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# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM APRIL 17, 2024

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## 2023-2024 Officers

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Christie Crahan

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**Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30**

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**Wednesdays at 7:30 am  
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1700 Foothill Boulevard  
La Cañada, CA 91011**

## LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette



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## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

**ZOOM or IN-PERSON**

### **Pledge/Flag Salutes:**

**04/24/24 – John Ryan**

**05/01/24 – Martha Burns**

**05/08/24 – Dick Barley**

**05/15/24 – Marie Hyland**

### **Inspiration:**

**04/24/24 – Christie Crahan**

**05/01/24 – Martha Burns**

**05/08/24 – Barbie Eland**

**05/15/24 – Cindy Bradford**

### **Song Leader:**

**04/24/24 – Christie Crahan**

**05/01/24 – Brian Hummel**

**05/08/24 – Christie Crahan**

**05/15/24 – 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:**

**04/24/24 – NO MORNING MEETING. Builders Club Prayer Luncheon, noon, St. Bede's**

**05/01/24 – Salvation Army-Captain Adam Morales**

**05/08/24 – Prom Plus-Megan Johnson**

**05/15/24 – Big Bug Feelings book-Jessica Stamm**

**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 & 3 guests in-person and 4 members & 0 guests on Zoom.

**Guests:** Speaker, **Wendy Sinnette, Judi Healey, &** Chris Ecker's girlfriend, **Corinna Koebnick.**

**Welcome Back:** Insook Park, **Martha Burns**, both on overseas trips.

**Birthdays:** **Laura Rivera, April 21.** We also sang to **Susan Johnson** in advance as they will be on their 139<sup>th</sup> cruise on **May 5.**

**Anniversaries:** **None** except we did sing again to the **Johnson's** who will celebrate their wedding day on **May 3.**

**Ribbon Cuttings:** None

**Opportunity Drawing:** None

**President's Message:**





**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on May 1, 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***

- Remember to collect plastic & paper bags for our Kiwanis One Day project.
- Nominations for club officers are open. We have to vote on a slate by May 15. Please consider joining our wonderful board. Let Chris or Rosemary know if so.
- Chris accepted the Les Tupper certificates and because we are a recipient of the award, we are automatically in the Fiesta Days Parade & the \$110 fee is waived that we normally pay.
- **Apr. 18** is the LCF Chamber mixer at Citizens Bank. Kiwanis is a member so you get a good rate of \$10.
- Please sign up to help at our French Toast Breakfast May 25 or parade truck ride May 27

- **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: Prayer Luncheon for Builders Club at St. Bede's at noon**



**Kiwanis Announcements: Martha Burns** had several announcements:

- She received thank you letters for our \$300 pasta donation to the Bailey Center and a note from the Kiwanis Division 42 Treasurer, who really appreciated our \$500 donation for 2 Key Club Leaders to be able to attend the Santa Barbara Camp.
- Martha also next week will be selling French Toast Breakfast tickets. She is hoping that all members at least purchase 2 Adult tickets. Adults \$10 & Children under 12 \$5. This is our only fundraiser for the year so please help support it. **Cindy Bradford** has been already getting donations from vendors like Ralphs & Smart & Final.
- She announced that the Glendale Club's 19<sup>th</sup> annual "Duck Splash" is May 4 from 11am-2:30 pm at Lake Glendale, Verdugo Park (1621 Canada Blvd.) Our club agreed to buy 2 "Quack Packs" for a total of \$50 to enter the race for prizes.
- **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:** **Christie Crahan** is working on some interclub meetings.

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

#### **H.A.M.S.:**

- **Brian Hummel** (\$8) recalls that 8 years ago, today, he became a grandfather for the first time, when his grandson was born.
- **Martha Burns** (\$10) had \$5 happy bucks for her wonderful time in Japan at 10 ports and seeing the beautiful cherry blossoms that only bloom for about 10 days - 2 weeks. She had a sad \$5 as her niece Wendy Wyatt's husband passed away during the trip. They sometimes visited our club meetings for the programs and she told a cute story that Phil had raised his hand in the middle of a meeting & asked if the membership would sing song #17 in our songbook. Martha was mortified at such a strange request. However, she asked us today to sing that same song in his honor. Turns out he was kind of a jokster, as for some reason our song #'s skip from 16 to 18 and there is no #17!
- **Christie Crahan** (\$10) for her very large adopted rescue pit bull. She joked he is kind of like getting a new husband, but he doesn't sleep on the bed. He is sweet and mellow and is great with people. She finally took him to a dog park and he was just fine there too with other dogs.
- **Marie Hyland** (\$2) was both happy and sad. Happy that #19 grandchild was born 4 days ago. But sad as another daughter who had a biopsy on some lumps, was told they were benign. However, later the doctor determined that was not the case and they were malignant. So her daughter will be having surgery next week and hopeful all will go well. Keep her family in your prayers and thoughts.
- **Joy Gibson** (\$2) gave us two very cute jokes
- **Joe Thompson** (\$25) was at his granddaughter's wedding up near Santa Barbara for a small crowd of 250! It rained, but they did have tents but the weather was cold. The new grandson-in-law comes from a wonderful family, who owns quite a bit of property.
- **Chris Ecker** (\$5) gave a very painful buck. He has been passing gall stones and is having a CAT Scan tomorrow to see what the problem is. He is one brave guy to suffer through all that.
- **Judi Healey** (\$10) was so happy to be at our meeting. Our speaker Wendy Sinnette said that Judi was the first person she met when she became principal at PCY more than 20 years ago. Judi donated in honor of Jerry and my anniversary next week...would have been 51 years.



**Program/Speaker: LCUSD Superintendent, Wendy Sinnette**

Wendy said the LCUSD mission statement is "We are a learning community committed to personal growth & academic excellence.

She first mentioned the "Sagebrush" issue that started way before LCF was even incorporated. The families who lived in the Western part of LCF were required to be part of the Glendale school district. Finally in January a group of LCF community people went to Sacramento to present their case to the State Board of Education. It was finally settled that those people can elect to attend LCF schools or stay with Glendale. People can also apply for a permit one time. This should go in effect either in July of 2025 or 2026. It is the largest territorial transfer in the history of the state.

Save the date: April 22, 11:30am-1pm, there will be a LCUSD Budget Lunch to set goals and write a 3-year plan. Contact the district if you are interested in attending. There are currently 2,950 students in the District and 219 new residents. They also started last year a new "Grandparent legacy permit," which allows grandchildren of grandparents, who have lived in their LCF home for at least 8 years, to get a permit to attend LCF schools. Last year 8 students applied. This year it was 40.

She said there were new classes at the HS particularly in PE, which students always avoided. So they are restructuring the program with more fun things. They instituted an art history class and culinary arts class similar to those TV shows. PCC instructors also are on campus teaching some college level classes.

Many of the students take classes involving travel. 7-12 band went to Ireland, all 5<sup>th</sup> graders attend Valley Forge for nearly a week, Chamber Singers just got back from Hawaii, and the Sister Cities Organization has an exchange student program too.

They added a new building at PCR and remodified buildings from the 1960's. Bond monies have to go to voter approved projects. The state of California has a huge budget deficit for schools, but our school district is in pretty good shape, thanks to the Educational Foundation, property taxes, etc.

Thank you Wendy for sharing all this information. We are all very proud of you as our leader and appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to visit.

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