

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTIER

Boys High School Baseball All-Star Classic & Girls High School All-Star Softball Games

June 8, 2006

Welcome to the Tenth Boys and Fourth Girls Annual Whittier Rotary High School All Star Games.

Yes, it's our tenth game for boys' baseball and the fourth for girls' softball. We feel the games now have their kinks worked out and are looking forward to a competitive game from both.

The Rotary Club of Whittier stands firm in the belief that these games are a positive way for Rotary to reach out to our local High School seniors and showcase not only their talent but also the Rotary way. Our speaker Derek Johnson played in the first All-Star Game as a senior at La Serna. He went on to a distinguished college career and was named an All-American.

We would like to thank our entire Rotary All Star committee: Jim Blaylock, Curt James, LaDonna Munier, Maria Segovia, R.D. McDonell, Jeff Nickell, Charlene Dimas-Peinado, Joe Baima, Harry Jacobs and Tim Keeler. Tim is no longer a Rotarian but believes in these games and his commitment to our area youth goes beyond any expectation. Tim has also made sure our games are televised and announced professionally.

The Whittier Rotary Club is proud to showcase our local high school talent and send the seniors off with a first class banquet and game. Now in our tenth year of the baseball game, we have past players playing in the pros and many division I, II and III college programs. Some of the girls are now off and playing at division I & II colleges. We wish all the best to our players, both current and past. Our hopes are that these seniors will remember it's important to give back to the community where they live. We are proud that new Rotarian, Derek Johnson can say, "I played in that game".

We know it's risky to name people individually, but we felt the committee deserved special recognition. This year's program is spectacular and the committee and our fellow Rotarians should be recognized. A special thank you to all our sponsors who, not only this year but also in past years, have given their efforts and financial support to this game. One last thank you to all of the coaches and athletic directors who have assisted us to make sure this year's games are a success. We know the players will always remember their Rotary All Star game experience.

Best wishes and bright futures for all our players and their coaches.

Greg Nordbak
Tournament Founder

Bruce A. Lindsay
Tournament Chairman