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# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

February 21, 2024

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## 2023-2024 Officers

### President

Chris Ecker

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## CRAFT TALK LYNNE THOMPSON



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## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

02/28/24 – Brian Hummel

03/06/24 – Cindy Bradford

03/13/24 – Barbie Eland

03/20/24 - Insook Park

### Inspiration:

02/28/24 – Joe Thompson

03/06/24 – Chris Ecker

03/13/24 – Joy Gibson

03/20/24 – Christie Crahan

### Song Leader:

02/28/24 – Christie Crahan

03/06/24 – Brian Hummel

03/13/24 – Christie Crahan

03/20/24 – Brian Hummel



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month (except on holidays then 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) at small room near Parish Hall

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

**KEY CLUB/BUILDERS CLUB MEETINGS**

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

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

**St. Francis HS Key Club**-11:45 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

**02/28/24 – 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:** 12 members & 6 guests in-person and 2 members & 0 guests on Zoom.

**Guests:** **Lynne Thompson**, our speaker today, **Ernest Koeppen**, our CSA recipient, spouse **Evie Barley**, soon-to be member **Salli Dokko**, **Jeanne Hobson**, running for LCF City Council, and another friend of Insook, whose name I did not get.

**Welcome Back:** John Ryan

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:** None

**Ribbon Cuttings:** None

**Opportunity Drawing:** None





### **President's Message:**

**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on Feb 28, at 7:30am PST.**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZz09>

**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](http://www.lcfkiwanisam.org)  
Remember speakers can join us on Zoom, so anyone far or near might be good candidates.

### **President's Announcements: Chris Ecker:**

The first thing we did today was surprise guest (& former member) **Ernest Koeppen** with our **Community Service Award**, which was selected by our board. He has spent countless hours over the years helping with the LCF Tournament of Roses LCF float, including being President last year. Our club donates \$200 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund in his name and he receives a nice plaque and hopefully can attend the presentation & buffet lunch, Sunday, Mar. 3 at noon at the Elks Club with District Gov. Carole Farris presenting the awards. If any member wishes to attend, please let Martha know by Feb. 23. Ernest spoke to us briefly about the LCF T of Roses and shared "quickly" the design and the Pasadena theme will be "Best Day Ever." But he hinted it might have something to do with outer space maybe???

- **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



- 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.
- **TODAY Feb 21 is Kiwanis Day of Giving—Goal is \$75K.** [kiwanis.org/dayofgiving](http://kiwanis.org/dayofgiving)
- INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CONVENTION 2024 REGISTRATON OPEN, DENVER, JULY 3—6, CHECK WITH CHRIS ECKER
- **Kiwanis International Convention** will be held in Denver, July 3-6. Registration is now open.
- **Mid-Year South Education Conference for our Cal-Nev-Ha District** is on Sat. Mar. 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 [cin-dyb4@me.com](mailto:cin-dyb4@me.com). Meals are not included in the registration cost. Think about it, if we are sending anyone we will turn in our registration by the end of February. You can all carpool and have a great day.
- 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: Project for Ascensia**



**Kiwanis Announcements:** **Barbie Eland** reported on the Div. 3 DCM meeting she attended last Monday. We need a headcount to Cathy Keen by this Friday for the Lt. Gov. lunch on March 3, which will recognize are CSA recipient Ernest Koeppen. We need to let our Division know how many club baskets we will provide. We need to work on scholarships for key clubbers. Distinguished clubs in our Division 3 were La Canada noon and Verdugo. **Cindy Bradford** handed out free tickets for a raffle on two new purses she wanted to donate. **Insook & Barbie** were the lucky winners. **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.

**Upcoming InterClubs:** Always check our newsletter calendar and the calendar on the website [lcfkiwanisam.org](http://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** gave a happy \$5 as he went to Snowmass and should have brought skis. He was up to his waist nearly in snow. **Brian Hummel** paid \$5 as there was a record haul on the food runs from Ralphs, it even included meat. **Joy Gibson** told another cute \$1 story. **Barbie Eland** gave a very very happy \$5 as she and Martha decided to check out the new Sunday tour guide on the Seabiscuit Tour, we all enjoyed several weeks ago. We wanted to see how he compared to our Sat. guide who was excellent too. He was a retired jockey (worked 30 years) and he was so enthusiastic and let us pick out old silks (shirt & cap) that are no longer used. She got one for her barn & Martha one for the LCHS drama department. She really liked him even better. **Insook Park** gave \$5 for our wonderful club-we are all like big sisters and brothers to her. We thank her for bringing so many guests.



**Program/Speaker: Craft Talk-Lynne Thompson.**

Lynne's parents were married during the Great Depression & needed to keep their marriage secret for 2 years for fear of losing their jobs. Her mother was a teacher in a one-room school house teaching 8 grades. At that time teachers were not allowed to be married. Her dad had a high security bank position and also was not allowed to be married.

Lynne first lived in Sherman Oaks & then to LA to be closer for her dad's work. No freeways in those days. She attended Hamilton HS and masonry was important to her mother, so she became a Job's Daughter & leader in the organization. She first attended San Jose St and joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She transferred to UCLA as a junior to be closer to her parents. She met her life partner, Joe, at age 20 and were married before finishing college. They had their first child before her practice teaching assignments. They settled first in Burbank and then Shadow Hills, but moved to LCF in 1975 with two more children and two dogs!

She taught elementary school in LAUSD for about 30 years as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and had many ESL students. Lynne retired in 1991 to help her aging parents and also did some tutoring in the area. She began volunteering in different philanthropic organizations, as well. When Joe retired from So Cal Gas, they began traveling the world.

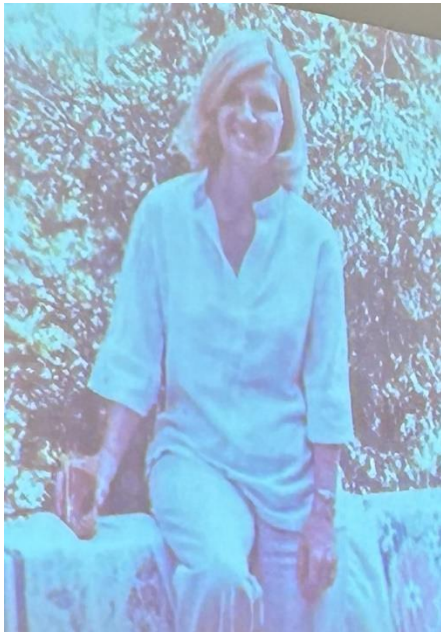
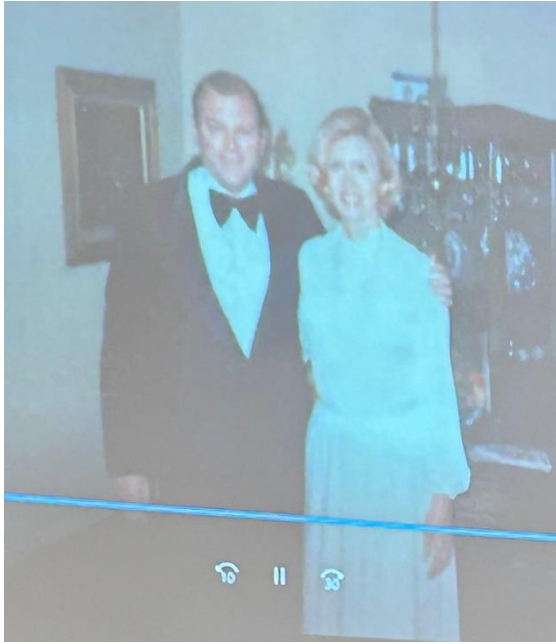
Finally now in her 80's, she is grateful for her loving husband, 3 grown children & spouses and especially their 9 grandchildren, who are all college graduates. As of July, 4 grandkids will be married. She also shared some life in pictures on our screen, which was shown on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. What fond memories.

Thank you Lynne for a fascinating "craft talk." We sure learned a lot about you. Welcome to our club. You and Joe have certainly lived a happy & wonderful life together.

**HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MANY MANY SLIDES**







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