
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

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Wednesdays at 7:30 am
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NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

06/04/25 – Dick Barley

06/11/25 – Chuck Johnson

06/18/25 – Carol Scheck

06/25/25 – Rosemary Hook

Inspiration:

06/04/25 – Rose Velasquez

06/11/25 – Cindy Bradford

06/18/25 – Salli Dokko

06/25/25 – Brian Hummel

Song Leader:

06/04/25 – Brian Hummel

06/11/25 – Brian Hummel

06/18/25 – Brian Hummel

06/25/25 – 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, 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:

06/02/25 – Board Meeting, 7:30 am at Church Conference Room

06/04/25 –

06/11/25 – Pasadena Humane-Michelle

06/18/25 – Service Project-Snack Bags for Ascencia

06/25/25 – USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging-Adria Navarro

Hospitality: Cindy Bradford & Barbie Eland

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 2 members on Zoom & 2 guests.

Guests: Spouse **Evie Barley** and speaker **Wendy Sinnette**.

Welcome Back: **Barbie Eland & Dick Barley**

Birthdays: **Dick Barley** who turns a young 93 on June 1! Congrats

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on June 4 at 7:30 am. 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:

- **Christie Crahan** announced that Lynne Thompson's daughter Laurie passed away last Saturday from cancer. Please keep their family in your prayers. The club will be sending Lynne some flowers.
- **Christie** read a beautiful thank you note from John Ryan for his "Distinguished Service Award" and his remarks about how wonderful it was to be a member of our club. We will miss him and all the service he did, but will welcome him back anytime he wishes to visit.
- Board meeting is this coming Monday at 7:30 am in the Church Conference Room
- Christie also thank EVERYONE who worked so hard to raise funds for our wonderful French Toast Breakfast. Cindy Bradford was absent today but we sold about \$3,000 worth of tickets. Christie gave all the members who helped last Saturday a Hershey's "Mr. Goodbar" as a thank you for their service. Yum, yum. She officially named our secret French Toast Breakfast recipe for all posterity the "Rosemary Hook Secret French Toast Recipe."
- She also announced that our officer slate next year has been set, however we need a couple of members to come forward and volunteer to be president-elect (in Oct 2026) and vice-president next year.
- Thanks to new members Jim Canfield and Pete Hultine, who provided the truck and drove in the parade. We had several Kiwanians and HS Scholarship recipients who rode in the parade. Christie had signs on our truck that said "Scholarship Winners" and that brought lots of applause from the crowd for the students, who were all smiles with the recognition.
- Hillside School invited a rep from our club to attend their scholarship event this Thursday at 4 pm. Joy Gibson volunteered.

- Christie, as your president, hopes to attend Key Club and Builders Club meetings this year. She will also let them know far in advance the date of the French Toast Breakfast & parade so they can be part of the celebration.

Next week our program is: ?

Kiwanis Announcements:

- SOS! We need ALL members to help get weekly program speakers. Everyone probably has friends or family who might have a "story" or "experience" to share with us. Put on your thinking cap and let Cindy or Martha know. We are grateful for anyone who wishes to share their knowledge with us.
- A representative from **Pasadena Humane will be our guest speaker on June 11.** Her presentation will be 30-45 minutes, so we will have her begin at 7:45 am that day. We can adjust our normal routine to maximize our enjoyment of our guest speaker. **If you have new or gently used towels or blankets you want to donate ... bring them to our meeting that day.** Also collecting empty paper towel & toilet paper rolls, bring to our meeting **that day.** **Dog and cat toys are also welcome but must be brand NEW.**

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. **Marie Hyland** is recovering from an insect bite and expects to be back next week.



H.A.M.S.:

- **Brian Hummel** contributed \$10 for several reasons. He thanked Martha Burns for letting him borrow her Lexus convertible for him to ride in the Memorial Day Parade for his Les Tupper Community Service Award recognition. He had a great time as 2 of his grandchildren, his wife and son-in-law were in the car with him. Also today is the birthday of his youngest grandson, who currently is living in the Netherlands.
- **Joy Gibson** read a bunch of fun quotes for \$1.
- **Dick Barley** donated \$25 for our speaker today as he thinks the world of our school district superintendent who has been here 23+ years. She is excellent with her staff, students, parents, & school board. He told a short story of being around some HS students one time who were so respectful to an old man like him!
- **Martha Burns** gave a very happy \$5 cuz when they left Rome, her husband and accidentally left his backpack at the gelato place across from their hotel the night before they left. He realized it in the morning when they packed to leave. His camera and other stuff were in the pack. However the place didn't open early enough to retrieve it. He wrote the store name down but could find no actual address. Upon getting home, Martha looked thru all her receipts (ironically she saves them for about a week) and lo and behold she found the ice cream one. Her husband sent a letter & lo and behold Sat. he received an email from the place and they were trying to locate him on Facebook etc. So supposedly they will be sending it all back. Nice to know there are such caring people in our world.
- **Barbie Eland** gave \$25 as she was back in NY watching her granddaughter graduate from Cornell, who will come back here for a month before taking a great job in Chicago. All her family went out for the event.
- **Christie Crahan** chose Rosemary Hook as "Kiwanian of the Month" for all she does as Assistant Secretary, sending out monthly reports to Kiwanis International with lots of information from activities to dollars received and spent. Well deserved, Rosemary! Christie is donating \$25 to Kiwanis Childrens Fund to honor Rosemary.









Program/Speaker: LCUSD and Superintendent, Wendy Sinnette

Today Wendy gave us an update first on all the state-of-the-art facility improvements they have made this past year for many of the aging buildings, including modernizing classrooms and offices. The bonds have covered much of the costs. They also purchased a house near LCE to expand the parking lot there. The high school has a new 40 meter pool. She said the District has about 550 employees.

Wendy was planning to “retire” and move on at the end of this school year. But with the fires in Altadena affecting our school district, she agreed to stay on for another year to handle the crisis, since 27 LCUSD teachers, and even Wendy, were affected by fire and most lost their homes. Also the “Sagebrush” area of La Cañada finally after 60 years was allowed to send their children to La Canada public schools without required a permit so now there is just one school district for ALL La Canada residents.

She said there are over 100 clubs at the high school and of course art, music and drama are still part a big part of the curriculum. There are also many field trips for the students to experience. They have a wonderful “wellness center” there as well as a therapy dog. The local “Sister Cities” program also is involved with the students, who apply to go over to our sister city in Spain-Villanueva de la Cañada and vice versa.

The high school offers several math competitions exams and related events, and challenging programs for elementary school students as well. There are many college prep courses at the high school as well.

The school district has a "grandparent" clause for allowing the grandchildren (who live elsewhere) of local residents, who have lived in our city for at least 8 years, to attend our local public schools.

All of our schools have achieved the "Blue Ribbon" award and La Cañada High School has cemented its place as one of the top-performing schools in the region and the state. Thank you Wendy for taking time out of your busy schedule to share this information with us. We so appreciate your efforts & priority in keeping La Canada schools excellent.

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