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Monthly Newsletter of the Special Olympics
Los Angeles Lions Club of Whittier
Volume 9, No. 4 November 28, 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions:

What a great Golf Tournament you put on. The Tournament was a great success. It took everyone working together to make it happen. A big thank you to all. I have heard many good comments about it being a fun event. A big "THANK YOU" to the Golf Committee and Chairman Ruri for a job well done. Every aspect of the tournament was very well planned and went well. Again, congratulations to all. Please see the Sponsor List on page 4 of this issue of SOLAMOTION and thank them for their support of our fundraiser.



December is a great month because we have the opportunity to put on the Christmas Party for our Athletes. Seeing them dressed up in their nice clothes (not in a sport uniform), seeing Santa Claus, receiving a gift, having a good meal, having their own party and having fun makes this my favorite event we do. I hope all our members attend and feel the joy and happiness in the room.

Also in December, we will have our SOLA Family Christmas Party at the home of Jeannie and David Williamson. It will start at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$25/person. You need to RSVP to Jeannie Williamson. This is on our regular meeting night but there is no meeting, just a good meal, drinks, socializing, singing, laughing and relaxing.

We will not have a meeting the first Wednesday in December because we will be putting on the Athlete Christmas Party on the first. We will not have a meeting the first Wednesday of January either because it is the day after New Year's. Our first meeting in 2019 will be the third Wednesday, January 16.

We have had a great 2018 and we look forward to an even greater 2019. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are all blessed to be working together to serve our Special Olympic Athletes.

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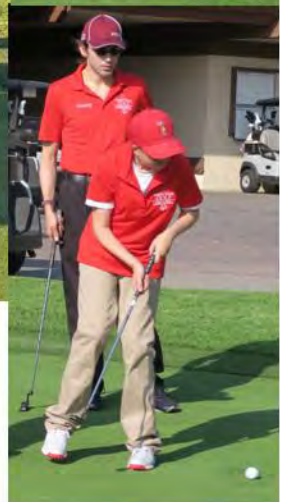
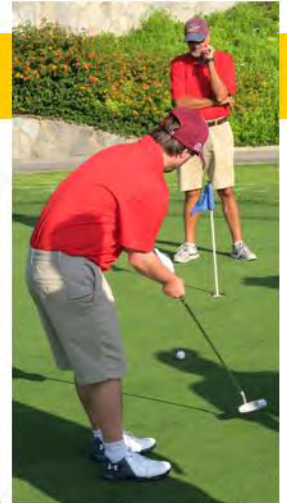
Whittier Special Olympics Golf Team



Our SOLA Lions Club sponsored an **“End of Season Party”** for the new Whittier Special Olympics Golf Team on November 6, 2018 at the **That’s Amore Pizza** restaurant. Congratulations athletes!



Golfing athletes with coaches pictured left to right are: Marc Kozak, Joan Kozak, Nick Ybarra, Jill Wall, Sarah Noonan, Jeff Parker, Tarek Sinnukrot, Jay Prestelle, Jared Kozak, Jerry Smith, Carol Ybarra, Fabian Anon, Pete Ramirez, Phillip Ramirez, and Doug Bradshaw.





District 4-L2 Officers Visit SOLA on November 7



November 7th was a very special club meeting for SOLA as we were honored by special visitors and guests:

- 1—District 4-L2 Governor John Nelson, 1st VDG Gary Hall, District Secretary Nancy McAfee, Central Region Chair Dan Skewes, along with Past 4-L2 DGs Manny Sanchez, Alberto Montes De Oca, and Larry Dicus (also a Past International Dir.)
- 2— Lion Penny Lopez's parents visiting from Hawaii, Tom and Sachi Fujita. Lion Tom is part of the Pearl City Lions Club.
- 3—Visiting from the East Whittier Lions Club were Lions Fran Coeur and Lisa Provencico.



DG Nelson spoke about the Fisher House for Veterans in Long Beach, important dates, and then gave 10 year Membership Service Awards to 12 SOLA members and a 30 year Membership Award to Past President PDG Alberto Montes De Oca.

PID Larry Dicus presented Lions International President Gudrun Service Banners and Pins to Ron Copley, Wayne Martin, Ruri Pierre, and Alberto Montes De Oca.



Jeannie Williamson presented DG Nelson with SOLA's donations to Fisher House.



Saturday, December 1

3:00 PM—9:00 PM **Decorate at 3 pm, Party starts 5 pm.**

SELA Athletes and Families Christmas Party

Simm's Park, 16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower

Wednesday, December 19

SOLA Lions Club Family Christmas Party

At the Home of Lions David and Jeannie Williamson

8119 California Avenue, Whittier Cost: \$25/person

5:30 PM Arrival, 6:00 PM Dinner

Please RSVP to Jeannie by Friday, Dec. 14 at cell: 562-688-5294

or email: jeanminnie@aol.com



Our Next Very Important Event





Annual SOLA Athlete Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

5:00PM - 9:00PM

LOCATION: JOHN S. SIMMS PARK - 16814 S. CLARK AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
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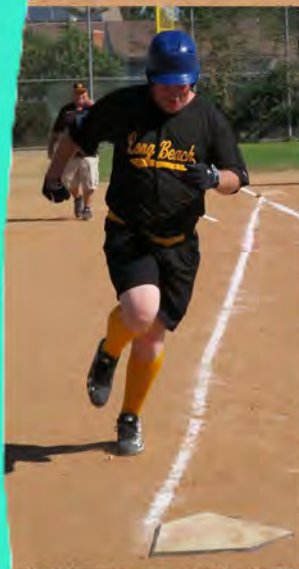
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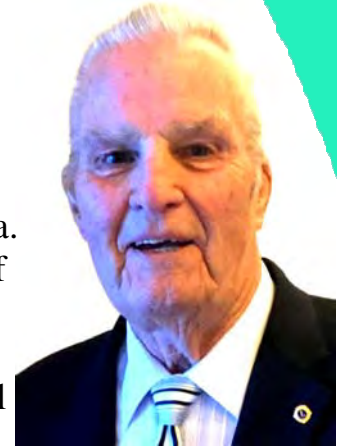
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Our tournament funds last year provided funds to purchase much needed equipment and supplies, such as: swimming suits, goggles, kickboards, warm up sweat suits, softball bats, cleats, bags, balls and uniforms, all with their respective team logos for our local Special Olympics Athletes. The funds also gave opportunities for SOLA Lions to host competitions in Basketball, Softball, Swimming, Athletics (Track and Field) and Bowling for our local athletes. Additionally, we host the athletes annual Christmas Party with over 350 athletes and their family and friends.

We thank **PIH HEALTH** for their TITLE SPONSORSHIP and continued support of our local Special Olympics athletes.

Please help make this the best Golf Tournament ever, so the SOLA Lions Club can continue to support our hard working and dedicated athletes in the Whittier Area. Log on to www.solagolf.com and make a donation (if it's over a \$100, we will make you a tee sign) and/or come golf with us on November 12th, 2018 at the beautiful Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier, California. When you put a foursome together, it comes with a tee sign, so sign up now on www.solagolf.com! Its tax deductible and a great cause!

Submitted by Lions Jesse Lopez and Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre.

Honoring Our Whittier Area Teams

August 27, 2018 - Whittier Senior Center



Whittier teams at the Pizza Party: **"Incredibowlers"**-Bowling, **"Sea Monkeys"**-Swimming, and the **"Whittier Athletics"**

SOLA SERVICES



Coaches and their sports, left to right: **Jill Wall -Athletics**, **Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre - Bowling**, **Lesly Mercado - Bowling**, **Joselyn Tucci - Bowling**, **Bridgette Azola - Bowling & Swimming**, **Crystal - Swimming**, **Christina - Swimming**, kneeling in front is **Troy - Swimming**.



eat up!



"Table Monitor" Lion Jeff SOLA Lion President Ron "Party Hostess" Lion Peanuts

On behalf of all the athletes, Special Olympics Global Messenger and Whittier Team Track Athlete **Mike Rivera** heartily thanked the coaches for their great coaching and special friendship.

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LEADERSHIP FORUM

This past week, September 20-22, was the **42nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** in Columbus, Ohio, when 1849 Lions from across the United States and Canada met to better their leadership skills and Lions clubs. Our own SOLA associate member **PID Larry Dicus** presented a session on “the impact Lions have had on Special Olympics and the impact the athletes have had on Lions.” Through a PowerPoint presentation Larry explained what Special Olympics is all about, how it was started, and how LCIF is supporting its Opening Eyes and hearing programs since 2001. Then he presented how our SOLA Lions Club was started, and how, along with other Champions Lions Clubs, provides greatly needed assistance, equipment, and competitions for local Special Olympics teams. He finished the session outlining how Lions can start new Champions Lions Clubs (the name “Champions” is now used for Special Olympics Lions clubs) in their districts and communities to meet the quickly growing number of intellectually challenged athletes participating in Special Olympics. He thanks Lions Ron Copley and Wayne Martin for their assistance with creating the PowerPoint.

Our SOLA Lions Club looks forward to when PID Larry Dicus can share this presentation at a club meeting.

Thank you PID Larry for again promoting Special Olympics athletes and honoring our club’s mission at the international level.



Special Olympics
Southern California



Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) - Whittier Area Softball Competition

Hosted by SOLA Lions Club & the City of Whittier

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Rio Vista Park

8751 Coffman & Pico Road
Pico Rivera, CA 90713

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



SCHEDULE:

7:30am | Volunteer Check-In

8:30am | Delegation Check-In

9:30am | Opening Ceremony

10:00am - 3:00pm | Competition

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

Awards will be presented on each field after the last game is finished for that field

*Times are general and subject to change



TEAMS/LEVELS OFFERED: 16 Teams, B , C, & D Levels

ALLOTMENT: Invitation Only, Closed to Outside Regions

GAMES & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Ruri Pierre | 562-567-9471

rpierre@cityofwhittier.org

COMPETITION INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Pittock | 562-502-1123

rpittock@sosc.org





SOLA Lions Club Calendar - Save the Dates

September 26

5:30 PM. Golf Committee Meeting
Whittier Sr. Center at 13225 Walnut St., Whittier

October 3

4:30 – 5:30 PM Golf Committee Meeting
Friendly Hills Country Club
5:30 - 7:00 PM SOLA Lions Club Meeting

October 10

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December 1

3:00 PM—9:00 PM*

SELA Athletes and Families Christmas Party
Simm's Park, Bellflower
16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706



December 19

SOLA Lions Club Family Christmas Party
Details are in the planning stage.

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MEMORIAL

September 23, 2018

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am saddened to announce the passing of Past District Governor Sally Torres. She passed away September 23, 2018 from a heart attack.

PDG Sally joined the Lions Club in December of 2000 as a member of the Lions Club of Montebello. PDG Sally Torres represented District 4-L2 as the 2012-2013 District Governor. Her passion was the Leos and co-chaired the District Leos for many years.

At the Club level she continued to serve in many youth projects. PDG Sally was known in the community for her efforts in the club's Annual Back Pack Shopping Spree that gave children the opportunity to shop for their school clothes and receive a backpack full of school supplies free of charge.

PDG Sally Torres will truly be missed. More details to follow as soon as we receive more information.

Sincerely,
 Manuel Sanchez
 Montebello Lions Club President 2018-2019
 Past District Governor 4-L2 (2016-2017)



September and October Birthdays

9/7: Amy Gaytan 9/19: Carol Copley 9/21: Harry Brown
 10/15: Theresa Rivas 10/20: Andrea Bodnar 10/26: Larry Dicus 10/31: Jill Wall

September and October Anniversaries

9/8: Ron and Carol Copley 10/10: Larry and Jane Dicus



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions:

It's hard to believe that we are entering our 10th year as a Lions Club! We started out the year with a great officer installation celebration. Thanks for the outstanding turnout and for everyone's help in making the event such a wonderful success.

We also started out the year with a terrific bowling competition where we served 113 Special Olympics athletes and used all 32 bowling lanes at Del Rio Lanes in Downey. A great time was had by volunteers and athletes alike!

Our next event, the SOLA softball competition will also be the largest softball event we have ever conducted. There are 16 teams expected to participate. What a great start to our 10th year!

This month is exciting because we will finally have a Special Olympics golf team starting in our area. We expect 6 Special Olympics golfers to be on the team. We are able to host a team because of the outstanding participation and support of Friendly Hills Country Club and their staff. We will have more information about the golf team next month.

Another exciting element of the new year is the addition of three new members to our club. Please join me in welcoming David Williamson, Gregg Williamson, and Gwen Stanga to our SOLA team.

Until next month. . .

President Ron



Our Title Sponsor

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



2018 SOLA Lions Club Installation



Highlights: 42 SOLA members & guests, including new 4-L2 DG John Nelson, and LCI's Sarah Herman and Cara Angeles. Greetings from SOSOC CEO Bill Shumard, and Whittier's Major Joe Vinateri honored Pres. Alberto Montes De Oca, who then honored last year officers and presented "Lion of the Year" awards to Jeff Martin and Jesse Lopez. PID Larry Dicus installed new Pres. Ron Copley and his cabinet for 2018-2019. Susie Ausdal closed with words of inspiration.



Special Recognition from District 4-L2



District 4-L2 officers PDG Chris Ohrmund and PDG Judy Powell, accompanied by PCC Roger Powell and PDG Bill Walters, attended August 15 meeting to present the *Global Service Team Banner* to this year's District coordinator, PDG Alberto Montes De Oca and surprised Lion Wayne Martin with the coveted Student Speakers Foundation's *Al Ohrmund Supporter Award* for all the "behind the scenes" graphics projects he's created for the District over the years.



AUGUST 4TH BOWLING COMPETITION STATS



Teams:
SELA Downey Dukes and Dolls
SELA Norwalk Dukes and Dolls
SELA Lakewood
Whittier Incredibowlers
East San Gabriel Valley Dawns

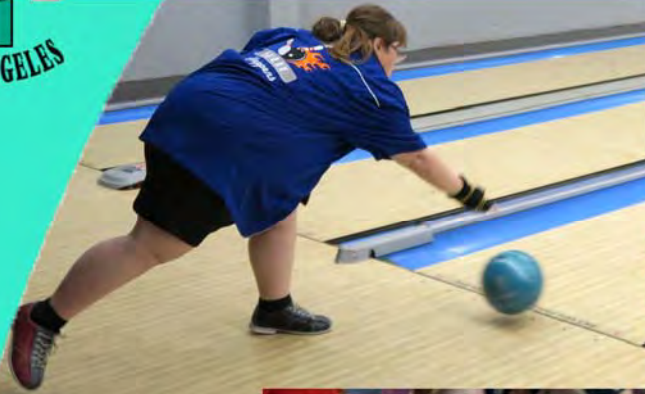
Number of athletes:
113
Lanes Used:
All 32
Gold Medals Awarded:
32

Downey High School KIWIN'S youth group assisted SOLA.

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SELA-Whittier Area Bowling Competition



Bowling is a Sport for Athletes who have Talent to Spare!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



August 4, 2018 Del Rio Lanes, Downey





SOLA Lions Club Calendar - Save the Dates

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Meet at 5:00 PM for set up.*



Pizza Party for Whittier Special Olympics athletes.
Whittier Senior Center
13225 Walnut St., Whittier, CA 90602

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SOLA LIONS CLUB OF WHITTIER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

We are pleased to announce Whittier's **PIH HEALTH** will continue to be our Title Sponsor for this year's www.solagolf.com tournament. We thank **PIH HEALTH** for stepping up to assisting us in making future SOLA Special Olympics events stellar for our local athletes. In addition, our local community is stepping up on getting four-somes, sponsorship participation and volunteering for our major fundraiser this year. Did you know that our out-of-town SOLA community can help make this a very special event by donation using our website? Just go to www.solagolf.com and donate. If it's over a \$100, we will make you a tee sign. It's tax deductible and a great cause! However, we would really like for you to **come golf with us** on **November 12th, 2018** at the beautiful **Friendly Hills Country Club** in Whittier, California. After our local swimming and bowling events, our SOLA Golf committee is revved up to show everyone a great time in this fundraising event. Also, follow us on Facebook #Sola Lions Club of Whittier.

Submitted by Lion Jesse Lopez



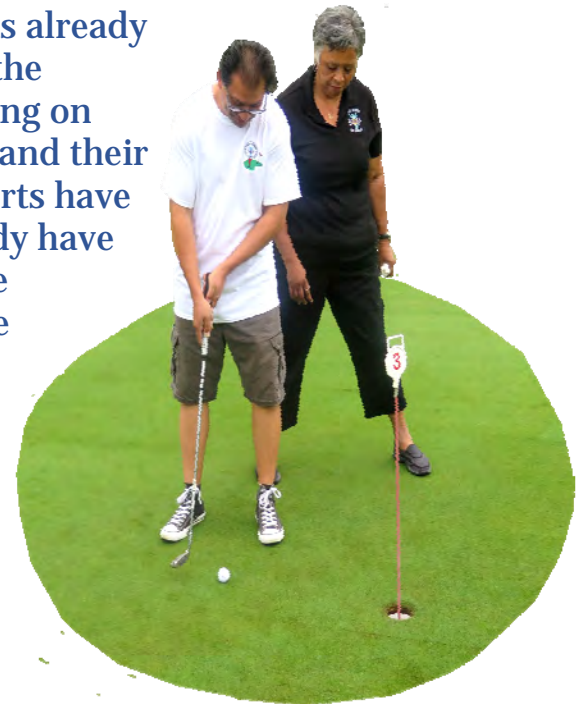
Our **Team Whittier** track athletes participated in the Special Olympics Summer Games in Long Beach, June 6-10, 2018.

Our SOLA Lions Club provided new clothing for 55 Special Olympics swimming and track athletes this past spring.



Special Olympics Golf Team is READY TO GO

The new Special Olympics Golf Team is READY TO GO. Thank you to Lion Ron Copley for meeting with the Friendly Hills Country Club and securing the course. Joan Kozak will be the Head Coach of the team and she has already secured about 6-8 volunteers to assist the athletes. Joan had the first team meeting on Thursday, August 16, with the athletes and their parents and family members. Team shirts have been ordered and all the athletes already have their own golf clubs and shoes. Because this is the first year, we are keeping the team at a maximum of 6 golfers. Practices will be on Tuesdays, starting August 21, at 4pm. Everyone is so excited!!!



- Submitted by Lion Ruri Pierre



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SOLA Lion Members,

Here we come to an end of a super year! Even though the year has gone by really fast our Service Projects and their impact will last forever. During this year SOLA Lions have participated in many projects. Some we had started before and have continued every year and some we started this year, but all the projects have been first class events, and our Special Olympics Athletes have received the benefit of your hard work and commitment to them.



During the year SOLA Lions were able to purchase equipment for our Swim Team Athletes and our Basketball Team Athletes. SOLA also purchased warm up suits for the Track Team and Swim Team.

We had over 180 athletes participating in the Swim Competition which was the largest competition that we have participated to date. Our Basketball competition has grown. This year we had 12 teams participating from the surrounding communities. And yes, we are growing, or should we say our Special Olympics teams are growing, and this is a great problem to have because it shows that our work is reaching more Special Olympics athletes and communities that are willing to participate. This is one of the reasons why it is important to increase our SOLA Lions Club membership so we can have more hands serving more athletes. This year SOLA's membership finished on the positive side.

SOLA Lions Club Year in Review

June - July, 2017, a group of SOLA Lions participated at the Lions International Centennial Anniversary held in Chicago, Illinois. Thousands of Lions from around the world descended on Chicago to celebrate this milestone of 100 years of service. Great time!

In August of 2017, SOLA Lions held a year end party for 70 athletes and family members of the Whittier Swim and Track teams at the Senior Center in Whittier. The athletes enjoyed the evening while the SOLA members were serving pizza, salads, cake, and ice cream. It was a lot of fun. Awards were presented to the athletes and coaches.

In October, 2017, SOLA participated in the annual **Tip-A-Cop** fundraiser at the Whittier Red Robin Restaurant, in conjunction with the Whittier Police Department, to benefit our local Special Olympic athletes. Also in October, our Bowling Competition was held at the Del Rio Lanes. It was a lot of fun and lots of interaction with the Special Olympics Athletes.

November 2017, SOLA participated in the Anthem Project (Kids Against Hunger) where SOLA members packed 10,000 meals to be distributed to the homeless and children at risk. Lots of fun and a great project.

In December 2017, SOLA hosted the annual SELA/SOLA Christmas Party for the Special Olympics athletes and their families. Over 200 attended served by SOLA Lions and other volunteers. It was a great evening with lots of food, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, presents for all of the athletes, and lots of dancing to the great tunes by a great DJ. An unforgettable night!

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President's Message - "Year in Review"

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Also in December 2017, SOLA members celebrated their Club's Christmas Party hosted by 1st VP Lion Marla Baker and her husband Wally at their home. The venue for this event was fantastic. Their beautiful home is decorated as a movie studio with different movie themes in each room. We had a lot of fun singing Christmas Carols with Lion Wayne playing on his keyboard and enjoyed a fabulous dinner.

In January 2018, SOLA Lions Club received a fantastic donation of equipment from **Pitch In for Softball** for 100 Special Olympics athletes. This equipment consisted of helmets, bats, catcher's gear, uniforms, masks, chest protectors, shin guards, balls, and gloves.

In February 2018, we held a new fundraiser event that was lots of fun and this was the Spaghetti Dinner at **That's Amore Pizzeria** where we all had a great time dancing to the tunes of The **Bigbys Band** led by our own Whittier Police Chief, Chief Piper.

From June - August, 2018, SOLA Lions Club will work the Pizza Booth at the "Concerts in the Park" in Whittier at Parnell Park. This is a fundraiser event with lots of live music, great pizza, and lots of camaraderie.

In July 2018, the Lakewood Softball Team (DIRTBAGS) have been invited to participate in the U.S. Special Olympics Games in Seattle, Washington. SOLA Lions has supplied this team with 12 backpacks, 12 pairs of cleats, and two carrying bags for equipment.

In October 2018, SOLA Lions will be hosting the first woman to serve as a Lions International President with her International Board at our Softball Competition. This is a first for our Special Olympics Lions Club to have the International Board to be participants at one of our competitions. SOLA members, be ready to have a great time and make history!

Our Golf Fundraiser will be held on November 12, 2018 at the prestigious, private Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This is our largest fundraiser event where SOLA raises the funds needed for all the great work we do.

During the 2017 - 2018 calendar year, SOLA Lions Club and its members have received numerous awards from Lions International and Lions District 4-L2. Also during this year we have had many dignitaries from Special Olympics Headquarters and Lions District 4-L2 visiting our club and attending our events.

As you can see how busy this whole year has been, you, SOLA members and the Board have accomplished so much in one year.

Thank you for making me look so good during this year as your president. A special thanks to our Fun Facts extraordinaire, Lion Drew Sones, for making us think and laugh throughout the year. Also, a special thanks to Lion Wayne Martin for producing every month our newsletter, SOLAMOTION, and to all of you who went above and beyond, thank you for being such great Lions.

Sincerely,

PDG Alberto Montes De Oca
SOLA President 2017-2018

District leadership visit our SOLA Lions Club meeting on May 2: 1st VDG John Nelson, PDG Manny Sanchez, PDG Mike Brassard, Past District Newsletter Editor Bea Proo, and 2nd VDG Candidate Woody Hugh.



District 4-L2 Convention Awards SOLA Lions Club Top Honors



President Alberto holds certificate of SOLA Lions Club's **District 4-L2 Club of the Year Award**



Lions Rosa and Jerry Masterson awarded **District 4-L2 Couple of the Year**



Lion David Williamson awarded **District 4-L2 Lion of the Year**



Lion Jeff Martin awarded **District 4-L2 Top Club Secretary**



Lion Wayne Martin awarded **District 4-L2 Top Bulletin Award for SOLAMOTION Newsletter**



Lion Ruri Pierre receives special **Recognition Plaque from Special Olympics**



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



LA/SGV Southeast LA/Whittier Regional Swimming Competition



Whittier College - May 19, 2018





Ready, Set, Go! SOLA Golf Tournament

Nov
12

It's that time of year again for our SOLA Annual Golf Event. SOLA Lions Club of Whittier is going to have fun raising funds for our LOCAL Special Olympics competitors. This year's golf event will be held at the prestigious Friendly Hills Country Club, November 12th, 2018 at 10:30am. Our Golf Tournament Chair is Lion Ruri (Peanuts) Pierre who really has a heart for all the Special Olympic Athletes.

It will be memorable for a variety of reasons:

Our golfers and attendees can win Cruises*, Money, Sporting Event Tickets, Golf Gear and lots more!

Our club purchased a Perfect Golf Events package to assist us in fundraising, getting players and sponsors. With proper advertisement of word of mouth, social media, and advertising; we should have plenty of sponsors and participants.

Our event has a website www.solagolf.com to promote & sign-up tournament sponsor opportunities, golfer foursomes while handling finance reporting, and our fantastic volunteer organization.

We have a goal!!!- \$50K gross. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Your Sola Lions Club was able to continue having medals on hand for our competitions as well as purchasing training suits & equipment for some of our LOCAL regional competitors.

There are still some fantastic www.solagolf.com sponsorship opportunities available! Please consider having your business being our Event's title sponsor (NAME OF TITLE SPONSOR PRESENTS SOLA GOLF 2018). There are many other opportunities to help advertise your business while helping us serve our LOCAL Special Olympic competitors. Go to our SOLA Golf website to see all the ways to help us resource and get involved. www.solagolf.com.

Lion Wayne again did a great job on our www.solagolf.com brochure. They are ready for distribution. Call President Lion Alberto and please hand out our www.solagolf.com brochure asking your frequently visited shops, restaurants, & businesses owners around our cities.

We are fortunate to be able to golf at Friendly Hills Country Club in the foothills of Whittier. Watch local golfers face light up when they realize they can golf at this local gem of a course.

Whether you golf or not, our golf tournaments are fun to volunteer, fun to participate, or just plain fun attending our day ending SOLA Lions Club Gala. Mark your calendars!

Let's make June/July a great month for our Tournament kickoff.

Submitted by Lion Jesse Lopez





The morning of June 4th, our **Team Whittier** athletes joined **Whittier's Law Enforcement Torch Run** to support the Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games in Long Beach



Lion Steve Nichols makes sure the District Screening Van is at the Summer Games for use in the Healthy Athlete program.

You are cordially invited to attend our
INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION DINNER

Wednesday
August 1, 2018
5:30 PM

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LIONS CLUB OF WHITTIER

*Friendly Hills Country Club 8500 South Villaverde Drive
 Whittier — Upstairs in the Fireside Room
 Dinner: Chicken Parmesan \$30/person
 The installing officer will be PID Larry Dicus*

*Please RSVP by July 26 to: Lion Carol Copley at
 carolcopley@earthlink.net or 562-693-8330*



Erin Meyers from KTLA 5 was live at the Summer Games today, and she decided to say hi to me while I was creating a sign! My 30 secs of fame!

Thank You Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper and Bigsby's Band



President PDG Alberto Montes De Oca and SOLA Lions members presented Certificates of Appreciation to Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper and to the members of The Bigsby's Band for their continued support and commitment to the Special Olympics Athletes.

Yearly SOLA Lions Club Dues are Now Due



June and July Birthdays

6/3: Brenda Brown 6/16: Susie Ausdal 6/17: Ellen Peck 6/19: Ursula Bell 6/24: John Wall
 6/26: Ron Copley 7/2: Linnea Pueschel, Louis Lawrence 7/5: Angelica Bio
 7/9: Alberto Montes De Oca 7/21: Jeannine Williamson 7/22: Mark Elias, Ruri Pierre

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Fellow Lions,

You are an amazing group of individuals and Lions. What a great event the Special Olympics Basketball Competition was on April 21st. It was held at Whittier College. This year was our biggest basketball competition so far but it looked like it has been always this size. The student volunteers from Whittier College and the Leos from Bell Gardens High School were a tremendous help while enjoying this event and interacting with the Special Olympics athletes.



The athletes are amazing basketball players and, of course, very competitive which makes the game even more exciting. We had 12 teams in three different divisions and we were able to stay on schedule: "that is organization and leadership skills."

Thank you Lions Jerry and Rosa for helping with the assembly of the lunch bags (sandwich, drink, fruit, snack, and cookies). Delicious as always!

And then came the presentation of the ribbons and medals. This was very well attended. We had representatives from the Pico Rivera Sheriff Department and a council member from the City of Whittier, Mr. Fernando Dutra, and many of our own SOLA members helping and cheering the athletes. Overall, this was a 10+ event. SOLA members, you have shined again!

Okay, one event down, more to come... We have the Swimming Competition in May, the Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games in June, Bowling in the summer with Track and Field, Summer Concerts in the Park/Pizza Booth at Parnell Park in Whittier, and of course, our Softball Competition on October 20th at the Rio Vista Park in Pico Rivera. This is going to be another big event and I know all of you are looking forward to participating in it.

In November, we have our largest fundraising event - Our SOLA Golf Tournament! This year is our 4th Annual Event and it will be held at the prestigious, private Friendly Hills Country Club in the City of Whittier. And yes, this is the event that gives us the funds to be able to accomplish all the work we do with the Special Olympics athletes, such as the purchase of uniforms, sports equipment, shoes, etc.

And yes, SOLA needs your help! We need to make this golf tournament the best ever, so please go out to your community and start recruiting golfers!

Alberto Montes De Oca

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SOSC President/CEO Bill Shumard Visits SOLA Lions Club

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The John R. Wooden Award steering committee honored **Bill Shumard**, President/CEO of SOSC as the inaugural recipient of the **Tommy Hawkins Game-Changer Award**. Congrats Bill! The Wooden Award has had a long-standing relationship with SOSC, hosting an annual basketball tournament. The Wooden Award/SOSC one-day tournament features the Wooden Award All-American's and their coaches assisting SOSC teams selected to play in the event on the Wooden Award Court at the Los Angeles Athletic Club (LAAC). #WeAreSOSC #WoodenAward



SOLA members enjoyed fellowshiping with and hearing Bill Shumard give an update on the latest with Special Olympics Southern California. He was excited that our local softball team, Lakewood Dirt Bags, with the veteran Global Messenger Dustin Plunkett on the team, will be playing in the **2018 Special Olympics USA Games**, in Seattle, Washington on July 1-6.

Bill spoke about some of the new competitions being introduced this spring: Flag Football and Cheer Leading and moving Bowling to become a summer sport.

Over the past 10 years Special Olympics Southern California has grown from about 8,000 athletes with an average age of 37 to over 35,000 athletes, average age of 16, thanks to the inclusion of Unified Sports on school campuses. Bill honored our SOLA member Dean Crowley, past CIF Commissioner, who met with him and others several years ago to spearhead Unified Sports in our public schools. Last fall, Unified Sports is now in 400 California high schools. California is the 7th state to give Special Olympics athletes Varsity Letters so they can purchase Letterman's Jackets. Now intellectually challenged athletes can proudly wear school shirts, hats, and Letterman's Jackets. What a transformation there now is of changing cultural attitudes on campuses for inclusion, diversity, anti-bullying and acceptance.

Bill Shumard spoke of "passing the torch" to new leadership at Special Olympics Southern California, but with the advice of the past senior leaders giving them counsel and stability. New programs and ideas are being "piloted" in SOSC before taking them nationally.

This year in July will be the 50th Anniversary celebration of Special Olympics in Chicago. Other highlights mentioned: the 2018 book by Eileen McNamara, Eunice: The Kennedy That Changed the World about Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who started Special Olympics; ESPN now is the worldwide sponsor of Unified Sports; and Kaiser Permanente signed a 3 year contract as a Special Olympics Major Sponsor. Kaiser Permanente will serve as its Official Health Partner for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle.

In the photo above, Bill Shumard is standing on the Gold Medal position on a 3D designed Olympics Winner Podium printed on a flat rubber mat created and donated by Lions Jeannie and David Williamson, (standing with Bill). What an awesome aid to our Special Olympics athletes as they receive their individual awards, particularly at the swimming and bowling competitions. Thanks!



SOLA-SELA BASKETBALL COMPETITION





SOLA-SOLA BASKETBALL COMPETITION



Donald E. Graham Athletics Center - Whittier College



Guest Presentation at SOLA Meeting: "Football for Life"



Taking the life lessons learned on the football field to the **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation!** Coach Joe Pina and his wife received a glimpse into life on the reservation in 2015 when they travelled in South Dakota. They learned that officials of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation had declared a State of Emergency due to a rash of teen suicides (the youngest being 9 year of age). The odds are stacked against the youth of this South Dakota reservation, which borders Nebraska.

Did you know that on the Pine Ridge Reservation: 97% of the population lives far below the U.S. federal poverty line; High School dropout rate is 70%; Unemployment rate is upwards of 90% due to lack of industry, technology or commercial infrastructure on the reservation; and, the list of obstacles placed in front of the youth on Pine Ridge goes on and on....

The **Football for Life** group is comprised of former and current coaches and players who believe the game of football was instrumental to the success they have achieved in life. The founders and directors of *Football for Life* know from personal experience the vital impact of youth sports participation.

My husband and I are excited to be making our second trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this coming summer. In collaboration with Head Coach **Sam Bravo** of Pine Ridge High School we are tailoring a program to the best benefit of the **Pine Ridge H.S. Thorpes football team**. When first presented with the idea by **Football for Life, founder Joseph Pina**, Coach Bravo stated: *"This has been exactly what I have been looking for to give us the competitive edge we need!"*

In 2017, our first year, the program included a 2-day coaching clinic with Coach Bravo's staff, followed by 3 days of "on the field" lessons with the Pine Ridge football players. Our Football for Life volunteers fed all players and coaches daily. Utilizing technology, we were able to follow the Thorpes progress throughout the season. We utilized this to make suggestions and adjustments each week to assist in the advancement of the team's strategy for each opponent. The 2017 season was a resounding success! The Thorpes football team finished 7:3 and were The Black Hills Conference Champions!! We are looking forward to add to that success in 2018.

Friday, April 6, 2018 we hosted our 1st Football for Life Golf Tournament at San Juan Hills Golf Club. It was a success and all funds raised will be directly impacting the Thorpes football program. It is our intention to get the players new uniforms (since last season they were not matching) and other needed equipment. We also hope to expand our campaign and make a monetary donation to the Girl's Athletic program at Pine Ridge High School.

Currently we are also preparing to create a pilot program; the **first Native American Family Host program**. It is in the beginning stages and is being modeled after the *Foreign Exchange Student* program. The goal is to mentor all students who wish to pursue a College Education.

Our long-term goal for *Football for Life* is to reach all three High School on the reservation, positively impacting the young men and women of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Football for Life is sponsored by the Walking Shield, a non-profit organization in Lake Forest, CA. Want more info? Contact Rich Ruiz 562-818-4829 or richruiz-27@msn.com
 - Written by: Norma Gonzales
 - Thanks Lion Ursula Bell for bringing this program before our club.



Pictures: Photo 1: Pine Ridge High School, South Dakota players & staff; Photo 2: Coach Bravo, Coach Pina (founder), Coach Gonzales; Photo 3: 2017 Coaching Staff



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April 4, 2018

Our District Governor Theresa Prumatico visits SOLA and brought us up-to-date on the upcoming District Convention on May 19-20 in Montebello.



Speaking and delighting our club members on April 4th were our very own local Special Olympics Global Messengers: Jared Kosak, Richie Patterson, and Michael Rivera. Congratulations and best wishes as you represent Special Olympics at the many functions you will be attending.

Fundraiser to support our local Special Olympics Athletes

4th Annual SOLA Lions Club Golf Tournament

Save the Date November 12, 2018

Friendly Hills Country Club, Whittier

For more information see website: www.solagolf.com



Congratulations to past SOLA Lions Club President **Sharon Montes De Oca** on receiving the Kay K. Fukushima Fellow Award as a founding member of the California Lions Foundation.



Past District Governor Manny Sanchez, along with PDG Alberto Montes De Oca induct **Angelica Bio** as a new member of the SOLA Lions Club. Welcome Lion Angelica!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

I hope your Valentine's Day was full of joy. Happy Valentine's Day!

This year is going too fast...



On February 28th, SOLA had its first SPAGHETTI DINNER PARTY. WOW! What a great event, a full house. Many thanks to the Committee for such a successful event. Like I said, "It was sold Out! The food delicious, the entertainment superb, and the participants full of energy!"

Many thanks to Marianne, owner of *That's Amore Pizza* located in Whittier. What a great host! To the band, "Chief Piper and *The Bigsby's*," our own Whittier Police Chief, Captain Jeff Piper. This band was electric! They had everybody dancing to great music. Thank you Chief Piper for your participation and commitment to the Special Olympics Lions Club and its athletes.

I also would like to thank the ticket team, Lion Dave Williamson and 1st VP Lion Marla's grandson, Daniel. What a team! Many thanks to photographer Lion Wayne Martin for pictures taken throughout the evening and to IPP Susan Sones for helping with everything, and to the other Lions in attendance from other Lions Clubs, thank you for your support and participation.

What is next???

Our Golf Tournament this year will be held at the Friendly Hills Country Club on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018. The committee will start meeting on Wednesdays before our regular meetings. This is our biggest fundraiser event and SOLA needs your participation. Please start asking golfers to save the date.

Coming soon...

Summer Concerts at the Park (Pizza Booth at Parnell Park), our Basketball Competition held at Whittier College is April 21st and our Swim Competition held in May.

Thank you SOLA members for being the best Lions any club could ever have.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



THAT'S AMORE PIZZA



February 28, 2018

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SOLA Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Special thanks to Chief Piper and the *Bigsbys* Band for their fantastic entertainment and to *That's Amore Pizza* for great food and service!



Helping Special Olympics Athletes



SOLA Lions Club learned that the **Lakewood Dirtbags Softball Team** has been selected to go to the US Games in Seattle this summer. The Board has approved the purchase of new cleats, backpacks and two team roller bags for the 12 person team who will be going. The Dirtbags team plays in our annual Softball Competition. We know that they will do our SELA Region and Special Olympics Southern California proud and we wish them the best. Submitted by Lion Ron Copley

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Golf Tournament**

*Save
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November 12, 2018



Friendly Hills Country Club, Whittier

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The promotional graphic features a background image of a golfer on a green. A white golf ball with the SOLA logo is in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image in various fonts and colors (red, black, white, orange).



District Team Excellence Award



Last year (2016-2017) District 4-L2 under the leadership of District Governor Manny Sanchez received the District Team Excellence Award from Lions International. This is a prestigious award given for those Districts that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations. This past year only 2% of Lions Districts worldwide received this award. Besides Manny Sanchez receiving this award, the following SOLA Lions also received awards: PDG Alberto Montes De Oca, Cabinet Advisor; Ronald Copley, District Treasurer; and Drew Sones, Zone "A" Chairperson for the Bay Region. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

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Special Olympics Lions Club Administration & Foundation 2018-2019 Board of Officers



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DIRECTORS:

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 JUNIOR MEMBER: Jeannie Williamson
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Election to take place at the March 7, 2018 regular meeting.



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It is with great sadness to announce that Lion Ruri "Peanuts" Pierre's beloved father went home to be with the Lord Sunday evening. Please keep Ruri and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Sincerely, PDG Alberto Montes De Oca



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Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year of service, let's focus on how we can accomplish more this year. I think the main component is members. Yes, we need more members so we can continue to grow our service to Special Olympics Athletes.



This year we are starting two new competitions: Golf and Bocce. This means that we will be working with more Special Olympics athletes and we are going to need more hands to do it with. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and business acquaintances to be part of this great movement, Lions Club International. After all, working with Special Olympics athletes is what SOLA Lions do best.

This year, our major fundraiser, SOLA's Golf Tournament will be held at the prestigious *Friendly Hills Country Club* in Whittier, California on Monday, November 12, 2018. To make this a very successful fundraising event we need everyone's support. Please ask everyone you know who likes to play golf to save the date.

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Great news! SOLA has a new member. Lion Angelica Bio. Welcome Lion Angelica!

On behalf of the SOLA (Special Olympics Los Angeles) Lions Club Board, our sincerest gratitude to Ms. Meredith P. Kim, COO, and Mr. Steve Bizon, Director of Programs and Operations of **Pitch In For Baseball**, for the softball equipment donated to Special Olympics to enhance the participation and safety of the Special Olympics athletes.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Spaghetti

With Meatballs **DINNER**

Wednesday

February 28, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 pm

\$10 includes one Spaghetti
Dinner with salad and bread
(Must purchase beverage)

And One raffle ticket:

Grand Prize: Cruise for Two



Entertainment Donated and Provided by
Chief Piper and the Bigsby's
50's style Rock and Roll music

at



11223 First Avenue
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Raffle Prizes include
**Cruise, Golf for Four,
Golf Clubs, Gift Cards,
Tools** (Winner need not be
present to collect prize)

Additional Raffle tickets
2 for \$10

Keeping our
Community close
and sharing in
the prosperity!





SELA Christmas Party

December 2, 2017 - Bellflower

John S. Simms Park
WELCOME
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY





Spotlight on Gobal Messengers



What is a Special Olympics Global Messenger?

Global Messengers are Special Olympics athletes, trained in public speaking, who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits they have gained by participating in Special Olympics. As leaders and message-bearers of the movement, Global Messengers communicate the powerful declarations of hope, acceptance, and courage of Special Olympics athletes around the world.

Only athletes can effectively relate the impact that the movement has had on their lives and the lives of their families.

Some of the newest Global Messengers are right in our own backyard ... from **Team Whittier Athletics!**

Pictured above with a very familiar Global Messenger Dustin Plunkett, are Team Whittier members **Mike Rivera, Jared Kozak, and Richie Patterson**, along with another new Global Messenger Debbie.

Since their training and certification was completed just before the holidays, their profiles have not yet been updated on the SOSC website. Please follow this link (<https://www.sosc.org/athletes/global-messengers-lasgv>) and check back from time to time as I'm sure they'll be listed soon.

We are working on scheduling these outstanding athletes to join some of our meetings. We will keep you updated at our meetings.

- SOLA Special Olympics Liaison Lion Jill Wall



SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY

Nov. 12, 2018

**SOLA Lions Club
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

at the

Friendly Hills Country Club



Beautiful Home, Delicious Food, Grand Evening of High-Spirited Fun!

SOLA Family Holiday Party - December 13, 2017



Thank You Marla and Wally Baker for sharing your beautiful home.



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- * 15m Walk	- 25m Backstroke	- 100m Freestyle
- * 15m Floatation	- 25m Breaststroke	- 200m Freestyle
- * 15m Unassisted Swim	- 25m Butterfly	- 400m Freestyle
- * 15m Assisted Swim	- 25m Freestyle	- 100m IM
- * 25m Kickboard	- 50m Backstroke	- 100m Backstroke
- * 25m Freestyle-Lower Ability	- 50m Breaststroke	- 4x25m Freestyle Relay
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