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Whittier Community Foundation
Presents
Dancing with the Whittier Stars
HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD
May 3, 2018

"Hooray for Hollywood" is the theme for this year's "Dancing with the Whittier Stars." It's sure to be another amazing evening of fine food, friendship and wonderful performances by our volunteer dancers and, of course, Rudy and Maria Hernandez, our pros from RMH Dance and Productions. The cast of dancers are already working hard to perfect their performances and getting excited about showing you their new SKILLS!! We're so thankful for all the dancers, past and present, who love Whittier enough to go out of their comfort zone to have the time of their lives and perform for you!

Each dancer is fund raising to win the coveted Mirror Ball trophy, so please support your favorite dancer, or all the dancers, to thank them for their efforts. It's as easy as going to our website, whittiercf.org and clicking on the dancer of your choice to donate.

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Police Department Focus

The Foundation Board chose to focus on the Whittier Police Department's needs in 2017 and at the November 14, 2017 City Council meeting, the Board was thrilled to donate \$79,500 to the City of Whittier. The funds will be used to pay for the much-needed tactical safety vests for the Police Department's SWAT Team, their newest team member "Nala" for the Department's canine program, memorabilia commemorating the Department's fallen officers, and a mobile vehicle for the City's Disaster Response Team.





President's Message

2017 was another great year for the Whittier Community Foundation. It's been twelve years since the Foundation was formed, and since that time, over \$750,000 has been donated to City projects that further our goal of making Whittier a better place to live, work and play. The Foundation's 2017 focus on the Whittier Police Department became even more meaningful when Officer Keith Boyer was killed in the line of duty in February. You'll see throughout this newsletter how the Foundation, through your contributions, supported the men and women of the Police Department through a very difficult time.

We're looking forward in 2018 to a new focus that celebrates the men and women firefighters, not only in Whittier, but throughout the country. These brave individuals are part of the fabric of Whittier and we're honored to recognize them with a sculpture that will be placed at Station 28 on Greenleaf Avenue. The Foundation is again working with sculptor Alanna Stewart who created the Police Memorial statue. Alanna's talent for envisioning the heart and soul of the Fire Department will definitely become a focal point in Whittier for us all to enjoy.

By participating in one of the many Foundation events such as "Dancing with the Whittier Stars," Spooktacular 5K Run/Walk, the Classic Car and Truck Show or our New Year's Casino Night, you've helped to support all the projects we've completed since we were formed in 2005. You can continue to support the good work of the Foundation by attending our events or becoming a member. You can do that easily by going to the Foundation website at whittiercf.org and join, or by completing the membership form in this newsletter and returning it to our mailing address!!

Remember we can accomplish great things by working "Today, Tomorrow, Together."

Fran Shields,
President



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Car Show

The 3rd Annual Community Foundation Pre-1976 Car and Truck show was held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and co-chaired by Foundation board members Michael Gimbel, Bonnie Watje and Jeff Piper. We had the best turnout yet with 93 registered show cars and 15 vendors sharing business information and car related items to sell. Fun was had by over 1,000 spectators coming to enjoy looking at the cars, enjoying good food and family time for kids in the bounce house.

A total of eleven trophies were awarded this year including the coveted "Best of Show" award along with a multitude of great raffle prizes that were drawn and distributed by Foundation members at the close of the event. We're already looking forward to 2018 which is planned for Saturday, October 6 at Parnell Park.



The 2017 Whittier Spooktacular 5k was a Huge Success!

The 5K is sponsored by both the Whittier Community Foundation and the Whittier Host Lions Club. The morning started off long before the sun came up. Crews began working at 4:00 a.m. making the streets safe, preparing for registration, getting the pancake griddle warmed up, and ensuring all details were prepared for the 1,447 runners expected for the Big Race. As the sun came up, the runners showed up, and the excitement of the day began to grow. Runners arrived in a variety of costumes from ballerinas to a group of jelly fish; all excited to begin the race! The Children's Creepy Crawly Race sponsored by The Whole Child, began as scheduled with Frankenstein (Frankie) leading the race. Children enjoyed chasing, and some even surpassed, Frankie by getting to the finish line first.



Event Chair Greg Alaniz, Foundation President Fran Shields and Mayor Joe Vinatieri were on hand to welcome all of the runners and blow the horn to start the race. Runners of all levels began at the starting line with the top runner finishing the race in an astonishing 14 minutes and 45 seconds which shattered all previous records! As the runners crossed the finish line, they all received a world class medal and much needed hydration.

Following the race, all in attendance enjoyed our Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Urteaga Chiropractic, vendors were on hand to give out information and some participants were lucky enough to get a massage. Adults had the opportunity to enjoy an adult beverage in our Beer Garden sponsored by Tepeyac Tequila and Sports Bar. We're thankful to all our sponsors for making this event so successful. The sponsors include:

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Awards were presented in fourteen categories, as well as to the Costume Contest winners in four categories. In the end, over \$30,000 was given away!





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New Year's Eve Casino Night

We had our own "Rockin' New Year's Eve in Whittier. Over eighty people blasted off into the New Year at the Foundation's New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance/Casino Night. We'd like to again thank our sponsors: Brookfield Residential, Whittier Police Officers' Association, Republic Services, Athens Services and ACRO Printing, Inc.



City Emergency Response Program

The Foundation continued to support the City's Emergency Response Program with the purchase of an All-Terrain Vehicle that will to be used in tandem with the trailer also purchased by the Foundation. These vehicles are intended to serve the community as a mobile command center for the City's disaster response volunteers, and will contain a variety of equipment and tools to be utilized by these individuals in the event of a major emergency or disaster in the area. In addition, the trailer will also be utilized for training and recruitment purposes. Typical equipment to be maintained and transported within trailer include triage, communication and safety equipment, first aid supplies, hand tools, canopies and a portable generator.

The City is always looking for volunteers to assist when disasters happen. If you're interested in joining their team, please contact the City's Administrative Services Department at (562) 567-9830 for more information.