
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM MARCH 20, 2024



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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

PO Box 1255

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Wednesdays at 7:30 am

LCIF Parish Hall or Zoom

1700 Foothill Boulevard

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Pilgrimage Trail in Spain Christie Frandsen



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

03/27/24 – Chuck Hughes

04/03/24 – Joe Thompson

04/10/24 – Jack Labrie

04/17/24 – Tom Petersmeyer

Inspiration:

03/27/24 – Brian Hummel

04/03/24 – Rosemary Hook

04/10/24 – Insook Park

04/17/24 – Joyce Ruygrok

Song Leader:

03/27/24 – Christie Crahan

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04/17/24 – Brian Hummel



ZOOM PROBLEMS: If you get booted out **JUST go to**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZZ09>
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:

03/27/24 – JPL-Neil Mottinger-All the Way to the Moon & Beyond

04/03/24 – Ronald McDonald House-Speaker

04/10/24 – Ronald McDonald House Project

04/17/24 – LCUSD-Wendy Sinnette

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 & 2 guests in-person and 3 members & 0 guests on Zoom.

Guests: Our Speaker, **Christie Frandsen** and Insook Park's friend **Koohki Kim**

Welcome Back: None

Birthdays: Cindy Bradford on Mar. 26

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

Opportunity Drawing: None

President's Message:



NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on Mar. 27, 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 Remember speakers can join us on Zoom, so anyone far or near might be good candidates.

President's Announcements: Chris Ecker

- **Today is our Outing: San Gabriel Playhouse (donation) & Mission (\$10) & Lunch starting at 9:15 am.**
- **Mar. 23** Saturday-free museums-check website <https://socalmuseums.org/annual-free-for-all-2024/>
- **ALL members should come up with a "program" for our meetings.** We need programs for first 2 Wednesdays in April. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP, PROGRAMS CAN BE IN PERSON OR ZOOM. ALSO CINDY HAS SET UP THE NEW WEBSITE CHECK WITH CINDY & Martha for dates and web posting. 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.
- **Mar. 23 Mid-Year South Education Conference for our Cal-Nev-Ha District** is on Sat. at the Riverside Convention Center. You might be interested in their silent auction. Items such as wine, getaway to Las Vegas and living life as a local on the big island (where District convention will be held) Text OHANASOUTH to 76278 and let the bidding begin.
- **Apr 8** Les Tupper Awards Presentation, 7pmat Flintridge Prep Norris Auditorium
- **Apr 24** Builders Club Prayer Lunch at St. Bede.
- **Jul 3-6** is **Kiwanis International Convention** will be held in Denver. Registration is now open.
- **Aug 8-10** is **Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention** in Kona, Hawaii
- 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: Neil Mottinger-“All the Way to the Moon & Beyond” (he worked 57 years at JPL)

Kiwanis Announcements: **Barbie Eland**, who is president of the LCF Coordinating Council, said our club was selected for the Les Tupper Organization Award! Presentation will be Monday, Apr 7pm at Flintridge Prep Norris Auditorium. Let's do another "outing" and attend the recognition event. Congrats to our club. **Brian Hummel** reminded us of the Prayer Lunch (pizza) on Wed. April 24 at St. Bede's. There will not be any morning meeting that Wed. **Rosemary Hook** said nominations for next-year officers should be completed by May 15. **Martha Burns** thanked Rosemary for purchasing all the items needed for 2 baskets our club is giving to the Division's project. Marilyn Cable connected with the Village Christian Key Club and told them about helping at our French Toast Breakfast and/or riding in the parade on the truck. **Cindy Bradford** reported on the recent DCM meeting she attended as Chris was out of town. They talked about having membership drives within each club. We might consider trying that. She sadly mentioned that one of the two cub scout packs we sponsor, is joining the other pack. Covid caused so many organizations to lose members by their not returning. **Rosemary Hook** also talked about this Key Club Leadership Camp in Santa Barbara May 2-4. To break even, the camp needs at least 50 students. The camp has to pay \$4K for housing and \$7K for materials, instructors, food etc. One of Chris Ecker's children went there years ago and LOVED it. Rosemary is suggesting our board possibly vote to sponsor 1 or 2 students from the Key Clubs we sponsor. It costs \$250 a student. **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 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 \$10 for surviving this past weekend! He was up climbing at Mount Baldy Ski Hut in white-out conditions. He became very disoriented and turned on an app to get out by GPS. He followed his own former footsteps to get out. One man broke his angle and had to be rescued. Chris-you are like a cat-you have 9 lives! **Marilyn Cable** pledged \$10 for Chris' story of survival. She thinks he is quite a dare-devil. **Insook Park** was \$10 happy for her new grandson born March 8. The baby's mother has been trying a long time and finally succeeded at 41 years old. **Christie Crahan** generously donated \$25 as 3 weeks ago she had knee replacement surgery and she's walking almost like normal now. She also paid another \$25 as she mentioned that her kids think of her as the "Bank of Mom". But they turned the tables on her and are paying her plane fare to Hawaii for a family trip. That is one nice present. **Lynne Thompson** was \$10 happy as Joe had fallen again, but fortunately he doesn't need a cast-just a small brace. **Joy Gibson** gave his usual \$1 joke. Where does he find all these stories? **Rosemary Hook** contributed \$2 because she is thrilled Christie Frandsen was here today. They both were heavily involved in Girl Scouts for years together. Rosemary was also proud she made this delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patty's Day.

OUR FUN OUTING TODAY AT THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION PLAYHOUSE



The Hummels & Thompsons headed over to the parking lot, so missed photo op Our entertaining and knowledgeable guide Josh took our picture.



Silent movies accompanied by the theater pipe organ are fun performances there.



Looking from the back of theater and from the stage. 1380 seats



Box seats



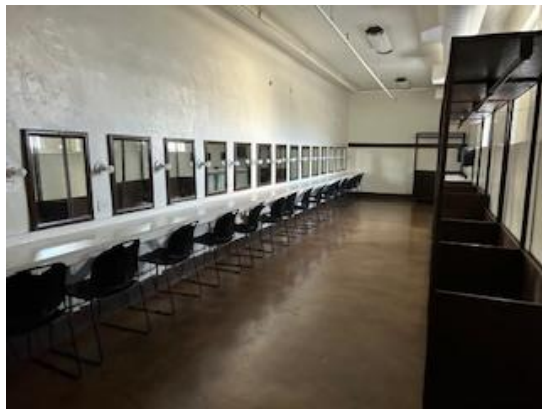
Lowers all the way down below orchestra pit



The new lift on stage to avoid stairs



Some of the lighting & pulleys for curtains



One of the makeup rooms for actors



They have miniature replicas of the 21 missions in California



The Santa Barbara Mission



Program/Speaker: Pilgrimage Trail in Spain-Christie Frandsen

Christie is a long time La Cañadan and is the mother of 11 children and grama to 24 grandchildren and been married over 50 years. She was born on an Indian reservation in North Dakota. Rosemary and Christie know her well as they all were very involved in Girl Scouts. Martha knows Christie too as one of her daughters was in her son's class all thru school. Her hobbies are hiking and camping, playing the flute and singing.

Christie never thought she would ever do something like this, however, her two sisters and sister-in-law invited her to come along. The route she took was 530 miles and it starts the on French side of the Pyrenees to Roncesvalles on the Spanish side before making its way through to Santiago. The Camino was historically a religious pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James, one of Jesus' apostles and today many people (about 25%) still walk **for a religious or spiritual reason**.

She felt it was the most profound experience of her life. She wore today one of the few outfits she wore on the pilgrimage. One has to carry there own backpack so you try to travel light. Half a million people annually walk this path. It is a network of passages and trails. She went from Sept. 8 to Oct. 12. Some people only go for one week. Reservations are suggested. Many young people go after college or high school trying to decide what to do in life. But others do it for many reasons-to honor a loved one, a cultural experience etc. She was surprised that many Koreans go. It brings people together and no one is judging you. Everyone you meet has a story.

The area is very rural and remote and there are miles of fields and vineyards. The native people you meet set up cafes and live a simple life. Small hotels provide meals and washing clothes Your stress level drops as you leave your busy schedules and problems behind. Though some still use a cell phone.

Christie received the scallop shell at the beginning of her trip, which is a symbol used to guide pilgrims along the Camino de Santiago, with the shell representing the way to the Cathedral. Unfortunately the flash drive Christie brought was unable to show us her photos of her trip. So maybe we will have to ask her back again. What a life-changing experience. Thank you Christie for sharing your story.



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