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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With 2011 around the corner, all of us at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital (LAOH) are anticipating the start of our 100th year of service to the community. Personally, I am looking forward to celebrating that fine occasion with all of you, beginning with our Centennial Kick Off on February 11 and continuing throughout the year.



How we are entering our Centennial Year gives us special cause for celebration. LAOH has not only survived two world wars, the Great Depression, and the recent economic downturn that exerted pressures on all nonprofits, we have emerged from these difficult periods healthier and more vibrant as an organization, and poised to continue our leadership role in the field.

The care we give at our founding location remains the core of our mission, and our heart remains with the children of the neighborhoods we were founded to serve. We are excited about our expansion to the Westside, where our expertise will benefit additional communities.

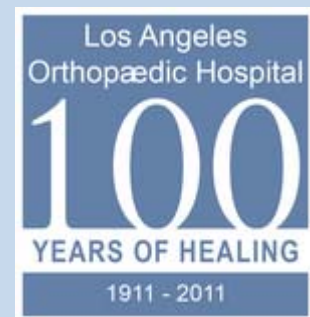
I look forward to celebrating 100 years of healing with all of our past and present family.

I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

James V. Luck, Jr., M.D.
President and CEO



To learn more about how Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital makes a difference in the life of a child, click [here](#).



SANTA ARRIVES AT LAOH ON A CHP MOTORCYCLE

Santa came to visit patients on a CHP motorcycle, Monday, December 3. With a whoop of his siren, Santa arrived and delivered over 200 presents to children that morning. CHP helpers and LAOH volunteers helped Santa deliver his gifts to children of all ages while the Orthopaedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School (OHMMHS) Glee Club serenaded the crowd with favorite holiday tunes.



Photos and stories from other December events, including the annual LAOH Children's Holiday Toy Party, coming in the January issue!

**MEMORABLE MOMENTS:
2010 LAOH Fellow Nathan Frost, M.D.**

"My most memorable moment," says 2010 LAOH Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Fellow Nathan Frost, M.D., "continues to be walking through the clinic waiting room and seeing the hundreds of kids in casts of different shapes, sizes, and colors. It reminds me how unique our setting is and how lucky I am to get to learn from these kids. I don't think there are many places around that provide such a great opportunity to learn how to be a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon."



**MEETING THE CHALLENGE: THE YEAR IN REVIEW FOR THE
ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL RESEARCH CENTER**

A Note From the Desk of Dr. John S. Adams, Director

When I joined the Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center as its Director in 2007, I wanted to tackle the really big, unsolved health problems the modern orthopaedist sees in treating children and adults, among them: arthritis, osteoporosis, pediatric and adult fracture syndromes, and musculoskeletal tissue repair and regeneration.



I laid out an ambitious five-year strategic plan to underlie this effort. I'm pleased to inform you that in 2010, our team has brought this plan to fruition – a full two years ahead of schedule.

Now, with a vigorous academic program, expanded funding, strong academic-corporate relationships, and a robust and supportive scientific institutional environment in which to train the next generation of scientists in the field, we are in the ideal position to seek and deliver the

new materials, treatments and cures that can and will resolve those big issues.

More so than ever before, in the last two decades Americans and their government have expressed their desire, in fact demanded, that the biomedical research community in this country speed up of the delivery of basic discoveries in the laboratory to the clinic and patients, who need new and improved therapies to treat disease.

One of the centerpieces of the National Institute of Health's response to this challenge has been the creation of the Clinical and Translation Sciences Award program where the nation's top-tier medical institutions are funded to "translate" basic discoveries into to clinical medicine. I'm honored to note that the Chancellor's Office at UCLA has chosen me to serve as Associate Director of the \$90 million UCLA effort to win one of these grants; the announcement of the winners will be made in February of 2011. Stay tuned!

John S. Adams, M.D.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: LLOYD S. MILLER

The infections that can arise following orthopaedic implant surgery may delay recovery, result in disability and lead to death. As the American population ages, the number of these surgical procedures grows. The resultant rise in the total number of infections and the cost of treating them with today's methods will inevitably exhaust health care resources and dramatically increase medical costs.



A solution lies in the discovery of new, more efficacious and affordable treatment methods. Dr. Miller and his colleagues in the Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center have been working to generate novel antibiotic and antimicrobial implant coatings and to uncover mechanisms of protective immune responses that will help prevent or treat these disastrous and costly infections.

Using a bioluminescent strain of *Staphylococcus aureus* and state-of-the-art scanning electron microscopy, Dr. Miller and his colleagues have developed a novel model to measure biofilm formation on implants. Dr. Miller's laboratory has discovered an important role for IL-1 β the early innate immune response against a *S. aureus* post-arthroplasty infection, which was awarded a podium presentation at the 2010 Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting.

This work represents a collaborative effort between the UCLA Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center, the UCLA Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and the J. Vernon Luck Orthopaedic Research Center.

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A HOLIDAY TRADITION CONTINUES



For over 15 years, the women of the “Helping Hands” group of the CrossRoad Church in Gardena have knitted, quilted and prepared packages of crayons and coloring pages as holiday gifts for children at LAOH.

This year, Helping Hands members Betty Keller and Dolores Baker delivered their quilts, afghans and other handmade items. These will be distributed for the holidays to some of the many patients and families who receive treatment through the International Children's Program.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE REUNION

Children's Service League ladies came together on the downtown campus in November.

Over lunch, they shared fond memories of their involvement with LAOH and their cherished friendships within the Children's Service League.



It was wonderful to have (pictured L-R) Jo Snell, Catherine Passarelli, Bernita Perrine and Mary Dumont return to the downtown campus and see all of the progress that has been made toward helping children.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS


Help us spread the word!

SAVE THE DATE


02.11.11

Please save the date for Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital's
Centennial Celebration Kick Off event on the Downtown Campus

Friday, February 11, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



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