

# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM Sept. 11, 2024



## 2023-2024 Officers President

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

PO Box 1255

La Cañada, CA 91012

**Wednesdays at 7:30 am**  
**LCIF Parish Hall or Zoom**  
**1700 Foothill Boulevard**  
**La Cañada, CA 91011**

## Joan Cleven & Joanne Ploszgi LCF Orthopedic Guild



## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE... ZOOM or IN-PERSON

### Pledge/Flag Salutes:

9/18/24 – Dick Barley

9/25/24 – John Ryan

10/2/24 -

10/9/24 -

### Inspiration:

9/18/24 – Chuck Johnson

9/25/24 – Martha Burns

10/2/24 -

10/9/24 -

### Song Leader:

9/18/24 - Brian Hummel

9/25/24 – Christie Crahan

10/2/24 – Brian Hummel

10/9/24 – Christie Crahan



Brian Hummel,  
accompanied by Marie  
Hyland, led us in our  
opening song:

God Bless America,  
in remembrance of  
the terrorist attacks  
on Sept. 11, 2001.







**TODAY ...**

**Members in Attendance:** 9 members & 4 guests in-person, 6 members on zoom.

**Guests:** Joan Cleven & Joanne Ploszgi (guest speakers), Jim Canfield & Pete Hultine (friends of Christie Crahan).

**Birthdays:** none

**Anniversaries:** none

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

**Marie Hyland**, \$10 – She is thrilled that her granddaughter & baby is coming to town next week!

**Joy Gibson**, \$2 – His wife, Barbara, is getting a new heart valve tomorrow morning. Please keep her in your prayers! He also shared a funny joke with us, a tradition for sure!

**Insook Park**, \$10 – She is thankful for her recent Girls road trip that was lots of fun and is looking forward to another trip next week. And she loves to see Lynne Thompson!

**Brian Hummel**, \$6 – He is proud to be a grandpa for sure! He shared stories of his grandson & granddaughter! His \$6 pledge is in honor of his granddaughter that just turned 6 years old!

**Christie Crahan**, \$10 – She adopted her dog Scooter (also known as the gentle giant) one year ago, and he has brought her so much love and comfort! Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Scooter!

**Christie Crahan**, \$10 more – She went to the Kiwanis Leadership Training, and enjoyed it very much. Our club is small but mighty ... and we have much more to give!





**Program / Speakers:**  
**Joan Cleven & Joanne Ploszgi**  
**LCF Orthopedic Guild**

We enjoyed their presentation, and they are clearly dedicated to help children get the medical treatment needed.

They shared an invitation to their upcoming **Book & Author Luncheon**, see attached and feel free to buy tickets to this special event. Barbie Eland, and Christie Crahan are going, and they would love to see you there!

*La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild*  
*celebrates 67 Years of Caring*

with

**The 2024**  
**Book & Author Luncheon**

at

*La Cañada Flintridge Country Club*  
 5500 Godbey Drive  
 La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011

on

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

*Books & Authors*

**The Marriage Sabbatical: A Novel**  
 by Lian Dolan

**Kitchens of the Great Midwest**  
 By J. Ryan Stradal

**Mate and Rix Escape Boredom**  
 By Frans Vischer, Illustrator

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**  
 9:30 Early Book Sales  
 Visa/MasterCard Accepted for Book Sales  
 & Silent Auction  
 10:30 Program Begins  
 12:30 Lunch  
 Book Signing

La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is an auxiliary of Charitable Children's Guild and a support group of Lusklin Orthopaedic Institute for Children, founded in 1911 as Orthopaedic Hospital.

*Active Members*

DeeDee Nuanes  
 President

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| Marie Baker       | Wendy Nicoll      |
| Marilyn Center    | Caryl Pettit      |
| Joan Cleven       | Joanne Ploszaj    |
| Danette Erickson  | Ginney Pruitt     |
| Marianne Jennings | Alicia Thompson   |
| Jeanne Long       | Christine (Chris) |
| Arlene Massimino  | Wright Roper      |

*Provisional Members*

Rita La Face      Johnette Martindale

This invitation is sent to you by:

Reservations \$75.00 • Complimentary Valet Parking (\$35.00 is tax deductible)

Please make check payable to:  
 La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG)

Reservation deadline is October 8, 2024

La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild  
 P.O. Box 777, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012-0777  
 Charitable Solicitation Permit on file at City of La Cañada Flintridge

**The 2024 Book & Author Luncheon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$75 each

Names of your guests for name tags:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Choice:     Chicken Marsala  
                                Vegetarian  
                                Vegan/Gluten free

If possible, I wish to be seated with Guild Member:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend, but wish to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG)**

**Reservations due by October 8, 2024.**



## Introduction to LuskinOIC - Overview

The Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children's focus is on excellence in pediatric orthopaedics, and the delivery of compassionate and outstanding care to children despite their ability to pay.

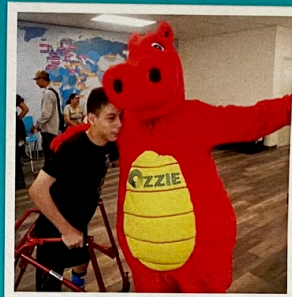
Our alliance with UCLA Health System has brought new and expanded programs for patient care, research, and education.

We believe it is essential that we provide outstanding patient care today, search for better treatment procedures, and the prevention of disabling diseases that can decimate a child's life, while also teaching other clinicians how to best care for children with these crippling disorders.



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## LCFOG in Calexico | International Children's Program



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## About Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children



- Founded in **1911**
- Affiliated with UCLA in **1998**
- **Largest provider** of pediatric orthopaedics in the Western U.S.
- **50,000** patient visits annually and growing
- Provides all pediatric orthopaedic care for UCLA Health System, including **Mattel Children's Hospital**
- **30** full-time researchers
- Train **100** medical students annually
- **International patients** from all over the world

[luskinioicswingforkids.com](http://luskinioicswingforkids.com)

## Patient Care: Specialty Care Matters

### Demographics

- **90** Children's clinics a month
- **60,000+** Patient visits annually
- **0-18** Patient age range
- **85%** Underinsured or uninsured
- **91%** Parents satisfied or very satisfied with their experience in Urgent Care Center
- **98%** Parents would recommend us to another parent

### Sub-specialties

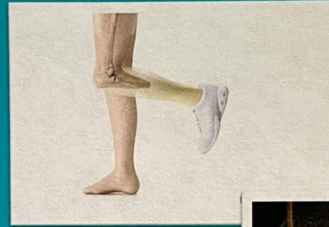
- Trauma
- Surgery
- Sports Medicine
- Cerebral Palsy
- Scoliosis and Spinal Deformities
- Clubfoot
- Congenital Deformities
- Foot and Ankle Disorders
- General Pediatric Orthopaedic Care
- Hand and Upper Extremity Disorders
- Hemophilia
- Hip – Congenital and Developmental Hip Disorders
- Lower Extremity Disorders
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Musculoskeletal Tumors
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- Skeletal Dysplasia





## Patient Care: Meet Efrain

- 9-years old
- Underinsured
- Limb deficiency
- LuskinOIC surgeons permanently rotated the foot on his shorter leg so the ankle serves as a knee for his prosthesis
- Undergoing extensive physical therapy
- One donor family (Chadha) is underwriting all of his expenses that are not covered by insurance



Example of Rotationplasty



Taking first steps with new leg



Tossed 1<sup>st</sup> pitch at Dodgers game



## Patient Care: Meet Ramses

- 5-years old
- Uninsured, native of Mexico
- Limb deficiency
- In 2022, Ramses attended our Outreach Clinic in Mexicali
- Loves playing with action figures, especially Marvel superheroes, robots, Legos, videogames
- March 27, 2023, tried on his first prosthetic arm
- Undergoing rehabilitation therapy
- Transportation, housing, and care provided free of charge



Ramses with his infectious smile



Marveling at his new prosthetic arm



Rehabilitation therapy



Fitting of prosthetic arm





## Patient Care: Meet Tarra'

- 17-years old
- Underinsured
- Sports medicine patient
- High school student and an accomplished gymnast
- 3 ACL surgeries
- Tarra' underwent physical therapy to regain strength and stability of the joint



Tarra' is a patient ambassador for LuskinOIC



Tarra' at a gymnastics event

## Patient Care: Meet Alisson

- 10-years old
- Patient for 8 years
- Uninsured patient from San Felipe – 2 hours from Mexicali
- Obtained a medical visa to be able to see Dr. Bowen every 6 months for 6 years!
- October 2022 the curve progressed to 50% and surgery was needed
- Surgery and rehab through LuskinOIC/ICP program has been life-changing
- Alisson is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is friendly, outgoing, happy, kind, loving and thriving



Alisson today!

Scoliosis and Kyphosis