performing on the stage when the stage collapsed at Servite High School. That was very scary and traumatizing for our family. We are still praying for our girls and our families to overcome this tragedy.

I heard that we had a very productive meeting and that all went well. I was informed that we have four new applicants for our club. This is great news! I hope that this transition goes well. I'm really excited about our upcoming Basketball tournament. I hope that we can all attend and help our athletes and help them succeed in this wonderful event.

Please make sure that you try to attend our next meeting. We have the privilege to meet and hear from a Special Olympics Vice President, Stephen Neill. I hope we will see you all there. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

God Bless,

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**Special SOLA Meeting
Monday Feb. 24, 2014
Portofino's
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651 West Whittier Blvd.,
La Habra**





Please Note the Special Time and Date for this Month's Meeting!

An Evening with Stephen Neill



We are moving Wednesday's SOLA meeting to **Monday, March 24th** at **Portofino's Italian Restaurant**, 651 West Whittier Blvd., La Habra at 5:30 PM. It will be a meet and greet with Stephen Neill, Senior Vice President, Global Development and Government Relations with Special Olympics in Washington, DC. Stephen will talk to us about Special Olympics and what is happening between Special Olympics and Lions for the World Games here in Los Angeles in July of 2015. This is a meeting that our Club members should not miss. Stephen is looking forward to meeting Lions in our Club as he is on the Board of the Special Olympics Lions Club in Washington, DC.



- *Lion Ron Copley*



Dear Fellow Lions,

I have been meaning to write a short article for our newsletter for sometime now. During my last stay in Germany, I had the great pleasure of meeting Dr. Bernhard Conrads and his lovely wife Doris. Dr. Conrads helped to co-found the Special Olympics organization in Germany and currently services as its First Vice President. He has also worked with numerous government and charitable organizations throughout Germany that focus on the needs of people with mental disabilities. He has also received numerous awards and commendations for his work with people with special needs.



Mrs. Doris Conrads is a local artist in Marburg and has had numerous art exhibitions throughout Germany. She is also serving as a lecturer in drawing and painting at the Fine Arts Institute at Philipps University of Marburg.



During several meetings with the Conrads over summertime in Marburg, we were able to discuss our goals and plans for the upcoming Special Olympics World Games in 2015 and how we can better work together in preparation for the upcoming games.

I should also mention that Dr. Conrads is a Rotarian. We should not hold that against him!!!

Lion Mark Elias

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SOLA to Sponsor Whittier College Campus Lions Club

A New Campus Lions Club is Being Launched at Whittier College

Thirty-five Whittier College students and faculty signed up to join the new Whittier College Campus Lions Club at their organizational meeting on March 6th. Our own Lion Bob Warnock along with Whittier Host Lion Tanner Gish are the Guiding Lions for this new Club. Lions ID Larry Dicus and 1st VDG Alberto Montes De Oca are also heavily involved. At its regular meeting on March 5th our SOLA Board of Directors voted unanimously to be the sponsoring Club for Whittier's **fourth** (count 'em) Lions Club. As we all know SOLA already has a great relationship with Whittier College because of our ongoing basketball and swim collaboration. The new Campus Club will be coming up with its own service projects, and we hope they will want to help with other Lions projects in Whittier as well. It's a great time to be a Lion!



- Lion Bob Warnock

God's blessing and "Irish Luck" be with our members on our prayer list!

Drew Sones
Post Surgery

Peanuts Pierre
Post Surgery

Bob Warnock
2nd Hip Surgery
on March 17th

Sarah Ortega
Traumatic high school
Red and Gold Performance
accident



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DATES SET FOR SOLA EVENTS

APRIL 26



Basketball
Tournament

MAY 31



Aquatics
Meet

JUNE 28



HOE-DOWN
Fundraiser

President's Message

Hello Fellow Lions!

The month of February is one of my favorite months of the year as we celebrate Love and Friendships.

I am truly blessed to be part of a great club and share your friendships and happy that we are all working together for a great cause and that is, to serve our Special Athletes in our community and Special Olympics. I am looking forward to the next couple of months because we'll be very busy with our Basketball tournament as well as our Swimming tournament. We are counting on everyone for helping with these events.

I am also very happy because finally we have our Hoe Down date set. Now it's time to get ready and plan for this wonderful event. Please plan on attending our next meeting as we will have special guests and also we will be going over our tournament information.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Many Blessings,
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Great Club Meetings Lead by President Hilda Ortega



Along with the important planning for SOLA's coming events, the Wall family—Sarah, Jill and John—were present on February 5 to talk about the “Reveal the Champions” program for Southern California Special Olympics. The “Reveal” program informs people at a one hour meeting on the mission of Special Olympics and the programs they offer.

February 19 meeting will feature David Dill, Director of Local Program Development, Special Olympics Southern California as speaker.



We're happy to have Lion Hilda's brother & spouse, Moises “Moy” and Cecilia Flores joining our meetings, hopefully to become members.

Save the Date!

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SOLA Lions Club Word Search Puzzle

How many fellow SOLA Lions can you find? Bring your completed puzzle to club for a prize!



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- Alberto Perez
- Andrea Bodnar
- Barbara Lesa
- Bob Warnock
- Carlos Gutierrez
- Carol Copley
- Chief Garry
- Cristina Guzman
- Dan Skewes
- Drew Sones
- Elaine Roberts
- Gabriel Sanchez
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- Joseph Nichols
- Julio Alvarado
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Best Pancakes in Montebello!

PDG Bill Walters' secret pancake batter makes a mouth-watering tasty breakfast at the Montebello Lions Club's

Annual Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY - **March 8** - 8:30-11:30am

Montebello Senior Citizen Center

115 S. Taylor Ave, (off Whittier Blvd.)

Get **\$5.00** tickets from Lion Dan Skewes!



SIGHT 4 Kids March 22 - Whittier Host Lions Club

Sight for Kids Wine Tasting and Dinner Event has become the Whittier Host's signature fundraising event during the past 17 years. Over 300 community members support Whittier Lions by attending this event. SOLA Lion members Susan Sones and Linnea Pueschel guide Cal Hi's culinary students in making delicious desserts! **\$50.00/person** Held at City of Whittier Community Center. Get tickets from Lions Ron Copley, Alberto



Montes De Oca, Drew Sones, Leon Lesa, or International Director Larry Dicus.



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SOLA Lions Club Receives Lions Club International's "YEAR-ROUND GROWTH" Award



President's Message

Hello Fellow Lions!

I can't believe how quickly time is flying! We are already mid January. Hope everyone is well. I'm looking forward to a great SOLA rest of the year and also to all of our great upcoming events. I'm hoping that we can finally schedule our Hoe Down Fund-raiser so that we can continue to help our wonderful athletes. I'm so excited and I hope that I can count on everyone for the planning of this exciting event. I know that we all have busy schedules but together we can make this event happen. I'm counting on everyone's support. Thank you all for your support and hope to see you all at our next meetings.

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Sharon & Alberto Meet IP Barry Palmer and First Lady Anne



“We were present to view the judging of some of the floats, including the Lions International float, ‘Mateo’s Dream’. After the judging we were able to walk and see other floats. They well all very impressive.”

Pictured on the left are Lions International President Barry Palmer and his wife, Anne, from Australia; 1st VDG Lion Alberto Montes De Oca and his wife, Lion Sharon.



SOLA Lions Club’s Past President Sharon Montes De Oca with PID Mike Butler, from Texas, who is one of the candidates running for 2nd VP of Lions International. The election will be held during the International Convention in Toronto, Canada in July 2014.





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A Busy New Year for SOLA Lions

Jan 18–20

Lions Leadership Institute - Ontario

Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. There is a focus on applying many of the leadership skills long recognized in business and government to working with volunteers and the community.

Jan. 22

THIS WEEK - SOLA Lions Club Regular Meeting

Sola meetings go back to 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in February. Feb. 5 & 19

Jan. 25

District 4-L2 Meeting

at Montebello Senior Center (115 S. Taylor St.) Brunch will start at 10:30am with the meeting called to order at 11:00. To get special pricing of \$10, please email your reservation to CS Nancy McAfee at cs4L2@msn.com by 1/23/14, cost after that date: \$15.

Jan. 26

District 4-L2 Melvin Jones Celebration and Dinner.

It will be held at the Friendly Hills Country Club—Whittier Cost is \$35.00 if confirmed by 1/25/14. Mail check to our CS Nancy McAfee 5156 East Ebell St., Long Beach 90808.

Feb. 14–16

95th Annual MD4 Convention - Doubletree Hotel at the Ontario Airport. The special guest will be PIP Jim Ervin from Albany, Georgia

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We Serve Special Olympics Athletes



President Hilda Ortega is shown holding the “Year-Round Growth Award” banner patch presented to the SOLA Lions Club for Growth for the 2012-13 Lions Year. This patch will be put on our Club Banner. President Hilda is also shown presenting Past President Marvin Byrne with a membership key award for sponsoring five new members. He is also receiving a “Year-Round Growth Lapel Pin” for sponsoring three new members during the 2012-13 fiscal year. A special big “well done” to the Club and Lion Marvin.



SOLA welcomed Montebello Lions Club members Mike Egurrola, Frankie Barajas, PDG Chris Ohrmund, and SOLA associate member Dan Skewes at its January 8th meeting. It was great having you visit!

Guests are always welcome and the SOLA Lions Club encourages other Lions throughout the District who have a heart for Special Olympics athletes to become Associate Members and assist with our various tournaments and projects.



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Hilda Ortega *President*
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**76th Annual
DISTRICT 4-L2 CONVENTION**

Pasadena Hilton Hotel, 168 S. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California
Saturday, May 17, 2014



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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

Name _____ Club _____
Last First (as desired on badge)

Address _____ Phone _____
Street City Zip

Non-Lion Spouse/Guest _____
Last First (as desired on badge)

Current Status in Lionism: DG ____ VDG ____ PDG ____ CS ____ CT ____ RC ____ ZC ____ Dist. Chair ____
Club Pres. ____ Club Sec'y ____ Pres.-Elect ____ PCC ____ PID ____ ID ____
First Timer ____ Melvin Jones Fellow ____ DELEGATE ____ ALTERNATE ____

CONVENTION EVENTS & COSTS	SUPER Early Bird Rec'd by 12/16/13 	EARLY BIRD Rec'd by 4/24/14 	LATE RISER Rec'd after 4/24/14 	How Many	Amount Enclosed
PACKAGE DEAL Includes everything below	\$118	\$134	\$153		
LEO Registration Fee	FREE	FREE	FREE		
REGISTRATION Mandatory Lions, Spouses, Guests	\$20	\$25	\$30		
Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast	\$15	\$20	\$25		
Saturday Lunch Featuring Visiting ID Sandwich _____ Entree Salad _____ Veggie _____	\$28	\$31	\$35		
Saturday Evening Governor's Banquet Beef _____ Salmon _____ Veggie _____	\$55	\$58	\$63		
			TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		

Special Dietary Needs _____

Please mail registration form with check payable to DISTRICT 4-L2 CONVENTION to
Cabinet Secretary Nancy McAfee, 5156 East Ebell Street, Long Beach 90808 ~ 562-429-3583; cs4l2@msn.com

For additional details re the golf tournament, the expected meeting schedule, parking costs, potential hotel reservations, a Friday night reception & dinner options, please see also the form titled "4-L2 Convention 2014 - Daring to Be Different."