

SOLAMOTION

Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics
Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier
Volume 6 , No. 4 November 15, 2015



President Susie's Message



I hope everyone gets a chance to read our SOLAMOTION this month. Wayne has captured the magic of Bill Shumard's visit. Bill visited SOLA on November 4th and shared a vision of the future, while thanking us for our commitment to the athletes and Special Olympics of Southern California.

Tail gate party anyone? Thank you David for providing warm coffee and donuts! Your thoughtfulness helped us start the day on a positive note.

Pictures - wow thank you to everyone who provided pictures of the bowling event. Wayne was committed to a church retreat and prior to leaving he requested for everyone to take pictures and forward them to him to use. Well, the membership came through and provided great pictures for him to choose from.

Jane Dicus wrote an article thanking individuals for their support over the past two years while Larry was a Lions International Director. She shared their interaction with athletes...please check it out as it's a great article.

Don't forget to read about our up and coming events.

I wish all of you a year of happiness and a joyous holiday!

Lion President Suzanne.



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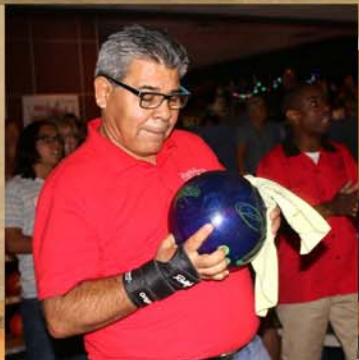
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November 18, 2015
Four Bricks Restaurant
6512 Greenleaf Avenue
Uptown Whittier**





Southeast Los Angeles - Whittier Area Bowling Tournament



Del Rio Lanes, Downey



"Bowling is a sport for people who have talent to spare."



Photos taken by Lions Larry Lopez, Ursula Bell, David Williamson, Jill Wall, Ron Copley, and Alberto Montes De Oca

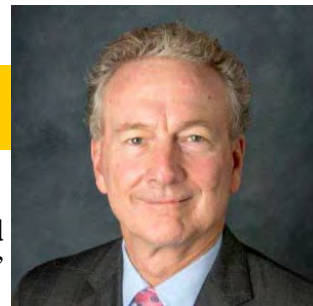


**Special
Olympics**
Southern California

Bill, we enjoyed your visit!

Bill Shumard Shares With Us on Nov. 4th

President and CEO of Special Olympics Southern California



The reviews are in. It was the best World Games in World History! Special Olympics Southern California was “joined at the hip” with World Games organizers from day one.

Healthy Athletes served a record number of athletes, more than 5,000 athletes.

ESPN simply fell in love with our athletes.

Fan in the Stands: When we went to Athens in 2011, they were competing in this huge stadium with maybe 100 people, big deal. Patrick McClenahan said, “Smaller venues, purposefully recruit volunteers to come to boost and cheer.” UCLA gymnastics was like a New York City night club. The line went down the block, all week. It was amazing.

The **Host Town program**, with transportation problems could have “went south.” But the only people who were unaffected by all of that . . . The athletes’ attitude, “You know what I got to do last night? I got a Red Cross blanket and I got to sleep in the gym. How cool is that!” There is something we need to learn.

What does the World Games leave SOSC with? There is a **NEW NORMAL**. We have 200,000 new names in our database of which we are trying to engage. All 85 Host Towns are throwing celebration parties. Bill gets to go and thank them. “You know Bill, we have the best Host Town.”

New sponsors and donors have come to the table. We have more opportunities coming from all of this . . . nothing short of incredible. **We have an opportunity to do wonderful things for our athletes.** But we have to handle negotiations very carefully, very sensitively, and with much integrity.

We put so much on hold for the World Games. When Bill took over 10 years ago, SOSC was serving 8,000 athletes, average age was 37. Today SOSC serves 20,000 athletes, average age is 19. We think we can reach 28,000 athletes by the end of next year. We’re building the infrastructure to make that happen. . . . I think we can meet that challenge. Now is the time we’re looking at the sports we’re offering, where we’re doing them, what we’re doing. We’re examining the data. Should we replace this sport with that? Should we go from two seasons to three? We’re looking at golf.

We also do sports in schools, our school partnership program. Getting into Unified Sports. We are the 7th State in America where now our athletes are starting to wear Letterman’s Jackets on their high school campuses; that’s acceptance, that’s inclusion. The CIF folks were in our office yesterday with the State Department of Education and we’re going to announce an official partnership. The other great horizon for us is College Campuses. UCLA is infiltrating Special Olympics into intramurals, club sports, and recreation. We need more volunteers and SOSC needs to give better training to volunteers.

Bill can’t thank the SOLA Lions Club enough for the first rate Softball Tournament he saw last month in Pico Rivera.

Selected comments transcribed by Lion Wayne Martin





CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

5:00PM UNTIL 9:00PM



**LOCATION: JOHN S. SIMMS PARK
16614 S. CLARK AVE. - BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
DIRECTIONS: CALL 562-866-7510**



... 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 5th**. Please refer to the flyer above for details.

Our Club has budgeted \$1,000 in support of this event with which we will provide a main course, decorations, 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 we are 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 can start cleanup before the dance starts, but the party always goes at least a little late so 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.**



DR. TIMOTHY SHRIVER

On October 21, SOLA Lions viewed the video of Special Olympics Chairman Dr. Timothy Shriver's Keynote Message to the **2015 Lions International Convention** in Hawaii last summer.

“. . . **Another person in my life, my Aunt Rosemary.** She was born in the United States at a time when people like her had words attached to them . . . idiot, imbecile, moron, mentally retarded, invalid. She was born in a time when people like her were shuttled off to institutions.

. . . .But nothing was told about Rosemary, the sister who's parents said, "Include her." To Joseph, to Pete Kennedy Jr., to John F. Kennedy, to Robert Kennedy, to my mother Eunice Kennedy, their mother and father told them, "You include your sister. If you're going out you take your sister. If you're playing a game, you put your sister on the team. If you're going sailing, you take Rosemary."

.Later at a party, Rosemary was sitting alone at the end of a pool when Jack Kennedy came and sat with her. They both needed each other in different ways.

."**The greatest surprise is the greatest disguise.** The person who is excluded, forgotten, is often the person who can best teach us how to see one another clearly. That person who is left out, in so many ways, is often the person who can best teach us how to belong.

. "Can you imagine an expression more in line with the ideals of Lionism than the expression that that young president (John Kennedy) would utter, that would become his most famous words? **"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."** I ask you, where did he learn those words? Where did he learn the power of asking what you can do for others? And I submit to you, though I will never know, that he learned those words from his sister Rosemary."

. "In the years following that knowledgeable address, the healing of the breach would open, and the people with intellectual disability who had so long been excluded would be seen in the United States and other countries as citizens.

This is just part of Timothy Shriver's inspiring address which can be seen on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/zNJNfsIR6Bo>



October 22's Tip-A-Cop donations collected by Whittier Police Officers at the Whittwood Mall's **Red Robin Restaurant** surpassed previous donations in past years. **\$3,190.00** was collected to help our SELA Special Olympics Athletes! **A BIG THANKS to our Whittier Police Officers!**





Worth Repeating!



“Athletes from around the world paddled kayaks, spiked volleyballs and hit home runs at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles this summer. Many returned home with more than medals and memories. They could see clearly for the first time in years after a screening and free eye-glasses. Or they could finally hear for the very first time after an exam and free hearing device. The Healthy Athletes program of Special Olympics screened nearly 80 percent of the 6,500 athletes. Lions helped staff the vision and hearing clinics at the University of Southern California. Many people with intellectual disabilities receive poor health care or no care, and Lions have partnered with Special Olympics for 15 years through the Opening Eyes program. The screenings at the Games led to magical moments that dwarfed in significance what happened in the pool or on the track. Six players on the Nigerian basketball team had never heard discernible sound, according to ESPN. They received hearing aids. When a 19-year old center turned on her hearing aid for the first time, she smiled, laughed and then signed, ‘I hear sounds. I hear sounds.’”

Quoted from Nov 2015 Lion Magazine

Excerpted from “Message from Jane Dicus” to Lions of MD4

My sincere thank you to Lions of California for providing Larry and me the opportunity to represent MD4 on the Lions International board. The two years were an enriching experience full of unexpected opportunities. Each year International Directors can fly up to 40,000 miles and both years we were fully booked. The only downside was that we only attended one meeting in our same time zone, and we often flew out of LAX at 5 or 6 a.m. on Friday, returning late Sunday evening.

Special Olympics are becoming a bigger focus for Lions, and Larry loved representing Lions both last year in Princeton at the USA games and this summer at the Los Angeles World Games. Healthy Athletes, which *Lions Opening Eyes* is a major element, is a wonderful gift for the Special Olympic athletes. At the World Games ESPN was able to share so many inspiring athlete stories during the games.

We were very touched observing an Italian S.O. tennis player, badly crippled on his left side, who could only cradle two tennis balls in the crook of his left arm. He would lift one ball to his right hand and manage to toss it up in the air while also holding his tennis racket in his right hand and serve consistently well. He won a silver medal in Tennis Doubles! We embraced him when he was about to receive his medal and his enthusiasm brought tears to our eyes even though he could not speak.

During that same awards ceremony, we met *Simon Ammann*, a Swiss Ski-Jump Winter Olympian who has won four gold medals, including two Gold ski-jump gold medals during the Salt Lake Olympic games. Simon was waiting to present a bronze medal to a fellow Swiss Special Olympian for tennis. We asked if he knew *Roger Federer*, my favorite tennis player, and he confirmed that he knows Roger, and joked that he and Roger agreed that they could not excel in each other's sport. Roger is afraid of heights and Simon's eyes can't move fast enough to follow the tennis ball!

This experience has enabled us to expand our friendships with Lions from all around the world and for this we are truly grateful.

Warm regards, Jane Dicus





Dates to Remember!



Nov. 14-15, 2015
Saturday & Sunday

Attend the SOSC Fall Games



Fall Games will take place in Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and Irvine, with 1,100 athletes and 300 coaches. Athletes throughout Southern California will be competing in Softball, Bowling, Floor Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer and Tennis.

Activities in addition to the competition will be: Healthy Athletes providing Flat Feet, Fun Fitness, Health Promotion, Healthy Hearing, Opening Eyes and Special Smiles. There will be a dance and dinner provided for all the athletes and coaches with a "Wear Your Favorite Professional Sports Team Shirt" theme.

Come see our bowlers bowling at Irvine Bowl on both days.

- **Lion Ruri Pierre**

Bowling

Irvine Lanes
3415 Michelson Dr, Irvine 92612

Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball

Fountain Valley Recreation Center and Sports Park
16400 Brookhurst St, Fountain Valley 92708

Floor Hockey

The RINKS - Huntington Beach Inline
5555 West McFadden Ave, Huntington Beach 92649

Admission and parking is free! Don't forget your hat and sunscreen! Snack shops will be available by the soccer and softball venues.

Dec. 5 SELA Christmas Party for Spec Olym Athletes & families

Dec. 16 (tentative) SOLA Family Christmas Party



November and December Birthdays

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SOLA Sponsors Bowling Tournament for Special Olympics Athletes on Oct. 17 at the Del Rio Lanes in Downey

President Susie's Message



I will always remember Saturday, September 19, 2015 as a milestone for SOLA Lions. We were blessed with 11 softball teams and their coaches. They had arrived at Pico Rivera's Rio Vista Park and as they were exiting from their buses you could hear them laughing and giggling among themselves. Over 22 SOLA Lion volunteers and volunteers from Cal Hi's Men's League, the Bell Garden Leo's and El Rancho's Dons For Christ were on hand to greet our Special Olympics athletes. I was thrilled that day when a coach from Central Riverside sang our praises regarding the pictures for the athletes and the awards as well as the balanced lunches that were given to the teams and coaches. It was a first for them! Thank you SOLA Lions for your desires to give from your heart and your undying support for our athletes. If I might steal a line quoted by Jeff Martin, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from the game."



I hope to see you in the lanes at the Del Rio Bowling tournament this Saturday, October 17, 2015.

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11 TEAMS COMPETE!





Play ball!

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from the game!"



Special Olympics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Thank you Pico Rivera for the use of Rio Vista Park!

What great teams of athletes! What great help from everyone!



“I would like to express Central Riverside Special Olympics thanks for supporting the Special Olympics. The softball this last weekend was terrific. The hospitality shown by the Lions Club was spectacular and the thoughtfulness you showed by providing team pictures for each athlete was over the top. Again, thank you!” - Teddie Glover, Central Riverside Sports Coordinator



Special Olympics
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Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Whittier Area Bowling Tournament

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Saturday, October 17, 2015

Del Rio Lanes
7502 Florence Ave,
Downey, CA 90240

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SCHEDULE:

9:45am | Volunteer Check-In & Setup
10:15am | Delegation Check-In
10:45am | Opening Ceremony
11:00am | Competition Begins
After 3rd Game | Lunch (*Provided for registered athletes & volunteers*)
1:30pm | Closing

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ALLOTMENT: Open to invited SELA Athletes Only

DELEGATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 2nd, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Games & Volunteers: Ruri Pierre | rpierre@cityofwhittier.org | 562-567-9471
Delegation Registration: Rachel Pittock | rpittock@sosc.org | 562-502-1123

SOLA Members:
Please arrive at
8:30 am
to help set up.
Thanks,
Lion Ruri

All Fellow Lions in District 4-L2

On behalf of SOLA Lions Club (Special Olympics Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier), you are invited to participate at our next Special Olympics Area Bowling Tournament as a volunteer or as a fan in the stands (cheering). Let's keep the Special Olympics spirit alive here in LA after the exciting LA World Games in July. This is a great opportunity for all Lions to get involved and catch the Special Olympics spirit that promotes inclusiveness and acceptance of all persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Hope to see you on Saturday October 17, 2015.

Place : Del Rio Lanes
7502 Florence Ave,
Downey, CA 90240

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm
Sincerely,
PDG Alberto Montes De Oca



*** All members, please turn in your volunteer hours to Lion Ursula**

Dates to Remember!

- Oct. 17 SOLA Bowling Tournament Rio Lanes, Downey
- Oct. 22 Tip-A-Cop Red Robin Restaurant, Whittwood Mall
- Oct. 31 District 4-L2 Meeting #2 PIH, Whittier, 8am-12pm
- Nov. 14-15 2015 SOSC Fall Games Fountain Valley, Irvine
- Dec. 5 SELA Christmas Party for Spec Olym Athletes & families Simm's Park, Bellflower



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SOLA Begins its 7th Season Serving Special Olympics Athletes this Month



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Today is a new dawn. We are being asked to step up and change the world's vision of an intellectually challenged individual. You ask me how can we accomplish this? I would like to challenge you to think back to that very first time you met an "Intellectually challenged" individual. Relive that power of amazement. Our job is a piece of cake compared to our special athletes. Ask yourself what can I do to help and do it. We need everyone of our membership to step up to the plate. We need you, your neighbors and your friends.

Our job is to serve. Remember that feeling of satisfaction that serving brings to your soul at the end of the day.

September 19th, at Rio Vista Park, SELA softball teams will be there to play ball. Come have some fun and feed your soul with overwhelming love for another human life.

Humbly,
Lion President Susie

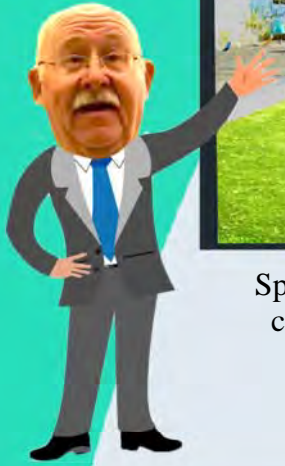


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Special video of SOLA's History created by Lion Wayne Martin



A jovial evening of dinner and fellowship reflecting on SOLA's six years serving Special Olympics Athletes.
Whittier Elks Lodge - August 19, 2015



The "Lion of the Year" awards were presented by SOLA's Immediate Past President Steve Nichols to PID Larry Dicus, PDG Alberto Montes De Oca, Drew Sones, Wayne Martin, and Ron Copley (not pictured) for "being Global Ambassadors for SOLA and leading the movement for recognition and inclusion of all individuals with intellectual disabilities."



**President
Susie Ausdal's
Challenge**

" I am asking you to start a new sport, to support and sponsor a new Special Olympics Club. I am asking you to grow the Club with new members, to spread the joy of Lionism. But most of all, I am asking you to believe and stand up for our athletes, the reason we were formed six years ago."



Theresa Jane Larry Alberto Sharon Linnea Ursula Barbara Ruri Steve Rosa Jerry Gilbert



Susan Drew Beverly Marla Dottie Larry Dan Jeff Kaycy Susie Joe



Our 7th Season Starts with Softball

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With 12 teams competing, we'll need all "hands on deck!" for set up at 6:30am! We have 4 fields to man! Invite a friend to help!



Pictured is some of the SOLA team and Bell Garden H.S. Leos getting the dorm rooms ready at Biola University. Can't go a month without remembering the fun we had hosting the Macau, China Athletes before the WORLD GAMES!

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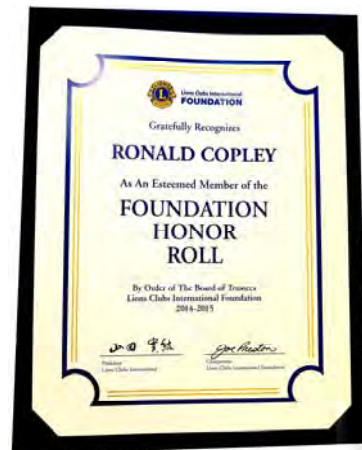
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Southern California Lions Receive Special Recognition



This is a photograph with Dr. Susan Danberg, Special Olympics International Opening Eyes Clinical Director. Dr. Danberg presented SOLA and Lions Clubs in Southern California “Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Appreciation” plaques for Lions clubs significant volunteer roles in supporting the Healthy Athletes / Opening Eyes / and Healthy Hearing pavilions at the Los Angeles World Games. These awards were presented to us at the Healthy Athlete Essilor open house / reception at Marshall B. Ketchum University in Fullerton on August 1. Again, this was recognition for the outstanding support Lions provided Special Olympics Healthy Athlete program during the games. On behalf of all members of SOLA, Carol and Ron Copley, Sharon and Alberto Montes De Oca, and Jane and Larry Dicus accepted the plaques.



In grateful recognition of his generous contribution to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lion Ron Copley was elected to the Foundation Honor Roll by order of the LCIF’s Board of Trustees. Past SOLA President Steve Nichols presented Ron with the above pictured certificate at our September 2 SOLA Lions Club meeting. Congratulations Lion Ron!



Lions Leos LCIF Blog



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Charter a "Champions" Lions Club

Posted by lionsclubsorg on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 : 0 Comments



Do you want to help empower and build an accepting community for people with intellectual disabilities? Get involved by chartering a "Champions" Lions Club! "Champions" Lions Clubs focus on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes. Many Lions clubs are involved in this initiative to support these athletes.

Take for example the Whittier Special Olympics SOLA Lions Club . Over 50 members of the Club have had the opportunity to empower persons with intellectual disabilities, show the world the skills and talents of a group often overlooked in today's society and work with a great organization. The club's activities include providing sporting events, equipment and uniforms to athletes along with providing volunteers and hearing tests at the fall and summer games each year. The SOLA Lions Club continues to make a positive impact on the Special Olympics movement in Southern California.

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My Fellow Lions,

What a perfect way to end a terrific year! "The World" came to LA and it was fabulous!! A big thank you to all who were able to participate and be a part of this amazing moment in history. Athlete's came from around the world and they were fearless, loving and an inspiration to all. Many of our SOLA members volunteered in the Healthy Athlete's Venue and helped athlete's with vision and hearing needs. You folks were amazing!

The City of Whittier and Host Town Committee are to be congratulated for stepping up big time regarding our visiting Macau athlete's. What a wonderful job by all; you made these young people from China so happy to be in the USA. The athlete's were housed at Biola University for the week prior to opening ceremonies in Los Angeles. Lion's Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre and Ron Copley are to be commended for their leadership and direction during the busy week of activities in La Mirada and Whittier. There were some challenging logistical moments, but we made it through and Ruri, you really were amazing. You are a terrific example for us all.

One of the highlights of our week was the meet and greet with David Evangelista, Vice President of Global Development and Government Relations of Special Olympics International, who is also a Lion! What a great guy, humble, gracious, inspiring and he shared wonderful family stories that touched all of us. His journey and that of his father, Steve Evangelista, were really a joy to hear about. David was also kind enough to thank the SOLA Lions Club for all that we've accomplished and the example we have set. He also suggested that each of us "Be the best at who we are."

This, being my final message, I am mindful of how fortunate and blessed to have served as your President. I thank each of you for your support, work ethic and conviction; you have touched the lives of so many. We have been at this since 2009 and we have not wavered in our support of athletes with intellectual disabilities. It's been an honor to serve as your President. You have made me very proud and I thank you!

Before signing off one last time, I offer up my heartfelt thanks to our dear friends Bill Shumard, Eloise Crawford and Laura Seckel of Special Olympics, Southern California. You have given us so much support, guidance and direction and we owe our success to each of you. Thank you for being a part of our family and putting up with us!

Our coming year promises to be busy and better than ever under the direction of our new President, Susie Ausdal. She's been here since the beginning and will be a great leader.

God bless!

All my best,

Lion President Steve

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Celebraton on Aug. 19
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Whittier Elks Lodge





Be the best at who YOU are and be true to yourself..

SOLA is known throughout the world!

July 23, 2015

David Evangelista Visits SOLA Lions Club

Vice President of Global Development and Government Relations at Special Olympics International



David says thank you for everything we do!

SOLA is now positioned to lead a movement that can change attitudes world wide...

A great challenge to our group to not only continue what we offer—Aquatics Basketball, Softball—but to assist in **encouraging more Lions Clubs to join with Special Olympics in the future.**

"What will we do on August 3rd?" A very powerful and honest statement on how America sees Special Olympic Athletes throughout the rest of the year. During the World Games, you will see intellectually challenged athletes being highlighted in TV commercials for the games prior to Saturday July 25, and throughout until the Closing Ceremonies on August 2nd? Then, most likely, you may never see a NIKE or any commercial show these exceptional human beings as Champions after the games?

....what was said to the mother when her child was first born. "Your child will never walk, never talk, never fit in...." By volunteering you're not only helping the child, you are helping the mother. You are validating all the love, work, patience she and her family have given to her child.

It's OK to be different and we have to change society's perception of intellectually disabled people.

We were very impressed with David's enthusiasm for his love for the Special Olympics Athletes. He is also a very energetic young man and he is very good for the future of Special Olympics all over the world. His enthusiasm of having Lions Clubs International being more involved. It was also great to see that he has been a Lion member for fifteen years.

Develop relationships with people. All the athletes were already winners because of what they are accomplishing in their lives today.

You are not ready to volunteer until you are a whole person. Lions are. Volunteer in your areas of strength - let others chose theirs.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Whittier Host Town Welcome



July 21—24, 2015



Thank You City of Whittier!





SOLA Lions Deeply Involved with Host Town Events

The world was coming to Los Angeles, and SOLA was eager to be involved. It began in July of 2014, when our club leaders initiated the request for the City of Whittier to become a "Host Town." To our delight, Whittier was awarded the title of "Host Town" to the athletes of Macau, China.

Under the direction of Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre and Ron Copley, SOLA welcomed the phenomenal athletes of Macau, China, to Biola University on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015. After making beds, assisting the team with finding dorm assignments and carrying luggage, SOLA members participated in other week's events by leading the parade of athletes towards a ceremony at City Hall, manning the various "Fun-Fest" stations, shopping together in Uptown Whittier, and concluding on Friday afternoon, with loading our new friends and their luggage onto the buses for USC and the World Games.

One of the highlights of the week was Lion Linnea's gift of a Los Angeles of Anaheim Angel's Baseball Cap to each Macau athlete. Personally, I was truly impressed by the overwhelming "manpower" displayed by our SOLA Lions during the Host Town week. Again, proudly we fulfilled our mission by "taking an active interest and participated in the mission and vision of the Special Olympics." Great Job SOLA Lions!

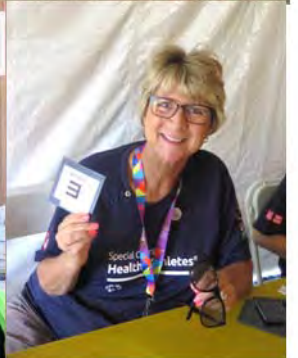
Lion Jeff Martin





SOLA at SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES L.A. 2015

SOLA Lions help with ...



SOLA Members Present Awards to Winning Athletes





August 5, 2015

SOLA Lions Club Installation of New Officers



This year's installation ceremony was not a formal banquet as in the past—postponing this for **SOLA's Celebration** on August 19—but still a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship with District 4-L2's 1st VDG Manny Sanchez installing the new Board of Directors. With a room overflowing with members and guests, Manny made the installation humorous by giving a candy bar reflecting the office they held to each new board member. We also enjoyed the presence of our DG Larry Wehage.

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Lion Ron Copley gave a great summary of the World Games and Host Town events many SOLA members participated in during the past two weeks. Ron then presented two special items to the Club: a beautiful plaque given to SOLA by Special Olympics International thanking us for supporting the Healthy Athletes venue at the World Games and a book — he purchased to be passed on from Club President to Club President—by Timothy Schriver, **Fully Alive: Discovering What Matters Most**, an unusual and gripping memoir.



Save the Dates: SOLA Sponsored Tournaments Starting Next Month

- September 19 Softball Tournament Rio Vista Park, Pico Rivera
- October 17 Bowling Tournament Del Rio Lanes, Downey



SOLA's Celebration

Join us for a jovial evening of celebration and fellowship as SOLA Lions relax over dinner, drinks, and program honoring and reflecting over the history of SOLA and our busy years serving Special Olympics Athletes!

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

5:30 — 9:00 pm

Whittier Elks Lodge

13620 Whittier Blvd., Whittier

\$30 per person

Dinner Entrée Choices

Braised Beef or White Fish

Dress: Business Casual. Please RSVP with entrée choice by August 10th to Susie at (562) 480-0096 or reply to this email at waynestrains@gmail.com



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SOLA Lions Club
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with feature article
in June edition of
the **Lion Magazine!**

President's Message Lion Steve Nichols



My Fellow Lions,

Well, we did it folks! It's been "crunch time" for the past several weeks and we got it done. I couldn't be more proud of our club! Allow me to send along my sincere thanks to all of you for the following:

May 29

CIF- SS Masters Meet Exhibition of Special Olympics Athletes - This event was held at Cerritos College. Our own SOLA Lion Dean Crowley (CIF Commissioner from the good old days) decided it was time to "show case" our athletes at this major track meet. This was done 30 years ago and Dean felt it was time to do it again. I couldn't agree more! What a wonderful experience for our athletes from Whittier and Norwalk. They ran the 100 yard dash in front of a huge crowd that loved them. They were cheered non-stop and it was a very emotional moment. The athletes received medals. Pictures were taken and they were so happy to be able to participate. Thanks to all of our Lions who made it to the meet and especially Lion's Dean Crowley, Ruri Pierre and coaches John and Jill Wall for making this happen.

June 8

Special Olympics Torch Run with numerous athletes and officers from the Whittier PD - This was a 7 am event that started in East Whittier and ended at the top of Colima Road with the torch being handed off to deputies from Industry Station. This was another one of those wonderful moments we will never forget.

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Lions Clubs International,
We Thank You!



Dear Lion Ron and the SOLA Lions Club:

On behalf of our entire team, I wanted to congratulate you on what is a most significant spread in the recent THE LION magazine. The article captures in every way the tremendous leadership, support and innovation that both Lions Clubs International and Special Olympics have seen from the SOLA Club and the Lions of Southern California.

We as a Movement are indebted to you, ID Larry, and the SOSOC leadership (thanks Bill and Eloise!) for putting this innovation into visible/tangible practice that have benefitted so many, and will continue to benefit countless more.

My next steps include launching this article out to our entire Movement, through a global newsletter, and I also wish to speak to the leadership of our USA Programs so that all leaders can see this- and work together with their Lions Clubs state leadership counterparts to replicate. I hope it is OK that I copy in our colleague Mrs. Rebecca Daou, Executive Administrator of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

On a very personal note, I cannot say enough how proud I am of the global partnership, and the local partnership, in making this type of impact for our athletes and Lions members alike. You have my unwavering support and admiration, as a Lion, and as a friend.

THANK YOU so much, and as always, look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

David S. Evangelista

Vice President, Global Development and Government Relations

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SOLA wishes to thank Lion Jay Copp, Sr. Editor for the LION Magazine for highlighting the work and mission of our success with Special Olympics Athletes in the June 2015 edition, pages 38-42.

SOLA also wishes to thank free-lance author Katya Cengel for writing such an excellent article expressing the relationship and joy we have in serving the Southeast Los Angeles Special Olympics Athletes. Thanks you!

One can download a copy of "Let the Games Begin" from the LION Magazine by logging on to the SOLA Lions Club's website: www.solalionsclub.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

June 12, 2015



SOLA's 1st Annual Shotgun Golf Tournament



The Special Olympics Athletes of Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) and Whittier, and the Special Olympics L. A. Lions Club (SOLA), would like to thank all the golfers who participated, the Corporate Sponsors, Lions Clubs, and individuals who generously donated financial support and raffle items, the California Country Club in Whittier, and the vision and experience of Lion Roddy Hiatt, for making this, our 1st Annual Shotgun Golf Tournament a grand success!
Thank you!

SOLA LIONS CLUB
Shotgun Golf Tournament
Thank You for Your Support
Carol & Ron
Copley



A Visit with Lions International Director Larry Dicus



Lions Clubs International Director Larry Dicus honored the SOLA Lions Club with a much anticipated visit, and an update of developments which are of special interest to our club. Larry spoke about "Opening Eyes," collaboration between LCI and Special Olympics. Its goal is to provide free eye assessment to all athletes with intellectual disabilities. To date 10,000 volunteer vision care professions have completed the Global Vision training. The training puts special emphasis on proper eye care and vision care.

Larry also shared the progress made in "Unified Sports." This initiative, which is already being implemented in several areas, including here locally, brings people with and without intellectual disabilities together through service, play and sports. Usually one athlete without intellectual disabilities is paired up with two or three Special Olympics athletes in various sports and work projects. They work on the task, or compete, as a team. Currently there are 7,000 Leo's all over the world. 4,000 of them are in California and actively involved in Lion services including competing and sharing tasks with Special Olympics athletes; some of them right here in our SOLA Lions Club of Whittier.

Larry highly recommends reading Tim Shriver's book Fully Alive.

Thank you Larry for this heartfelt and encouraging update! We appreciate your caring and dedication to the cause.

Submitted by Lion Ursula Bell

President's Message (Continued from page 1)

June 12

SOLA Shotgun Golf Tournament - What a great day this was and it was a huge success. This was our first attempt at this and we were a little nervous to say the least! My congratulations and thanks to Lion Susie Ausdal and her committee for making this a wonderful fund raiser. It's a shining example of great planning, determination and hard work. It really made the difference. A special thanks to my old friend Roddy Hiatt, one of our newest Lions, for his guidance and encouragement which was a key to our success.

June 13 & 14

Summer Games - Cal State Long Beach - What an amazing outpouring of love and support for Special Olympics Athletes. Once again, President & CEO Bill Shumard did a terrific job. These truly are moments that enrich and empower the lives of so many. We are certainly blessed and fortunate to be a part of this wonderful movement in life.

So there you have it folks! My thanks again to all of you for your commitment and dedication. Take a little time to catch your breath because as we all know that next month "The World Is Coming" and we'll be ready! Always remember that there are many acts of bravery. Finding the strength to stand up and help another is what we should all be striving for.

All my best, Lion President Steve



Special Olympics at the CIF Masters Meet



On Friday afternoon, May 29, 2015, a group of Lions from Special Olympic Los Angeles Lions Club met in parking lot C-10 at Cerritos College, ready and eager to witness High School Track and Field history. For the first time at the California Interscholastic Federation Track and Field Masters Meet, fourteen Special Olympic Athletes, from the Whittier and Norwalk area, were invited to participate in the 100 meter dash as an exhibition race prior to the main competition. Before the meet, a SOLA Lion member was paired up with an athlete, and at the end of their races, we had the honor of presenting each participant a beautiful medal of achievement.

One of the moments that I will never forget, is when all of us (SOLA Lions Club members and Special Olympic Athletes) were returning to the initial meeting place, various CIF athletes from the high schools were applauding the Special Olympic men and women for their accomplishment. It was a fantastic experience, and another special moment in our Club's existence.

Special thanks to Lion Coaches John and Jill Wall, and former CIF Commissioner Lion Dean Crowley for their leadership, planning, and dedication to this awesome event. Looking forward to the 2016 Masters Meet!

Submitted by Lion Jeff Martin





Whittier Police Take Part in Special Olympics Torch Run



Mike Roy, a retired Lt. of the Whittier Police Department, carries the Southern California Special Olympics torch while holding Sarah Noonan's hand as Whittier Police head west on Whittier Boulevard with Special Olympic athletes during their annual torch run. Whittier police and the athletes passed the torch to deputies from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Industry Station. The Southern California Special Olympics is held at Cal State Long Beach June 13 and 14. The 2015 Special Olympics is held next month in Los Angeles. (Above photo and write-up by Sarah Reingewirtz/Pasadena Star-News)



Save the Date!

4th of July Party at the Copley's



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2015 Summer Games

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SOLA Lions witnessed the awarding of Dr. Judy Montgomery, professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders at Chapman University, the 2014-15 Michael W. Harahan Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award for her many years of leadership with Hearing Screening in Special Olympics Healy Athletes Hearing venue.



Our next issue will feature Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles!



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PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Lions Respond to Nepal Earthquake



Once again - nature has struck a devastating blow - this time in the form of a 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Nepal with subsequent and significant aftershocks.

As the global leader in humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is uniquely qualified to provide immediate assistance. LCI Foundation within hours of the earthquake issued an emergency grant in the amount of \$100,000 USD to the Lions of Nepal are joining together, along with Lions from neighboring countries, to get much needed emergency supplies such as food, fresh water, and temporary shelter into the areas of devastation. To date more than \$197,000 in disaster relief has been provided by the Foundation to the local Lions Clubs which are hard at work providing aid to those who most need it.

This is the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal in nearly 100 years. Our message to Nepal is "help is on the way." With continuing major aftershocks the people of Nepal will continue to need our support for some time. You can help by donating now to the LCIF emergency fund at <http://lCIF.org/donate>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families, and the Lions of Nepal in this time of need.

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SOLA Lions Club Honored at District 4-L2 Convention



Complete with superb entertainment from Michael Parlett, SOLA's associate members **District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca**, **CS Drew Sones**, and **CT Ron Copley** ended their year of District Leadership by putting together an outstanding District Convention in San Diego from May 15-17.



Lion Ron Copley was awarded the *Lions International President's Medal* From IP Joe Preston and received the *Lion of the Year* from District 4-L2.



Lions Drew Sones and **Wayne Martin** received *Lions International President's Certificates of Appreciation* from IP Joe Preston. Lion Wayne received a *District Gov's Special Madellion* also.



Our **SOLA Lions Club** received *Top Club - Honorable Mention for Club of the Year-Central Region* and *2nd Place* for it's SOLAMOTION newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS!



District 4-L2 Convention keynote speaker, **ID Dr. Steven Tremaroli**, highlighted the SOLA Lions Club's work with Special Olympics athletes and asked our members to stand and be recognized.



FUN "FORE" EVERYONE

Two Events Coming Up Quickly Needing All SOLA Lions' Help



May 29, 2015 - CIF Master's Meet - 5 PM
Falcom Field at Cerritos College

11110 East Alondra Boulevard Norwalk, CA

All SOLA Lions are requested to attend and participate in honoring Special Olympics athletes at a pre-meet exhibition race from 5:30-6pm. Meet at 4:30pm.

SOLA Lions Main Fundraiser for 2015!



SOLA Lions Club
SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

California Country Club
1509 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Schedule of Events

6:00 a.m. — Registration
7:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
12 Noon Lunch

\$150 PER PLAYER

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Come Join
Special Olympics Los Angeles
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Friday
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CALIFORNIA
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Support Our Local
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Athletes

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Let's all join in making this the most successful event ever!



WORLD GAMES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Special Olympics Summer World Games are coming to Los Angeles from July 25 to August 2. There will be 10,000 athletes and coaches from over 170 countries competing in 25 sports. Lions' has been a sponsor of Special Olympics since 2001 and significantly increased our sponsorship in 2013. Our major project with Special Olympics has been providing eye exams and glasses to athletes throughout the world. This program is called "Opening Eyes" which has tested over 350,000 athletes and provided prescription eyewear to 110,000 athletes in more than 70 nations.

"Opening Eyes" is one part of an overall Special Olympics "Healthy Athlete Program." This Program provides health screenings and services in seven clinical areas. This program will be available to SO Athletes each day of the Games on the USC Campus. Volunteers are being asked to be involved for three days (you pick the days). This is an outstanding opportunity to learn about and be involved with Special Olympics while participating in a worldwide Lions project.

Healthy Athletes Volunteer Registration forms are available online at <http://www.la2015.org/volunteer/healthy-athletes-volunteer> and at SOLA Lions Club meetings. The Special Olympics World Games has an outstanding website <http://www.la2015.org> which contains lots of information about the Games.

We are asking you, as a Lion, to volunteer at the Opening Eyes venue or at a Healthy Athletes area such as Healthy Hearing (hearing testing). You will be glad you did. It will be an enriching experience! If you have volunteered already or if you volunteer, please let Lion Ron Copley (roncopley@earthlink.net) know that you have done so. Let's show the world how Lions are making a difference by volunteering at the Games! Again, you will be happy you did!

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Dicus

International Director
Lions Clubs International

Ron Copley

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As the global leader in humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is uniquely qualified to provide immediate assistance. LCI Foundation within hours of the earthquake issued an emergency grant in the amount of \$100,000 USD to the Lions of Nepal are joining together, along with Lions from neighboring countries, to get much needed emergency supplies such as food, fresh water, and temporary shelter into the areas of devastation. To date more than \$197,000 in disaster relief has been provided by the Foundation to the local Lions Clubs which are hard at work providing aid to those who most need it.

This is the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal in nearly 100 years. Our message to Nepal is "help is on the way." With continuing major aftershocks the people of Nepal will continue to need our support for some time. You can help by donating now to the LCIF emergency fund at <http://lCIF.org/donate>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families, and the Lions of Nepal in this time of need.

2015 Summer Games

Special Olympics
Southern California



June 13—14 Cal State University, Long Beach

The Games will feature our six summer sports — aquatics, athletics (track & field), basketball, bocce, golf, and gymnastics. Summer Games is our largest competition of the year and the first of two Southern California competitions held every year.

SOLA Lions Club Honored at District 4-L2 Convention



Complete with superb entertainment from Michael Parlett, SOLA's associate members **District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca**, **CS Drew Sones**, and **CT Ron Copley** ended their year of District Leadership by putting together an outstanding District Convention in San Diego from May 15-17.



Lion Ron Copley was awarded the *Lions International President's Medal* From IP Joe Preston and received the *Lion of the Year* from District 4-L2.



Lions Drew Sones and **Wayne Martin** received *Lions International President's Certificates of Appreciation* from IP Joe Preston. Lion Wayne received a *District Gov's Special Madellion* also.



Our **SOLA Lions Club** received *Top Club - Honorable Mention for Club of the Year-Central Region* and *2nd Place* for it's SOLAMOTION newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS!



District 4-L2 Convention keynote speaker, **ID Dr. Steven Tremaroli**, highlighted the SOLA Lions Club's work with Special Olympics athletes and asked our members to stand and be recognized.





FUN "FORE" EVERYONE

Two Events Coming Up Quickly Needing All SOLA Lions' Help



May 29, 2015 - CIF Master's Meet - 5 PM
Falcom Field at Cerritos College

11110 East Alondra Boulevard Norwalk, CA

All SOLA Lions are requested to attend and participate in honoring Special Olympics athletes at a pre-meet exhibition race from 5:30-6pm. Meet at 4:30pm.

SOLA Lions Main Fundraiser for 2015!



SOLA Lions Club
SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

California Country Club
1509 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Schedule of Events

- 6:00 a.m. — Registration
- 7:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
- 12 Noon Lunch

\$150 PER PLAYER



Download a Golf Tournament Brochure from our SOLA website: www.solalionsclub.org

Let's all join in making this the most successful event ever!



WORLD GAMES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Special Olympics Summer World Games are coming to Los Angeles from July 25 to August 2. There will be 10,000 athletes and coaches from over 170 countries competing in 25 sports. Lions' has been a sponsor of Special Olympics since 2001 and significantly increased our sponsorship in 2013. Our major project with Special Olympics has been providing eye exams and glasses to athletes throughout the world. This program is called "Opening Eyes" which has tested over 350,000 athletes and provided prescription eyewear to 110,000 athletes in more than 70 nations.

"Opening Eyes" is one part of an overall Special Olympics "Healthy Athlete Program." This Program provides health screenings and services in seven clinical areas. This program will be available to SO Athletes each day of the Games on the USC Campus. Volunteers are being asked to be involved for three days (you pick the days). This is an outstanding opportunity to learn about and be involved with Special Olympics while participating in a worldwide Lions project.

Healthy Athletes Volunteer Registration forms are available online at <http://www.la2015.org/volunteer/healthy-athletes-volunteer> and at SOLA Lions Club meetings. The Special Olympics World Games has an outstanding website <http://www.la2015.org> which contains lots of information about the Games.

We are asking you, as a Lion, to volunteer at the Opening Eyes venue or at a Healthy Athletes area such as Healthy Hearing (hearing testing). You will be glad you did. It will be an enriching experience! If you have volunteered already or if you volunteer, please let Lion Ron Copley (roncopley@earthlink.net) know that you have done so. Let's show the world how Lions are making a difference by volunteering at the Games! Again, you will be happy you did!

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Dicus

International Director
Lions Clubs International

Ron Copley

SOLA Lions Club
SO World Games Volunteer Coordinator



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SOLA's April 18th SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament - A Great Success!



President's Message

My Fellow Lions,

As usual, I'm hoping all of you hard working, kind folks are doing well. I'm happy to report that the basketball tournament this last Saturday at Whittier College was nothing short of terrific! It never ceases to amaze me at how well our club "steps up" and gets it done. A big thanks to all of you who made it, especially Jerry and Rosa, Gabriel Sanchez, along with the Copley's for providing the sack lunches; they were a big hit. Also Lions Ursula Bell and Mark Elias for getting the photos processed for our athletes. We were also very fortunate to have the wonderful support of Whittier College, Rob and Monica, along with their enthusiastic students. Simply put, we couldn't have done it without them. Two other very important people that lend greatly to our success are Lions Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre and Wayne Martin. Those two are amazing and continue to pave the way for our continued success.



We have a few more days to catch our breath and then we move along to our Aquatics Meet at Palm Park on May 2nd. This should be another great event and I hope all of you can make it.

I'm happy to report that Lion Jeff Martin continues to do well following quadruple by-pass surgery and is now home. Please continue to pray for him and the entire Martin family. We should also keep Hilda Ortega, IPP, in our thoughts and prayers. She continues to struggle with very serious back problems and hopes to return soon. We certainly miss her and Lion Sergio and wish her nothing but the best.

In closing let's all remember the following: "Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." Once again I thank each of you for your service and dedication to our wonderful athletes.

See you all on May 2nd at the Aquatics Meet!

All My Best,

Lion Prez Steve



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2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament



ESGV Unicorns



Long Beach



Lakewood Trailblazers



Lakewood Aliens



Pico Rivera Pirates (Black)



Pico Rivera Pirates (Yellow)



SGV Tamahawks (C)



SGV Tamahawks

What a Team of Workers for the Day!



**Thanks
Whittier
College
for the
use of
your gym!**



Whittier College Athletes (and Cal-Hi MLB)



Cal-High MLB



Bell Garden Leos Club

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



April 18, 2015

2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament





Save the Dates!

Coming SOLA Lions Club Events

#1

SOLA:

Please
be at
Palm
Park
at
7:00 am.

We
really
need
everyone
to help
because
there
is
more
set up
required
for a
swim meet
than for
the
other
sports
we
host.

Special Olympics
Southern California



2015 SELA-Whittier Aquatics Meet

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Palm Park
5703 Palm Ave.
Whittier, CA 90601

Special Olympics Southern California athletes from Southeast Los Angeles will compete in Aquatics at the 2015 SELA-Whittier Aquatics Meet.



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AQUATICS:

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



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#2 May 29, 2015 - CIF Master's Meet - Cerritos College - 5 PM

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#3 June 12, 2015 - SOLA's "Shotgun Golf Tournament"



Special Olympics stamp marks upcoming Los Angeles Games

By Michael Baadke

The [United States Postal Service](#) is commemorating the upcoming international event with a new nondenominated (49¢) forever stamp that will be issued May 9 in Irvine, Calif.

The stamp will go on sale nationwide on the same day. The first-day ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. (Pacific Time) at Irvine High School, 4321 Walnut Ave., as part of the Special Olympics regional games taking place at the school that day.

The stamp design by [Greg Breeding](#) features the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles logo, showcasing the colors of flags from participating countries.

"The logo's celebratory figure represents the courage, determination and joy of our athletes," said Patrick McClenahan, president and chief executive officer of the 2015 Games. **"Placing the iconic image inside the circle represents acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities."**

"The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities," according to the website of the Games.

Like the international Olympic Games, the Special Olympics are held every two years, alternating Summer Games and Winter Games.

The Special Olympics grew from the efforts of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of President John F. Kennedy, who sponsored a summer day camp for children with intellectual disabilities in the 1960s. Supported by the Kennedy Foundation, the program led to the creation of Special Olympics and the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, held July 29, 1968, in Chicago.

The Los Angeles games beginning in July will be the first time the World Summer Games have been held in the United States in 16 years.

The most recent World Summer Games were in Athens, Greece, in 2011. The Games were last held in the United States in 1999, in Raleigh, N.C.

The new stamp is the fifth U.S. issue to celebrate the Special Olympics over the course of 36 years.

The first was a 15¢ letter-rate stamp (Scott 1588) issued Aug. 9, 1979, in Brockport, N.Y., during the International Special Olympic Games held there Aug. 8-13. The stamp, showing a Special Olympics athlete proudly displaying a medal, was designed Jeff Cornell and issued in panes of 50.

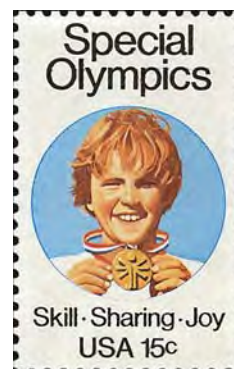
Cornell also designed the 1985 22¢ stamp (Scott 2142), which commemorated that year's Winter Special Olympics in Provo, Utah. The stamp was issued March 25, 1985, on the opening day of the Games, in Park City, Utah.

The Special Olympics marked its 20th anniversary in 1998, and was one of 15 subjects included in the Celebrate the Century pane commemorating the decade of the 1990s. The stamp pane was issued May 2, 2000. The design of the 33¢ Celebrate the Century stamp (Scott 3191i) shows a photograph of the Special Olympics medal.



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The Special Olympics World Games are taking place July 25-Aug. 2 in Los Angeles



Four previous U.S. stamps commemorating the Special Olympics were issued in 1979, 1985, 2000 and 2003

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SOLA Supports Special Olympics Athletes

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Special Olympics Stamp (continued from page 6)

The first Special Olympics meeting to take place outside the United States was held June 21-29, 2003, in Dublin, Ireland. An 80¢ stamp, fulfilling what was then the letter rate for international letter mail, was issued Feb. 13, 2003 (Scott 3771). Designed by Lance Hidy, the stamp shows a medal-wearing athlete with arms raised, clasping the hands of athletes on either side of him.

All four of the stamps previously issued include the logo of the Special Olympics somewhere in the design. The new stamp uses the logo specific to the Los Angeles Games instead of the traditional Special Olympics symbol.

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Hope to see
all my SOLA friends
at the Dist. 4-L2
Convention in May!
It's going to be
great!

District Convention registration on-line at www.lions4L2.org



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President's Message

My Fellow Lions,

I hope this finds each of you and your families doing well. We are now halfway through the month of March and the weather feels like August. Pretty amazing! Our club members are busy as ever, and we are all excited with our approaching golf tournament in June. It's our first shot at this and the committee is hoping it will go well and become an annual event.



As April 18 approaches we will be gearing up for our Basketball Tournament at Whittier College. Our own Lion Wayne will be shooting pictures that day for the LION Magazine. Our club is being featured for the work we do and congratulate all of you. Hopefully Wayne's son, Lion Jeff, the Voice of SOLA, will be greeting and announcing that day as well. Both father and son are quite talented in their given fields. Speaking of talent, Lion's Jerry and Rosa Masterson will be leading the charge with lunch preparation that day for the athletes. The end result is always a big hit. Thanks, in advance, to all of you who make this event a big success.

The month of May promises to be busy as we have our Aquatics Meet at Palm Park in Whittier on May 2nd and a CIF -SS track meet in Cerritos on May 29th. More information will be provided as the event in Cerritos gets closer.

I'm hoping everyone can attend this week's meeting at Sage. As I previously mentioned, Mr. Zabi Mansoor, World Games Director for Healthy Athletes and Ms. Heather Hoopes Seid, Coordinator, Healthy Athletes Special Olympics Southern California will be visiting us. They will be giving us an update on the World Games and the progress they are making. Please try to make it. We may also have folks stopping by from the Belmont Shore Lions, so it should be a mighty fine evening.

In closing, I want to share this thought with each of you; "The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." I hope you agree. See you Wednesday.

All My Best,

Lion President Steve



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FUN "FORE" EVERYONE

Save the Date!

Fundraiser to Support Our Local Special Olympic Athletes



SOLA Lions Club SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

**California Country Club
1509 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601**

Schedule of Events

6:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m.	Shotgun Start
12 Noon	Lunch

\$150 PER PLAYER



Shotgun Golf

Tournament
brochures are
available from
any club member

Wow, February 4th was so inspiring! Our first Shotgun meeting with the committee and we were knee deep in the greens. Wayne proudly presented our printed "Shotgun Golf Tournament" brochure. I was so excited seeing it in print. Thank you everyone who made this possible. We covered a lot of ground that day and what makes it great was seeing all our members involved!

So let me just recap quickly the information of our Shotgun Tournament. On Friday, June 12, 2015, SOLA Lions will be hosting a Shotgun Tournament at California Country Club. (This is a private club.) Registration at 6 AM, Shotgun starting at 7 AM.

Sponsors are needed:

- **Corporate Gold** - \$1200 This includes 4 players/shirts/lunch invitation to Post Tournament Party, free advertisement on our golf brochures and one tee sign.
- **Corporate Silver** - \$500 - This includes 2 players/shirts/lunch and one tee sign.
- **Corporate Bronze** - \$100 - This includes one tee sign.

All funds raised are for our Special Olympic Athletes.

Our next committee meeting is March 18th, 4:30PM at the Sage Restaurant, located in Uptown Whittier.

I hope to see everyone there, and if you have any questions just shout out a "fore" to one of us, Susie Mills, Steve Nichols, Roddy Hiatt or Wayne Martin.

Thank you for all of your support and love for the athletes!

Lion Susie Mills



Save the Dates!

SOLA's Annual Basketball Tournament

Special Olympics
Southern California



2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club & Whittier College

Saturday, April 18, 2015

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

Special Olympics Southern California athletes from Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Basketball at the 2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament.



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

12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Closing

*Times are general and subject to change

** Lunch will be provided for all registered athlete, coaches & volunteers.

LEVELS OFFERED: Low C Level Teams, (4) D Level Teams

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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May 2, 2015 - SOLA's Annual Aquatics Meet at Palm Park



Host Town Delegations Announced



“Long after the World Games are over, the memories of those three days spent at Host Town will leave a lasting legacy for Special Olympics Southern California and everyone who was touched by our athletes. We are thankful to all participating Host Towns and their tireless volunteers for opening their doors - and their hearts - to our athletes and coaches.”

Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of LA2015



More than 100 Southern California communities will host Delegates from as many as 170 Special Olympics Programs from around the world. Delegations will spend three days and nights in communities stretching from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

- Alhambra:** Germany (shared with Monterey Park and Lincoln Heights)
- Anaheim:** Canada (shared with Orange), Senegal
- Arcadia:** Kyrgyz Republic, Trinidad & Tobago
- Azusa:** South Africa (shared with Duarte and Glendora)
- Bakersfield:** Jordan, Kenya
- Beverly Hills:** Gibraltar, Monaco
- Big Bear Lake:** Chile, Luxembourg, Montenegro
- Burbank:** Botswana, Zimbabwe
- Calabasas:** Great Britain
- Camarillo:** New Zealand, Saudi Arabia
- Carson:** Dominica, Palestine, Turkmenistan
- Cerritos:** Slovenia, Turkey, Uruguay (shared with Lakewood)
- Chatsworth:** Serbia
- Chino Valley (Chino and Chino Hills):** Laos, Poland
- Claremont:** Bolivia, Curaçao, Georgia Republic, Latvia
- Corona:** Iran, Slovakia
- Costa Mesa:** Aruba, Bahamas
- Downey:** Ireland
- Downtown Los Angeles:** Algeria, Moldova, Colombia
- Duarte:** South Africa (shared with Azusa and Glendora)
- El Segundo:** Barbados, Uzbekistan, FYR Macedonia
- Fountain Valley:** Netherlands
- Fullerton:** Lebanon, Rwanda, Tunisia, Ukraine
- Glendale:** Armenia, Bonaire, Dominican Republic
- Glendora:** South Africa (shared with Azusa and Duarte)
- Goleta:** Bhutan, Panama, Qatar
- Hacienda Heights:** Belarus, Bosnia, Tanzania, Timor-Leste
- Hawthorne:** Estonia, Nigeria
- Hermosa Beach:** Belgium, Belize
- Huntington Beach:** Australia
- Inglewood:** Jamaica
- Irvine:** Korea
- La Habra:** Lithuania, Myanmar, Norway
- La Jolla:** Bharat (India)
- La Mirada:** Russia
- La Verne:** Pakistan, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Laguna Hills:** Cayman Islands, Syria (shared with Lake Forest)
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- Lakewood:** Slovenia, Turkey, Uruguay (shared with Cerritos)
- Lincoln Heights:** Germany (shared with Alhambra and Monterey Park)
- Long Beach:** China
- Manhattan Beach:** Hungary, Nepal
- Mission Viejo:** Indonesia, Spain
- Monterey Park:** Germany (sharing with Alhambra and Lincoln Heights)
- Mountain Communities of Lake Arrowhead:** Switzerland
- Newport Beach:** Mexico, Fiji
- Northridge:** Azerbaijan, Malta, Vietnam
- Ontario:** Iceland, Iraq, Seychelles
- Orange:** Canada (shared with Anaheim)
- Oxnard:** Afghanistan, American Samoa, Kosovo, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga
- Palm Springs:** Bahrain, Portugal
- Palmdale:** Cyprus, St. Lucia
- Pasadena:** Namibia, Singapore
- Pomona:** Isle of Man, Libya
- Poway:** Ecuador, Togo
- Rancho Cucamonga:** Côte d'Ivoire
- Rancho Santa Fe:** Brunei, Bulgaria, Uganda
- Redlands:** Austria, Liechtenstein
- Redondo Beach:** Benin, Haiti, Suriname
- Reseda:** Hellas (Greece) (shared with Tarzana and Woodland Hills)
- Riverside:** Sweden
- San Diego Downtown:** Albania, Burkina Faso, Finland, Mali
- San Diego East County (El Cajon):** Egypt, Hong Kong
- San Diego Golden Triangle (La Jolla and University City):** Costa Rica
- San Diego North County (Del Mar, Encinitas and Solana Beach):** Ghana, Swaziland, Thailand
- San Diego South County (Chula Vista, Coronado and National City):** Argentina, Puerto Rico
- San Luis Obispo County (Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo):** Bangladesh, Cambodia
- San Pedro:** Croatia, Kazakhstan
- Santa Barbara:** Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, St. Kitts & Nevis
- Santa Clarita:** El Salvador, Faroe Islands, Malaysia, Philippines
- Santa Maria:** France, Mauritius, Republic of Congo
- Santa Monica:** Brazil, Romania
- Santa Monica Mountains:** Israel
- Simi Valley:** Peru, Serendib (Sri Lanka), Zambia
- Solvang:** Denmark
- South Pasadena:** Morocco, Paraguay
- Studio City:** Cuba, Czech Republic
- Tarzana:** Hellas (Greece) (shared with Reseda and Woodland Hills)
- Thousand Oaks:** Mongolia, San Marino, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Tajikistan
- West Covina:** Nippon (Japan)
- West Los Angeles:** Italy
- Whittier:** Macau
- Winnetka:** Venezuela
- Woodland Hills:** Hellas (Greece) (shared with Reseda and Tarzana)



SOLA Lions Receive Special Recognition

At last month's California State Lions MD-4 Convention in Visalia, our own **Lions Carol and Ron Copley** received a **Certificate of Appreciation** for the **Kay and Denise Fukushima Lion Couple of the Year** award! Also along with the Whittier Host Lions Club, our SOLA Lions Club received a Certificate of Appreciation for the Most Outstanding Project (Large Club) with the purchase of an 8-passanger van for the Boys and Girls Club. Our SOLA Lions Club received a beautiful patch, presented to President Steve Nichols by District 4-L2's Governor Alberto Montes De Oca at SOLA's March 4th meeting.



International President (2002-2003)
KAY K. FUKUSHIMA (Denise)

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*On Valentine's Day we think of those
Who make our lives worthwhile,
Those gracious, friendly people who
We think of with a smile*

Joanna Fuchs

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you fine folks! I hope everyone is well and enjoying a nice long Valentine's weekend. I certainly agree that today is a time to think about those special people that touch our lives and warm our hearts.

Thanks to all of you who made it to our last meeting, it was a good one. We are all excited and looking forward to our first "Shotgun Golf Tournament" on June 12th at the California Country Club in North Whittier. We are fortunate to have Lions Roddy Hiatt and Susie Mills showing us the way for this great event. We will be having our first committee meeting this next Wednesday at 4:30 before our regular club gathering at Sage. I would encourage everyone to attend if you can. Roddy has lots of experience at running this type of event and he will be sharing it with us.

It's hard to believe but World Games 2015 are now just a few short months away. In March, Zabi Mansoor, Director of Healthy Athletes and coordinator Heather Hoopes Seid, will visit our club and give us an update regarding the progress they have made. Lion Ruri has reminded me that we are expecting 118 athletes and coaches as part of the Whittier Host Town experience. In talking to her, it sounds like our club will have the opportunity to help locally with the games and our visiting athletes. We, as a club, will decide what is best regarding our commitment. Ruri, as always, will inform us of where help is needed and we will respond accordingly. Not to be repetitive, but we can NEVER let her retire!

Looking forward to seeing all of you this Wednesday!

All my best,

Lion President Steve



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**Interested in helping make this Golf
Tournament a big success?
Join us this Wednesday, 4:30 at Sage**

Save the Date!

Fundraiser to Support Our Local Special Olympic Athletes



SOLA Lions Club SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT

**California Country Club
1509 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601**

Friday, June 12, 2015

Registration: 6:00 a.m.

\$150.00 PER PLAYER

Details to follow!

**Shotgun Starts at 7:00 a.m.
Lunch Following the
Tournament**

February 4, Sage was buzzing with Lion energy. Have you heard the news? We are having a fundraiser - not just any fundraiser - we will be sponsoring our very first shotgun golf tournament! We were so excited that Lion Steve had to ring the bell more than once to bring us back down to earth! We are forming our committees as we have set June 12 as the day of reckoning. Lion Roddy will be leading us and showing us the ropes. Our meeting ended with laughter and a glimmer of hope that our athletes future was bright and full of promise.

Lion Susie Mills



Save the Dates!

SOLA's Annual Basketball Tournament

Special Olympics
Southern California



2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club & Whittier College

Saturday, April 18, 2015

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

Special Olympics Southern California athletes from Southeast Los Angeles and surrounding areas will compete in Basketball at the 2015 SELA-Whittier Basketball Tournament.



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

12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Closing

*Times are general and subject to change

** Lunch will be provided for all registered athlete, coaches & volunteers.

LEVELS OFFERED: Low C Level Teams, (4) D Level Teams

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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May 2, 2015 - SOLA's Annual Aquatics Meet at Palm Park



Special Olympics World Games 2015 Home Town News



City of Whittier to Host Special Olympic Athletes from

MACAU CHINA



Whittier is expecting 118 athletes and coaches for the World Games from Macau.

Macau also spelled **Macao**, is one of the two Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China, the other being Hong Kong. With an estimated population of around 624,000 living in an area of 12.1 sq mi, it is the most densely populated region in the world.

A former Portuguese colony, Macau was administered by Portugal from the mid-16th century until late 1999, when it was the last remaining European colony in Asia. Sovereignty over Macau was transferred back to China on 20 December 1999.

Macau is one of the world's richest cities, and as of 2013 its GDP per capita by purchasing power parity is higher than that of any country in the world, according to the World Bank. It became the world's largest gambling centre in 2006, with the economy heavily dependent on gambling and tourism, as well as manufacturing. Cantonese people from Hong Kong and Guangdong, in addition to the recent mainland tourism from Mandarin-speaking regions, have boosted the economy of Macau significantly. According to *The World Factbook*, Macau has the second highest life expectancy in the world.

Excerpt from Wikipedia



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 3/8: Jay Prestella 3/10: Alberto Perez 3/28: Gabriel Sanchez



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President's Message

Happy New Year My Dear Friends!

We made it through the holidays and I hope everyone is catching up on a little rest. Many of you were out of town, on the road and a few of us had that darn flu bug. I've actually missed all of you 😊 and look forward to seeing you as we ease into 2015.

As the year ended, I was fortunate to meet International President Joe Preston and his wife Joni for breakfast at the Double Tree Hotel in Rosemead. Also present were International Director Larry Dicus, District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca, SOLA Past President Sharon, Bill Shumard, PRES/CEO of Special Olympics/Southern Calif., along with Ron and Carol Copley, who really do show us the way. I was impressed with President Joe's sincere interest in what SOLA does, how we started and how to duplicate our success. It was time well spent and everyone shared what was important in our promoting the needs of our athletes. Bill Shumard, ever gracious and humble, pointed out that in the early days we struggled with our place (SOLA) in the big scheme of things. That said, there were bumps in the road, but we worked through it and the result has been wonderful. We are attempting to achieve the same success with the 2015 World Games, but have far less time. As always, we will keep grinding away and get it done. The day ended with the sold out reception for the International President and what an event it was.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the January 21st for the first meeting of 2015!

All My Best,

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District 4-L2 Reception for IP Joe Preston and First Lady Joni



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Two Rose Parade Floats of Interest to SOLA



Inspiring Challenges



Together We Thrive





Welcome New Members!



Lions Dean and Linda Crowley



Lion Roddy Hiatt



Lions Harry and Brandy Brown

I'm so happy to welcome our newest members Dean and Linda Crowley, Harry and Brandy Brown and Roddy Hiatt. What a great bunch of folks! Dean and Linda are pals of the Copley's, Harry and Brandy try to keep up with Jerry and Rosa, which is impossible! Roddy and I go back to our days at El Rancho High School where he was a star on the football team. I was in the choir and a nerd.

It was very special seeing Roddy & Linda installed by International President Joe Preston, my congratulations to you both. I want to also send along a big thanks and congratulations to the District 4L-2 cabinet. You did a terrific job with this event. I cannot sign off without also thanking our pal Wayne Martin as well, what a talent and a blessing.

Steve



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