

# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM January 15, 2025



## 2024-2025 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**  
**La Cañada, CA 91011**

## Fire Awareness

John Wray



## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

### ZOOM or IN-PERSON

#### Pledge/Flag Salutes:

01/22/25 – John Ryan

01/29/25 – Martha Burns

02/05/25 – Chris Ecker

02/12/25 – Carol Scheck

#### Inspiration:

01/22/25 – Chuck Hughes

01/29/25 – Lynne Thompson

02/05/25 – Tom Petersmeyer

02/12/25 – Barbie Eland

#### Song Leader:

01/22/25 – Christie Crahan

01/29/25 – Brian Hummel

02/05/25 – Christie Crahan

02/12/25 – Brian Hummel



**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, 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:**

**01/20/25 - DCM Meeting, 5:30pm at Elks Club**

**01/22/25 - Service Project - Snack Bags for Ascencia**

**01/29/25 - Beacon Housing - Palin Ngaotheppitak**

**02/05/25 - LCF Trails Council - Tom Reynolds**

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

**Hospitality:** None

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

**THIS PAST WEEK...**

**Members in Attendance:** 10 members in person and 4 members on Zoom & 3 guests.

**Guests:** Spouse **Evie Barley**, Insook Park's neighbor's mother **Dee Dee**, who lost her home in Pacific Palisades, and her friend **Sookie**

**Welcome Back:** All of us from holidays and fire evacuations!

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:** None

**Ribbon Cuttings:** None

**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on Jan. 22 at 7:30am. Zoom meeting ID is 81544355138 and passcode is 505812**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZZ09>



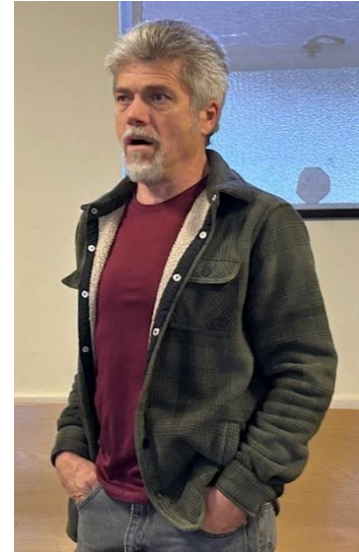
**NEWSLETTER EDITORS/PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED** Editors will no longer need to write about the program unless they wish to do so. Just include the info on HAMS & announcements. You will send the info to either Martha Burns or substitute editor Cindy Bradford to finish it up & convert to PDF and then they will load on to our website.

**Kiwanis Officers and Directors:** Under the circumstances the last few days, **Brian Hummel** suggested we sang "Smile-Sing a Song". Also **Christie Crahan** gave the inspiration and the story of her house lost in a fire when she was a young girl. It changed her life, but in a positive way. 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:** "Kiwanians of the Month" of Dec. were **Brian Hummel** and **Marie Hyland**. The monthly DCM meeting is Jan. 20 at 5:30 pm at the Elks Club in Glendale. Christie is going but would like a member to be able to drive her there as she doesn't drive at night. Reminder when you leave the weekly meeting, put chairs under the table, any trash in the waste can, turn in your name tag. Our board meeting has been moved to Monday Jan. 20 at 7:30am. **Dani Hydar** has resigned from the club due to some health issues and is not driving anymore. We are sad to see her go. Insook Park has volunteered to take over her "job" of sending cards to members who are sick or hospitalized. **Cindy Bradford** was on Zoom today and recovering from Covid. She announced that the Ralphs Community Contribution Program is an easy way to get "free" money when we shop at Ralphs for our groceries. Attached to the newsletter are the instructions on how to enroll. It costs you nothing and when you get your grocery receipt it should say our Kiwanis Club Foundation name at the bottom, if you have signed up correctly. Please consider doing this for our club.

**Next week our program is:** Service Project – Snack Bags for Ascencia

**Kiwanis Announcements:** **Martha Burns** said the annual audits are complete and thanks **Joyce Ruygrok** (Admin) & **Insook Park** (Foundation) for checking/reconciling her accounting. It's a lot of detailed work. 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** is going to attend the Builders Club meeting today. He announced the Prayer Lunch will be May 21.



**H.A.M.S.:** **Martha Burns** gave a very happy \$10, as for months she has had a reservation at the Magic Castle for last Sunday with their 4 teenage grandkids, & fortunately it was not canceled. So everyone had a great time at the fabulous brunch and participating in their amazing magic shows. A wonderful place for any age. **Insook Park** gave 20 grateful bucks to see us all today at the meeting. During the evacuation time period, she went to her son's house each day, but came home to her house in the evening. **Chris Ecker** also gave \$20 as he survived his 11 ft skylight above his bed which collapsed in the winds. Also his storage shed, full of his brother's papers flew 25' into the neighbor's yard and papers were everywhere. **Carol Scheck** was \$5 happy that her daughter & son volunteered at our LCF Library from 8am-5pm, where FEMA was processing all the people (mostly from Altadena) who lost homes in the fire. **Chuck Hughes** paid a thankful \$10 for all the people who worked on our local float. He told us they used batteries instead of fuel to work the moving parts and for the truck. The float won the "Crown City Innovator" Award for most outstanding use of imagination, innovation and technology. He said the flowers all have their own vials of water and beans and seeds were put on with tweezers. It is a wonderful educational experience for our HS students to learn about welding etc. Chuck has worked on every float since 1979, one year after they started. **John Wray** pledged \$10, first because he was so sad about all the fires going on in LA County, but totally overcome with happiness for all the concern friends of his all over the country had for him & Donna. They called and emailed and even offered them a place to stay if his house was inhabitable (it wasn't). It really affected him emotionally. **Christie Crahan** pledged \$25 as she came home from Maui on the Tuesday night the fire started and driving home was pitch black and USCVHH had a little light and so did CVS & Vons, but everything else was dark.

**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 **Insook Park** if you know of someone who needs a card or cheering up. Former member **Fraser Draper's** services have been postponed, due to the fire situation. Dee will let us know of the new date.

**Program/Speaker: Fire Awareness-John Wray**

Our member John, former Glendale Fire Captain, says in his mind, he could still fight fires, but his body says NO! He retired 23 years ago. Everything we have seen this past week, he has seen before, but not at the level it is now. It was a very aggressive fire and there

are a lot of pointing fingers as to whose fault it was. Firemen need to know where the pumps are and also how much water supply they have and the amount of water pressure. If everyone is using hoses to protect their homes, the pressure drops drastically for firemen. A member asked why they can't use people's pool water. The pumps are only 20' long and they can't reach a pool usually. But if you have time, hosing down your house helps. The median on Angeles Crest has a water tank for fire trucks. Winds dry out the water dropped on homes.

Members asked about having generators, which John has. He does recommend them if you are concerned, however they can cost \$8K or more. He also warned us that our insurance rates are going to go up because of this. There are two factors: insurance for potential fires and real loss fires. The potential will go way up. He said insurance companies cannot cancel policies for a year.

He recommended plants and trees to be 5'-10' from a house and seal attics off. Stucco homes provide a bit more protection, but usually the eaves are wood. If you have to evacuate, don't close your shades or curtains. The heat from windows can easily set them on fire. Also take videos of everything in your home for replacement purposes. We certainly learned a lot today and we thank John for sharing such necessary information. Our hearts are saddened by the devastation for others however. La Canada and La Crescenta were very fortunate.

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