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# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM November 20, 2024

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## 2024-2025 Officers

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**Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30**

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**La Cañada, CA 91012**

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

## Journey House Jesse Aguiar-Executive Director



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## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

### ZOOM or IN-PERSON

### Pledge/Flag Salutes:

11/27/24 – DARK

12/04/24 – Brian Hummel

12/11/24 – Tom Petersmeyer

12/18/24 – Rosemary Hook

### Inspiration:

11/27/24 – DARK

12/04/24 – Jack Labrie

12/11/24 – Joy Gibson

12/18/24 – Marie Hyland (Luke:2-20)

### Song Leader:

11/27/24 – DARK

12/04/24 – Brian Hummel

12/11/24 – Christie Crahan

12/18/24 – 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 (During School Year)**

**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. Violet 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:**

**11/27/24 – DARK (Happy Thanksgiving)**

**12/04/24 – ALFie Singers-Nancy Abbott, Director**

**12/08/24 – Holiday Party, 5pm, Lynne Thompson’s Home**

**12/11/24 – LCE 5th/6th Grade Choir – Barb Drange & Visit to LCF Float Site**

**12/18/24 – Holiday Caroling NO MEETING AT CHURCH, will meet at Hill Street Café at 8am for anyone who wants to enjoy a breakfast with members.**

**Hospitality:** None

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



### ***THIS PAST WEEK...***

***Members in Attendance:*** 12 members in person and 4 members on Zoom & 6 guests in person and 0 guests on Zoom.

***Guests:*** Spouse **Evie Barley**, prospective member **Rose Valesquez**, speaker **Jess Aguir**, and 3 of his new staff-**Briana Barcena (case manager)**, **Kim Ruiz (admin assistant)** & **Roberta Frarre (advocacy coordinator)**

***Welcome Back:*** **Marie Hyland**, who had been dealing with Bronchitis and **John Ryan**.

***Birthdays:*** **Lynne Thompson, Nov. 20, TODAY!** and **Rose Velasquez, Nov. 22.** Happy Birthday ladies.

***Anniversaries:*** **Cindy & Todd Bradford, Nov. 24** and **Bob & Lynda Burlison on Nov. 29**

***Ribbon Cuttings:*** None

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

**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & ZOOMED on Dec. 4, 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 Cindy Bradford 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:*** **Christie Crahan** had lots to say: She has decided to recognize a member each month for the service they do for our club. Her first recipient was **Cindy Bradford** for all that she does so willingly for our club. Cindy is so deserving of this recognition and received a pin and card from Christie. What a great idea Prez! On Dec. 4 the **ALFie Singers** (Christie is a member) will be our program with holiday songs, directed by Nancy Abbott. **Lt. Gov. Trish McRae** (from noon club) will be visiting as well and hopefully will bring an interclub. The Bailey Center was thrilled with our \$1,825 donation for turkeys. Never in their history until this year, were they able to give turkeys to ALL their families in the program. Last Saturday night, Nov. 17, 4 members (Christie, Insook, John Wray & Rose attended the **Verdugo Club's Bingo night** for an interclub. 185 people showed up. The **Kiwanis International President's Visit & Rose Float Luncheon will be Dec. 27**. Cost is \$50 Remember to put Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5pm on your calendar for our **annual Holiday Party at Lynne Thompson's** house-spouses & guests are welcome. Members should bring a hearty appetizer. We are going to have a surprise entertainer who is going to sing Neil Diamond Christmas songs! Also we are collecting nice used jackets for the needy. Please bring with you to the party. We need members who can help with setup and cleanup. Also the LCF Rose Float will need helpers to serve lunches to the volunteers at the site after Christmas. Put on your thinking caps as we need programs. Reminder when you leave the meeting, put chairs under the table, any trash in the waste can, turn in your name tag.



**Next week our program is: DARK (no meeting)**

**Kiwanis Announcements:** **Joy Gibson** announced we have the first two weekends filled for Glendale Salvation Army Bell Ringing at our local Ralphs, & it's always fun to invite another member or friend along for your shifts. **Martha Burns** said she received a nice thank you letter from Kiwanis International (Childrens Fund) for our memorial donation for member Joe Thompson

**H.A.M.S.:** **Joy Gibson** started us off with another \$1 joke. **Brian Hummel** gave \$5 to explain why his hand was wrapped in bandages. It is called Dupuytren's contracture, which can cause the pinky finger to contract and curl inward toward the palm. He has it on both hands and it usually is hereditary. It's a temporary fix and surgery is not the answer. It's painful, but the wrapping seems to be fixing the problem slowly. **Insook Park** for some reason is not hearing well-she feels like she is under water. She was chewing gum in hopes that it will help. In December she is excited to be going to Florida to see all her siblings. She is the youngest and the oldest is 91. **Martha Burns** gave \$5 as her daughter is taking her Tuesday to see the finals of "Dancing with the Stars at CBS. One has to dress up very fancy! **Lynne Thompson** paid \$5 for her birthday today and excited her son Greg and wife will be visiting her. **Marie Hyland** gave 5 very happy dollars to be back after several weeks with bronchitis. She finally went to Urgent Care to get help. We are all happy to see her back as we really miss her. **Christie Crahan** is \$5 happy to be going to her son's place in Santa Cruz for Thanksgiving, and the whole family will be hiking amidst the Redwoods.



Over the river and through the wood,  
To Grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh  
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood,  
Oh, how the wind does blow!  
It stings the toes,  
And bites the nose,  
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,  
Trot fast, my dapple gray!  
Spring over the ground,  
Like a hunting hound,  
For this is Thanksgiving-Day.

Over the river and through the wood,  
And straight through the barnyard gate!  
We seem to go  
Extremely slow,  
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood;  
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!  
Hurrah for the fun!  
Is the pudding done?  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!  
Lydia Maria Child

**Other Announcements:** "Please let **Martha or Cindy** 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.

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

**Program/Speaker: Journey House – Jesse Aguiar**

This wonderful program is located in Pasadena and Jesse is the Executive Director of Journey House. The place provides services for former foster youth who have aged out of the regular foster system. They support former foster and probation youth to live fully independent, successful lives. People are 19 or older and they are helped with housing, education, employment and independent living counseling. Three of his staff today were also with him to hear the program.

Journey House is 41 years old and it was the vision of Brother Tim Mayworm to offer disadvantaged young boys in Los Angeles County a quality education, and an opportunity for long term normalcy and stability. In 2010, Journey House added services for female former foster youth.

They have quite a few events, but the biggest and probably best is the "Graduation Gala," which celebrates youth who have graduated from high school, trade or tech school, college etc. There are some who even get their PhD's. They currently service about 450 in the program, of which 200 are very active.

Jesse himself was part of the system long ago. He was very different from now with a shaved head and lots of issues back then. What an amazing transition he has made to be head of the organization now. In fact the first member of Journey House years ago is still connected with them. So many of the youth form friendships and connections with the participants there. Social workers all over LA County can refer youth to the organization. They do not take anyone with addiction issues but of course make assessments on all youth who are accepted to the programs they offer.

This wonderful organization gets no money from the government and depends on donations, which go to fund & support students-like text books for school, a new car battery etc. The Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program was founded in 2022 to support the development of artists and creative people that have experienced the child welfare system. VAPA has assisted our community members in creative projects in the following fields: Photography, Dance, Music, Painting, Screen Printing, Creative Writing and Graphic Design. To learn more, go to their website <https://www.journeyhouseyouth.org/>

We presented Jesse with a \$250 donation for Journey House and hope to have our board discuss about giving them more. Thank you so much Jesse and staff for sharing your "story." What an amazing organization.

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