

SOLAMOTION



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

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

President's Message — By President Sharon Montes De Oca

Happy New Year!

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

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

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

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

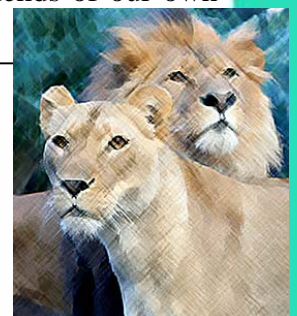
On behalf of SOLA Lions Club, our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our own Lion member, Henry Lozano, who passed away on January 10, 2012.



The Mission of the SOLA Lions Club is "to take an active interest and participate in the mission and vision of the Special Olympics, to help provide sports and training programs for any individual with intellectual disabilities and thereby improve their lives and the lives of everyone they touch." Our SOLA Lions Club was chartered in March 2009 and is the third Lions Club in the world formed to serve Special Olympics.

Our SOLA Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired, 7056 S. Washington Ave., Whittier.

Next Regular Meeting
January 18, 2012





2012 PASADENA ROSE PARADE

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



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



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



FAREWELL LION HENRY LOZANO

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

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

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

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



EmailsJanuary 10, 2012

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

Carol & Ron Copley

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

Hilda Ortega

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

Sharon & Alberto Montes de Oca

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

Barbara Lesa

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

Lion Chief Garry Couso-Vasquez

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

Marin & Elena Byrne

I am so, so sad.

Bob Warnock

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

Wayne Martin



Henry Lozano Memorial Service

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





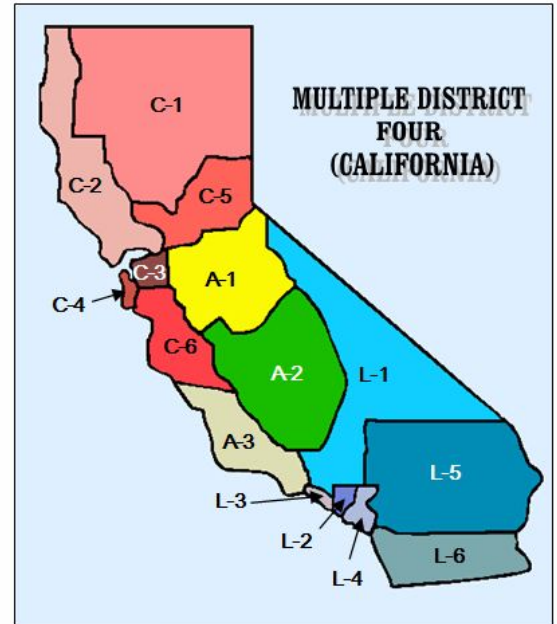
Please Consider Attending

MD4 LIONS CONVENTION FEBRUARY 3-5

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

February 3-5, 2012
Double Tree Hotel Ontario Airport

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

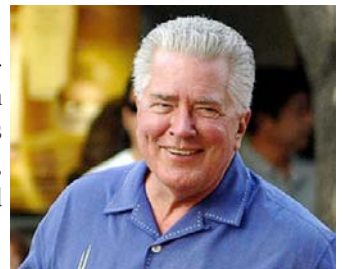


PID Phil Nathan and wife Heidi-Anne

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

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

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



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

See You at the MD4 Lions Convention!



Save These Dates!

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



Help Us Advertise!

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

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



January and February Birthdays

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

SOLA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS 2011-2012

Sharon Montes De Oca.....*President*
 Marvin Byrne *1st Vice President*
 Hilda Ortega *2nd Vice President*
 Carol Copley.....*Secretary*
 Susie Ausdal..... *Treasurer*

Bob Warnock.....*Immediate Past President*
 Ruri Pierre..... *Special Olympics Liaison*
 Elisa Roche.....*Board Member*
 Susan Sones.....*Board Member*
 Steve Nichols..... *Lion Tamer*