
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

January 29, 2025



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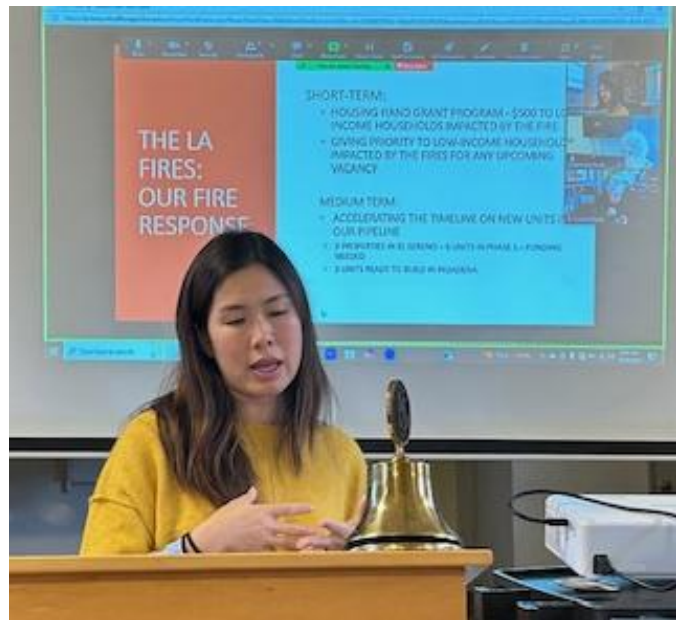
Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

PO Box 1255

La Cañada, CA 91012

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

Beacon Housing Palin Ngaotheppitak-Exec. Director



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

02/05/25 - Chris Ecker

02/12/25 - Carol Scheck

02/19/25 - Chuck Hughes

02/26/25 - Susan Johnson

Inspiration:

02/05/25 - Tom Petersmeyer

02/12/25 - Barbie Eland

02/19/25 - Salli Dokko

02/26/25 - Chuck Johnson

Song Leader:

02/05/25 - Christie Crahan

02/12/25 - Brian Hummel

02/19/25 - Christie Crahan

02/26/25 - 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, 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 (During School Year)

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. 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:

02/05/25 – LCF Trails Council – Tom Reynolds

02/12/25 – ALFie Singers-Nancy Abbott, Director

02/19/25 – 10th Plus Reunion of KURE Ride, a Ride with a Reason – Bob Burlison

02/26/25 – Snack Packs-Friends in Deed

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 2 members on Zoom & 1 guest.

Guests: Speaker **Palin Ngaotheppitak**

Welcome Back: **Lynne Thompson, Salli Dokko & Marie Hyland**

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on Feb. 5 at 7:30am. 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 Remember speakers can join us on Zoom, so anyone far or near might be good candidates.

President's Announcements: **Cindy Bradford** arranged a field trip 90-minute tour in Sylmar on Wed. March 16 at 10am to visit the Guide Dogs of America (for blind, visually impaired, and autistic people). It is required to have 20 people attend in order to do the tour. A sign-up list went around. Invite friends or relatives to join us. We will carpool to the event and possibly go to lunch afterwards. **Christie Crahan** announced our scholarship dinner will be Wed. April 16 at 5:30 pm. It is much earlier this year because in June the students are out of school and it is hard to get them all here. Scholarships have been revised by the scholarship committee-Cindy, Christie and Elaine. Christie will not be here next week as she will be at an international meeting for the Girl Scout Center in Cuenavaca, Mexico. Chris Ecker will preside over the meeting. Reminder when you leave the weekly meeting, put chairs under the table, any trash in the waste can, turn in your name tag.



Next week our program is: La Canada Trails Council-Tom Reynolds

Kiwanis Announcements: **Martha Burns** just learned there will be NO services for Dani Hydar. She announced we received a thank you letter from the Kiwanis Float \$125 donation we made. She also passed around the **Super Bowl Pool Sheet**. This is an Admin Fundraiser and there are 100 squares at \$5 a square. Winners are announced at each quarter (\$50). Let Martha know if you want to purchase a square(s) and are not able to come to the meeting. She will write your name in a square. Members will be billed for their squares. **Brian Hummel** reported on the Builders Club. November- The club led a school-wide project to make homemade holiday cards for United Soldiers and Sailors of America. Cards were mailed to USASOA Christmas Cards For Our Troops, Accokeek, Maryland. December- The club led a school-wide sock donation event for Bailey Human Care Center at the Methodist Church in Tujunga. January/February- The club is currently hosting a "Souper Bowl" where students bring in canned goods to be donated to Friends in Deed in Pasadena. Students put their donations on the side of the "field" that they want to win the Super Bowl. At present time, KC Chiefs are ahead! Sent from my iPad

H.A.M.S.: **Marie Hyland** gave a happy \$10 for the lovely get well card to Marie which was signed by everyone and loved all their notes to her. She insists the Wednesdays always start off her week! Her heart also goes out to those who lost their homes in the fires. **Martha Burns** had \$3 for 3 things: She was able to see her friends The Texas Tenors perform Sunday at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center along with some La Canadans from Laguna Beach. Secondly she was proud to see one of her friend's fireman son, La Canada raised Malcolm Dicks was in the news and presented with an award for saving a woman and her dog trapped on a hill in the Palisades. Her husband pleaded with firefighters to go up and save her and everyone said it was too dangerous. But finally Malcolm, with her husband in the truck, were able to find her & the dog and bring her down to safety. Google his name and you can read about it. Lastly she was sad her friend of nearly 40 years, Dani Hydar (a club member) has suddenly passed away. **Carol Scheck** was \$5 sad as a friend she knew since 9th grade passed away. **Joy Gibson** gave \$2, one because he and his wife drove thru the areas of the fires and were devastated to see so much destruction. But also gave a happy buck for another joke. **Chris Ecker** pledged \$10, as the new shed he and his brother built, withstood the rains, tho he also covered it with a tarp. Thank goodness no leaks. **Christie Crahan** gave \$10 as she is so excited to work with Cindy Bradford on scholarships. Cindy is doing so much for our club.



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 to see what is going on.

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

Program/Speaker: Beacon Housing-Paling Ngaotheppitak-Executive Director

Beacon Housing's goal is to provide safe, sustainable, high-quality, and well-designed lodging options to enable tenants to achieve housing security. Their portfolio encompasses both transitional living program for families fleeing domestic violence as well as affordable rental accommodations for eligible low-income households. They began this program in 1996. They rely a lot on volunteers to help with everything from painting inside a house to needing assistance with accounting and legal work. They service about 130 people a year, who can live at their properties for up to 2 years. They currently are at 100% capacity. They also provide children with educational services such as field trips and after school instruction. Many households have dual languages. They run a 5-week summer program for about 25 children. Recently they took children to Huntington Gardens, who had never been there before.

Currently they have a matching contribution goal for \$25,000. They are about halfway there. 75% of their monies are funded from the rental income and 25% from grants and donations.

Located in Northwest Pasadena, Garfield Agape Court offers 43 units of various sizes at below fair market rates to low and very low-income individuals and families. The building is ideally situated close to public transportation and freeways.

Casa de Alegria serves women and children survivors of domestic violence. The early 1900's craftsman-style home has nine private bedroom and bath units. In this transitional living program, each woman is assisted to enroll in an educational program during their stay (up to 24 months).

Low House, located in Northwest Pasadena, serves those working towards self-sufficiency. The property provides affordable permanent housing for low-income individuals and families.

Thank you Palin for introducing our club to your organization. What a wonderful service to low-income families in the area. Our board will meet soon and hopefully we can send you a donation. If you wish to help here is Palin's email address: palin@beaconhousing.org



ABOUT BEACON HOUSING



501(c)3 California non-profit affordable housing provider based in Los Angeles

Founded in 1996 by two real estate developers and brothers who were driven by their faith to help those in need

Mission: To assist, with compassion and care, those who are vulnerable to homelessness to rebuild their lives in peace and stability by growing the number of safe and low-cost accommodations and by advancing innovative and collaborative affordable housing solutions

Our Impact: 2023

HOUSING
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING: 14
 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING: 107
 TOTAL: 121

PROGRAMS
 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: 18
 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: 100
 WORKSHOPS: 500

ASSISTANCE
 HOUSING: 5000
 FOOD: 1000

TOTAL IMPACT
523



OUR PROGRAMS

- HOUSING:**
- Transitional housing for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence (8 units)
 - Affordable rental housing (107 units)
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:**
- After-School Enrichment Program (18) and summer enrichment program for low-income students in K-5th grade
- SUPPORT PROGRAMS:**
- Helping Hands grant: Emergency small cash grants to support housing and job stability
 - Free tax services
 - Tenant Support Pilot Project: support for housing retention for existing tenants, including case management, employment readiness and job search training, and referrals to assistance programs

THE LA FIRES: OUR FIRE RESPONSE

SHORT-TERM:

- HOUSING HAND GRANT PROGRAM - \$500 TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE
- GIVING PRIORITY TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY THE FIRES FOR ANY UPCOMING VACANCY

MEDIUM TERM:

- ACCELERATING THE TIMELINE ON NEW UNITS IN OUR PIPELINE
- 3 PROPERTIES IN EL SERENO - 6 UNITS IN PHASE 1 - FUNDING NEEDED
- 3 UNITS READY TO BUILD IN PASADENA



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER DAY ON FEB 22-23 - INTERIOR PAINTING AT OUR NEW PROPERTY IN EL SERENO



JOIN THE MATCH AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT UP TO \$25,000 FOR FIRE RELIEF, AS WELL AS FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE NEW PROPERTIES



SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WORK TO THOSE IN YOUR NETWORKS



VOLUNTEER YOUR EXPERTISE AS AN ADVISOR IN OUR WORK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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