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## January 2010 e-Newsletter



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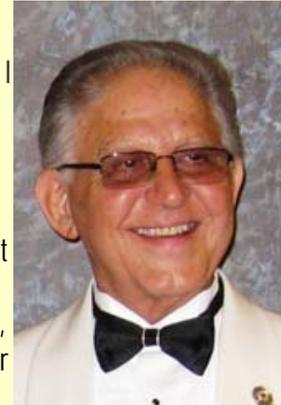
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*Happy New Year!*

## Message from DG Joe

Hello Lions! Happy New Year! I trust all of you had a joyous Holiday Season. I am aware of some of you experiencing illnesses yourselves or within your family. May you all be well real soon.



As we welcome the New Year we, as Lions of this marvelous District 4C6, must keep in mind that we are only midway through our Lionistic year. There is still time to start working on [new clubs](#) and recruiting new members. Thanks to you, 4-C6 members, we have maintained a leadership position of membership in our California Multiple Four District, comprised of fifteen single districts. This has been true for the first five months of our 2009/2010 Lionistic year. At the time of this writing the statistics are not yet available for the month of December. Let us all concentrate on maintaining our high level of achievement. Again, give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well-done!!

I want to remind you about our International President's request that we, as Clubs, during the last two weeks in January, adopt an International "[Lions in Sight](#)" program wherein we create a "visibility" in our communities of what we do as Lions. This effort can be something such as using the AJ Robinson van for some medical well-being examination, a Lion promotional stand in a mall, a parade of any size, and the choices go on and on, being left to our individual Clubs' ingenuity. [Click here](#) for more information.

The "[Lion](#)" magazine for January 2010 tells the importance of sharing, by way of our [activity reports](#), what successes we are having. We can thank the Club Secretaries that provide this information monthly through the use of the online Activity Reports. The article points out impressive compilations of the various contributions Lions have made to approximately 354 million needy people world-wide.

- Community projects are first with nearly 30% of the total services rendered.
- Youth Service projects are second with 22.5%.
- 16.7% of the reported activities were credited to sight-related projects (eyeglass recycling, etc.) which proves our pledge to Helen Keller is being kept.

Please read the article in its entirety on page 41 of the "Lion" and use the statistics as impressive numbers to employ when speaking before groups or individuals, both Lions and non-Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

*DG Joe*



P.S. I have had some "Cup of Joe" meetings and wish to remain open for any future individual requests to meet somewhere for a cup of coffee and talk about anything you wish.

## District Governors attend Rose Parade



DG Joe and First Lady Linda, along with 11 other District Governors and spouses took part in hosting International President Eberhard Wirfs and First Lady Margit in their visit to Multiple District 4 to attend the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game. A highlight of the week was going to the float barn where the Lions float was being assembled. The event of

the President's visit received much publicity and [media coverage](#).

[Click here](#) to view the YouTube video of the Lions Float segment of the Rose Parade, as well as the [Lions White Cane Precision Drill Team](#), and the [Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band](#).



One of the places IP Wirfs and the District Governors visited is the place where the white canes are made for White Cane Day by the Monterey Park Lions Club. The machine was built in the 1950s and produces about a million white canes per year which are sold to Lions Clubs around the country. President Wirfs was very impressed with it and would like to see it go worldwide.

"They do this white cane as a symbol of people living in blindness, and it's a means for our clubs to proceed in its activities," Wirfs said. [Click here](#) for full article and [here](#) to view pictures.



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## Special Olympics Los Angeles Lions Club

One of the clubs visited by IP Wirfs and District Governors was SOLA (Special Olympics Los Angeles Lions Club), a Special Olympics Club chartered in 2009, [Special Olympics](#) Lions clubs impact lives and improve communities. With a primary focus on projects that serve people with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics Lions clubs empower and build accepting communities for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. This community-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to serve as a Lion.

### Joining Forces to Aid the Intellectually Disabled

Lions clubs around the world support the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International [Opening Eyes Program](#). This \$10 million [LCIF](#) initiative screens the vision of Special Olympics athletes - and has provided prescription eyewear to more than 120,000 athletes. Lions play a key role in the success of this program through hands-on event support that includes:

- Helping register athletes.
- Providing color vision and visual acuity tests.
- Distributing glasses and sports goggles to athletes.

To date, more than 8,000 Lions worldwide have volunteered their time and talents to the Special Olympics, demonstrating the motto, "We Serve."

### Chartering a Special Olympics Club

You can be a part of this unique program that provides sports training to the disabled - and gives them a chance to compete and succeed. Contact our [new clubs team](#) to charter a Special Olympics Lions club today.

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### Starting a New Club

Besides the Special Olympics Lions Club, there are several other club formats for you to choose from if you are interested in forming a new club to answer President Wirfs' challenge to "Move to Grow." [Click here](#) for more information.

In addition to the [Traditional Lions Club](#) there is:

- [Club Branch](#), which is part of a "parent" club and can be started with fewer members
- [Cyber Club](#) to hold meetings online
- [New Century Club](#), designed for young adults 35 or younger at the time of club formation and rely on Web resources to communicate and perform club administration
- [Campus Club](#), designed for college and university students, administrators, faculty, alumni and other community-minded individuals
- Other [Special Interest](#) clubs, based on a common special interest such as optometry, police and firefighters, [Lions Quest](#) to help children grow into solid citizens. The list is endless.

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### Lions on the Web

It's called the [e-Clubhouse](#). It's a place for members to meet and access club information. It's a place to plan service activities and promote them to the community. It's a place for the average Internet user to communicate over chat, update impending events, post photos, access LCI tools and information and so much more.

- Build and maintain a Web site for your club using a simple set of tools.
- Keep your members - and community - up-to-date on the projects the club is working on.
- Promote your club's activities - and recruit new members.

Contact Technology Committee Chair [Hugh Donagher](#) with any questions.

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## What Lions Do

[Saratoga Lions Club](#) President, Elaine Clabeaux, partnered with the Saratoga Childrens Librarian Peggy Baker sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest during the month of October. Eighteen entries were received and judged by several artists. The winning entry was by My-Lan Le. Her poster then went to the District level. A reception was held on Dec 17 in the Orchard Room at the Saratoga Library for all participants and their parents. My-Lan received a Barnes and Noble gift certificate and all entries received certificates of participation. The Library has agreed to partner with us again next year.



## Christmas Dinner Food Baskets

[Click here](#) to view pictures of Lions helping with the annual Christmas Dinner Food Basket packing event held on December 19 and 20.

## Almaden Super Blanket Drive for Sacred Heart



At Almaden Super's December 9th meeting, Matt King, Community Service Involvement Coordinator for Sacred Heart, stopped by to say thanks for the donation of blankets. Mary Kelly is handing him blanket number **738**.

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*If you would like to submit something for next month's e-News send it to [CST Jean Westcott](#) or [Lion Linda Pugliese](#) by the 30th of each month. Don't forget to pass this email on to your club members!*



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