

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LIONS TALES

**Book Donations:** Local author Teresa Funke provided a very interesting and inspirational presentation to our Club last January. Ms. Funke specializes in topics related to World War II, particularly encouraging readers to relate to the level of effort and sacrifice involved, both in battle and on the home front. Over the past year, our Club has supported Ms. Funke with donations to purchase books to be given to local schools as a part of her educational outreach. So far, our Club has donated books to Putnam, Irish, and Harris Bilingual Elementary Schools. The book presentations have also provided an opportunity to acquaint the students with Lions community service activities. Thanks to Lion Bill Funke (no relation) for bringing our Club into contact with Ms. Funke.



*Lion Irene Toliver acquaints students at Harris Bilingual Elementary School with Lions community service efforts at a book presentation on January 11, 2010, by author Teresa Funke, at right. Lion Carole Kitchell, at left, assists.*

**New Member:** We were pleased to induct Joe Gorman as our newest Lion on January 7th. Joe works for Wells Fargo, and he and his wife, Nancy, live in Fort Collins. Please take opportunity to introduce yourself to Joe and make him feel welcome to our Club and to Lionism.

**Membership:** According to LCI President Eberhard J. Wirfs, Lions membership worldwide has increased by a net of more than 12,500 members this year, to include the addition of 610 clubs. This is very good news. However, we are falling short in our efforts to increase the membership of our Club. Each member is encouraged to seek out prospective members, acquaint them with our community service activities, and invite them to a Club luncheon. Our Program Chair will distribute a listing of the programs for the following month, in order to assist you selecting a program of interest to the invitee. Also, one of the most important aspects of our Club is the atmosphere of fellowship provided, in the context of our support to the community.

On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, our meeting will be focused on prospective new members for our Club. I encourage each of you to invite a friend, relative (spouses are particularly encouraged), or business associate to attend the meeting.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- February 11, Valentine's Day Party.
- February 18, Membership – Plan to bring a prospective new member.
- April 9-10, 6NE District Convention, Embassy Suites, Loveland.
- April 23–24, 9Health Fair.
- May 15, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.
- May 20-22, State Convention, Holiday Inn, Lakewood.