
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM February 14, 2024



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**Wednesdays at 7:30 am
LCIF Parish Hall or Zoom
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY THE ALFIE SINGERS-NANCY ABBOTT, DIRECTOR



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

02/21/24 – Martha Burns

02/28/24 – John Wray

03/06/24 – Marie Hyland

03/13/24 – Barbie Eland

Inspiration:

02/21/24 – Marilyn Cable

02/28/24 – Joyce Ruygrok

03/06/24 – Chris Ecker

03/13/24 – Joy Gibson

Song Leader:

02/21/24 – Brian Hummel

02/28/24 – Christie Crahan

03/06/24 – Brian Hummel

03/13/24 – Christie Crahan



ZOOM PROBLEMS: If you get booted out JUST go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMz09>

and log back on.

Calendar of Events:

Club Board Meeting-7:30 am, 1st Monday of the month (except on holidays then 2nd Monday) at small room near Parish Hall

Division 3 (DCM) Board Meeting-5:30 pm, 3rd Monday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 120 E Colorado St, Glendale

KEY CLUB/BUILDERS CLUB MEETINGS

St. Bede Builders Club-12:15pm, 2nd Wednesday, at Parish Center with Glory Williams.

Rosemont Builders Club-12:30 pm, 1st Wednesday in Multi-purpose Rm with Jessica Cole.

St. Francis HS Key Club-11:45 am, 2nd or 3rd Wednesday, Rm #104 with Patrick Davitt and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Franklin Key HS Club-12:22 pm, every Tuesday, Rm #530, with Davy Mouremann and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Crescenta Valley HS Key Club-12:17 pm, every Tuesday, Rm #7205 or North Gym with Saul Sheridan and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Clark Magnet HS Key Club-11:50 am on odd-dated Wednesday, Rm #5215 with Ms. Mardirosian and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Village Christian HS Key Club-12:30pm, twice a month on Thursday, Rm #B-2 with Ms. Lilit Vartanian and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Programs/Speakers:

02/19/24 – Div. 3 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Elks Club in Glendale

02/21/24 – Craft Talk-Lynne Thompson

02/28/24 – Snack Bags for Ascencia

03/04/24 – Board Meeting, 7:30am on **ZOOM**

03/06/24 –

03/13/24 – Coping Skills-Illness,Relocation,Death,Grief-Ellie Wildermuth

Hospitality: Coffee & Tea, pastries.

Newsletter: Zoom Operators: **Chris Ecker & Brian Hummel**, Editor: **Martha Burns**, Photos: **Martha Burns**, Web: **Martha Burns**

THIS PAST WEEK...

Members in Attendance: 13 members & 8 guests in-person plus all the ALFie Singers and 2 members & 0 guests on Zoom.

Guests: ALFie Singers and director, **Nancy Abbott**, Kiwanis noon club interclub: **Mike Leininger**, **Ellie Wildermuth**, **Michael Freed**, **Pat Liddell** & incoming prez **Alice Perez**, Joe's wife **Lynne Thompson** & their daughter, potential new member **Sally**.

Welcome Back: None

Birthdays: Jack Labrie, tomorrow!

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

Opportunity Drawing: None



President's Message: Chris Ecker

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on Feb 21, at 7:30am PST.

Come chat at 7am. Zoom meeting ID is 81544355138 and passcode is 505812

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS/PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED Editors will no longer need to write about the program unless they wish to do so. Just include the info on HAMS & announcements. You will send the info to either Martha Burns or substitute editor to finish it up & convert to PDF and then they will load on to our website.

Kiwanis Officers and Directors: If you have a program/speaker, please give name/date to **Martha Burns or Cindy Bradford** as they will be the schedulers. Check out our website's calendar to schedule/view future programs. www.lcfkiwanisam.org
Remember speakers can join us on Zoom, so anyone far or near might be good candidates.

President's Announcements: Chris Ecker:

- **Super Bowl Pool winners:** 1st Qtr, 2nd Qtr, 3rd Qtr, Tom Petersmeyer all 3! 4th Qtr, Bob Burlison & OT, our club.
- **Outing: San Gabriel Playhouse & Mission (\$10) & Lunch-Mar. 20 at 9:15 am.** A signup sheet is going around. We plan on carpooling from the church. Call or email Martha if you wish to attend.
- Our club's board is going to meet on Zoom, not the church conference room, every 1st Monday of the month, unless a holiday. If you wish to "attend," notify Brian to receive the link. It is NOT the same as our weekly meetings.
- ALL members should come up with a "program" for our meetings. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP PROGRAMS CAN BE IN PERSON OR ZOOM ALSO CINDY HAS SET UP THE NEW WEB SITE CHECK WITH CINDY & Martha for dates and web posting. We have openings for Mar.6 & 27 & any Wednesdays after that. Please put on your thinking caps and see who you know might be a perfect person. Travelogues are also great & speakers can come to us on Zoom, if you know of anyone who lives further away.
- **Div. 3 Board Meeting, Feb. 19, 5:30 pm, Elks Club in Glendale-we encourage members to attend at least one a year.** It's a great way to see how our Division runs & meet other members from other nearby clubs. Tell or text Chris if you can go.
- Nominations are open for **Les Tupper Award** for individuals, organizations, students and "focus" (which means some person or group are dedicated to just 1 or 2 projects) who volunteer their time to the community. <http://lcfcc.info/> Deadline Mar 13.
- Feb 21 is Kiwanis Day of Giving – Goal is \$75K. Only takes \$2.25 to improve a child's life.

- Read the Winter issues of our digital Cal-Nev-Ha district magazine. Lots of interesting articles. https://issuu.com/cnhkiwanis/docs/cnh_magazine_23-24_winter_issue
- Mid-Year South Education Conference for our Cal-Nev-Ha District is on March 23 at the Riverside Convention Center. Conference registration is \$70 per person, but if 4 or more people attend our total registration is only \$210 for all our club members registered to attend. If interested, please let Cindy know at cindyb4@me.com. Meals are not included in the registration cost. Think about it, if we are sending anyone we must turn in our registration by the end of February. You can all carpool on Sat. and have a great day together.
- INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CONVENTION 2024 REGISTRATON OPEN, DENVER, JULY 3—6, CHECK WITH CHRIS ECKER
- Sunday, March 3 is the **Div. 3 Lunch for Distinguished Service Award presentations** at the Elks Club in Glendale. Chris is unable to attend so hopefully a member will come forward to represent our club and attend with our awardee (TBA Feb. 23)
- **Kiwanis International Convention** will be held in Denver, July 3-6. Registration is now open.
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- For 2023-24 club officers who missed the district's **Kiwanis Leadership Training** sessions this year, Kiwanis International is providing a set of prerecorded webinar videos for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs. Each video runs between 60 and 90 minutes. There are two sets for each club officer: one for first-time officers and another for those who have held the position in the past. The link for these videos is: [Kiwanis Led Training | Kiwanis International](#)

Next week our program is: Craft Talk-Lynne Thompson



Kiwanis Announcements: Thanks to **Marilyn Cable** for bringing coffee and table arrangements & **Cindy Bradford** for the variety of pastries at today's meeting. We had a good turnout. At our recent Board meeting, we discussed briefly that Kiwanis International has encouraged clubs to look in to supporting Mental Health projects at schools. **Cindy Bradford** offered to contact our local middle and high schools to see what type of support might be needed. Well, at today's meeting she intended to give a simple update that she has reached out and is receiving responses from the schools, but instead we learned that this topic is a very personal one that speaks to her. Unexpectedly, her emotions took over and she could barely speak to us about it. A few years ago, her daughter was physically assaulted while in class at CVHS. Sadly, the school did not handle it very well. An official police report was taken, and it was sent to the District Attorney, who filed assault charges against the attacker. Her daughter is OK, but this experience will never be forgotten. Obviously, an important project to support even in our own communities. She is willing to share more of the story with us, especially if it gets us to step up and support our community of schools because every effort makes a difference! She is gathering information and hopes to share what she finds out at our next board meeting. She also said Ralphs is adding frozen foods to their pickup for food runs. **Brian Hummel** said the St. Bede's Builders' Club advisor said that pizza for the Prayer Lunch would be great again. **Tom Petersmeyer** has the Kiwanis hats/caps for anyone who would like to purchase them for \$31.21. **Chris Ecker** has about 20 3'x5' flags still from the Veterans project that the club will sell for \$10.



Other Announcements: Please let **Martha or Rosemary** know if there are any changes in your personal info we have on file-like phone #, email or address change etc. **Attached is a new roster.** Note **Barbie Eland** has a new email address.

Upcoming InterClubs: Always check our newsletter calendar and the calendar on the website lcfkiwanisam.org to see what is going on.

Upcoming Key Clubs: TBA

Health News: Please contact **Dani Hydar** if you know of someone who needs a card or cheering up.

H.A.M.S.: **Chris Ecker** pledged \$5 as he is leaving Sat. for Patagonia & some adventures. He also mentioned years ago on his 40th birthday he went to Catalina and everyone got sick. **Mike Leininger** gave a dollar as he was able to have a wonderful birthday vacation in the Cayman Islands. **Tom Petersmeyer** gave a mixed happy/sad buck. He won the first 3 quarters of the Super Bowl Pool, however the team he rooted for lost. **Martha Burns** gave \$2: happy her 10th grade grandson had his first LCHS varsity baseball game yesterday (he plays 3rd base & pitcher)-they won 20-1; and an educational buck, as we sang "America the Beautiful" today and Martha let us know about the author Katharine Lee Bates. She was a professor at Wellesley College, but did a summer teaching job at Colorado College (Martha's alma mater) in Colorado Springs. One of the days there, she drove up Pikes Peak and was so inspired, she penned the lyrics to the now famous song. **Pat Liddell** gave a very happy buck as Joe Thompson finally was able to convince his wife to join Kiwanis. Our club is happy too. **Ellie Wildermuth** gave 2 happy bucks as she used to belong to our club, but now is a member of the noon club, and she was thrilled to be back to see everyone. **Alice Perez** gave a happy \$1 as she was able to get up this early for the meeting/program. **Joe Thompson** was \$5 happy to have both his wife and daughter at the meeting. His daughter got up at 4:45am to drive here in time to join the meeting.



Program/Speaker: **ALFie Singers-Nancy Abbott, Director**

Oh what a beautiful mornin! It was mostly all Rodgers & Hammerstein today, particularly songs from South Pacific, with an occasional change of fun lyrics. Director **Nancy Abbott** came today with recorded accompaniment and the gals with their sailor hats. The non-R&H song was "Let there be Peace on Earth", which is always so inspiring. The "Gal Waves" were fit and ready to perform today. They sang "Happy Talk," a revised cute version of "There is Nothin like a Dame," "Younger than Springtime," "A Wonderful Guy" & then their own rendition of "There is Nothin like a Guy," followed by "I'm Goin Wash that Man Right Out of my Hair." We sure enjoyed the entertainment. Thank you ladies for starting out our Valentine's Day with love in the air.





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