
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM MAY 8, 2024



2023-2024 Officers

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

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**Wednesdays at 7:30 am
LCIF Parish Hall or Zoom
1700 Foothill Boulevard
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Prom Plus Mary O'Keefe



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

05/15/24 - Marie Hyland

05/22/24 - John Ryan

05/29/24 -

06/05/24 -

Inspiration:

05/15/24 - Cindy Bradford

05/22/24 - Chris Ecker

05/29/24 -

06/05/24 -

Song Leader:

05/15/24 - Brian Hummel

05/22/24 - Christie Crahan

05/29/24 -

06/05/24 -



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:

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

05/22/24 – Firehouse - Mary O’Keefe

05/25/24 – French Toast Breakfast 8-11am

05/27/24 – Fiesta Days Memorial Day Parade 10:30am

05/29/24 – Pilgrimage Trail Spain – Christie Frandsen

06/05/24 – Glendale PD K9 Unit – Sergeant Shawn Sholtis

06/12/24 – Kiwanis Scholarship Dinner, 6pm at Parish Hall

Hospitality: N/A

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



THIS PAST WEEK...

Members in Attendance: 12 members & 1 guest in person and 2 members on Zoom.

Guests: Speaker, **Mary O'Keefe**

Welcome Back: **Jack Labrie** on Zoom. We sang our song to him.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Today would have been the Cable's 69th anniversary.

Ribbon Cuttings: None

Opportunity Drawing: None

President's Message:

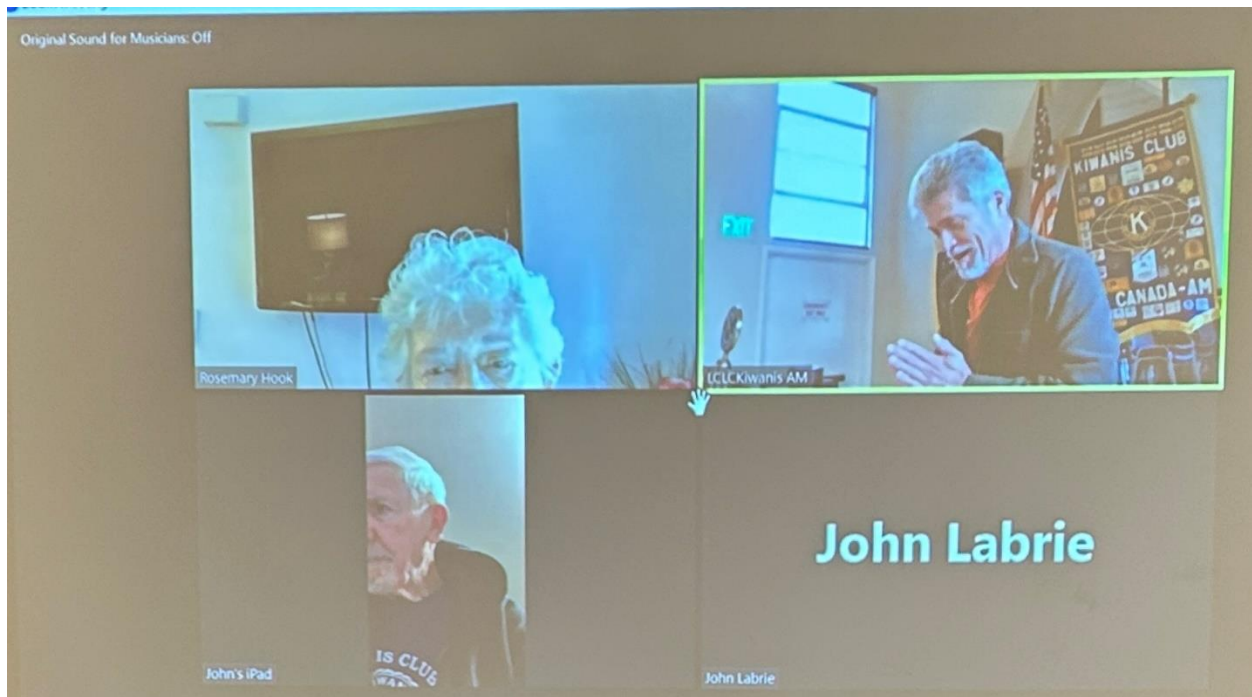
NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on May 15, at 7:30am PST.

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

- Our board voted on many issues at their meeting last Monday:
Transfer \$15K from our investment account to Foundation bank account.
Donation of \$500 to the Glendale Police K9 unit when they are our program June 5.
Donation of \$100 to Pasadena Humane Society & \$100 to KI Children's Fund in memory of Marilyn Cable.
Donation of \$100 for upcoming June LCF Tournament of Rose Bingo fundraiser.
Purchase nine yard signs for the Scholarship winners
MSA the 2024-25 Slate of Officers/Directors for our Board. Today Chris nominated Insook Park to be Director of Human & Spiritual Value. She said YES!
Here is the approved slate: Officers: **President, Christie Crahan; VP, Joe Thompson; Secretary, Rosemary Hook; Treasurer, Martha Burns; Past President (many times over), Chris Ecker;** Directors: **Membership & Meetings, Barbie Eland; Communication, Brian Hummel; SLP, Elaine Harada; Human & Spiritual Values, Insook Park; Major Emphasis, Cindy Bradford; Community Service, Lynne Thompson.** Congrats and thanks to all of you.
- Remember to collect plastic & paper bags for our Kiwanis One Day project.
- Mark your calendar for our Scholarship Dinner, Wed. June 12 at 6pm (no morning meeting) Sign up to attend. Cost is free for members, \$5 for spouses/friends, \$10 charge for sign-up no show.
- 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: Big Bug Feelings book–Jessica Stamm



Kiwanis Announcements:

Barbie Eland read a beautiful Mother's Day inspiration. Happy Mother's Day to all our Kiwanis moms & grandmothers out there.

Lynne Thompson said she has several DAR members who will help with our FTB. They also are setting up a table at the park for people who want to retire old/worn flags can turn them in there.

Christie Crahan announced we have a nice truck (with a lift) for the Fiesta Days Parade Monday March 27. Because our club was a Les Tupper awardee, we will most likely be in the parade route early. If you wish to ride (not stand) in the truck, please bring a lawn or card table chair to sit on in the truck. We think the truck will be parked at the Congregational Church parking lot. Arrive by 9:30 or 10 am to help decorate the truck. The parade begins at 10:30 am.

Martha Burns has French Toast Breakfast tickets for sale. Adult \$10 and Child (under 12) \$10. She is hoping ALL members will at least purchase 2 tickets. She also is attaching a new Kiwanis roster which will include Jack Labrie's new address & other changes. Martha also mentioned we received a nice thank you letter from the YMCA for our \$250 donation. She is attaching to the newsletter two fundraising events coming up for the "LCF Community Center" & "Ahead with Horses" organization you might be interested in.

Cindy Bradford gave us an update on the FTB. She, Christie and Marilyn have secured 6 Starbucks coffee containers donations along with many other contributors of syrup, butter, gift cards from Smart & Final, OJ etc. Great job Cindy! Let's support our one fundraiser of the year. Now we just hope for a sunny day.

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: **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.: Chris Ecker (\$5) gave what he called a "Sappy" buck (both happy & sad) as he and his close childhood friend went off roading with this razer type car (no windows or top but has steel bars) which seats 4 and you harness yourself in. Turns out the car burned out and they had to hike 3 ½ miles in the desert back. But then the wrecking company wanted \$400/hr (just to have them drive out and back would have been 4 hours) so they wrenched it out themselves somehow (took them 4 hours) and dropped it down a bluff so the tow truck could pick it up. An expensive weekend! He also went backbacking with Corinna and his son and his son's girlfriend to celebrate his & Corinna's 3 year anniversary of being a "couple."

Joy Gibson (\$1) gave his usual buck for another cute joke.

Lynne Thompson (\$10) pledged 10 bucks as their daughter Laurie has 2 sons. One of the sons, as a child, had speech difficulties and needed help all during his school years. She is so proud as he just received his Masters degree.

Martha Burns (\$5) had a wonderful time in Vegas with Tom, her twin sis from Denver & her niece seeing Barry Manilow and "her " Texas Tenors" friends perform concerts. She was told to visit The Mob Museum in the Fremont area, which was excellent. A former mobster who spent many years in prison was also there giving a program about his experience & selling his book.

Maria Hyland (\$1) attended Marilyn Cable's celebration of life service/reception at the Cable's home & 3 of her grandchildren told fun stories about their grama. Barbie Eland also spoke how Marilyn was such a wonderful Kiwanian and always loved being on the board and enjoying our meetings. Marie said she did not realize Marilyn was 92 years young.

Christie Crahan (\$100) joined the Century Club because Sean's birthday is this weekend as well as Mother's Day. Thank you very much!

Program/Speaker: Prom Plus-Mary O'Keefe

An alternative to an unchaperoned party, "Prom Plus" offers a supervised post-prom event had the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA for CVHS. Since 1994, from midnight to 5 am Prom Plus has provided a variety of activities including a full casino & pool table. There is a mechanical bull, gyroscope, photo booth, rock climbing wall, bungee jump & even tattoo artists. There is a food court that keeps the guests fed, & prizes to seniors who stay until 5 am. Admission is included in the cost of a prom ticket, but is open to all seniors whether or not they attend the prom. They pay just \$20 at the door. Sadly this 30th year will be their last as attendance has declined and it is also getting increasingly more expensive to put on, which is in excess of \$25K.

Prom Plus was started after Berlyn Cosman, a CVHS senior, was murdered while sleeping at an unsupervised post-prom hotel party in 1991. The response to this tragedy was the creation of an event for HS seniors after the dance-something that would keep kids local & safe, yet still provide them with a fun time.

The American Legion 288 post helps with cleanup and the Y donates the facility. 70% of the students who attend prom go to Prom Plus but it has been declining since Covid. Also for seniors, the expense of Grad Night and Prom Plus gets expensive. Mary's daughter was one of the founders of Prom Plus when she was a senior.

They have an inventory of about 300 prom dresses that seniors can borrow, and they get donations from cleaners to cover the cost when returned. This opportunity of borrowing dresses is open to all HS students in the area.

We presented Mary with a club check for \$1,000 this year. Thank you Mary for giving us an insight into the amazing event you have sponsored for seniors these past 30 years.





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