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# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

May 7, 2025

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## 2024-2025 Officers

### President

Christie Crahan

### President-Elect

### Vice-President

### Treasurer

Martha Burns

### Secretary

Rosemary Hook (assistant)

### Immediate Past President

Chris Ecker

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**Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30**

**PO Box 1255**

**La Cañada, CA 91012**

**Wednesdays at 7:30 am**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**(Fellowship Hall) or Zoom**  
**1700 Foothill Boulevard**  
**La Cañada, CA 91011**

**Prom Plus**  
**Jon Allen**



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## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

**ZOOM or IN-PERSON**

### *Pledge/Flag Salutes:*

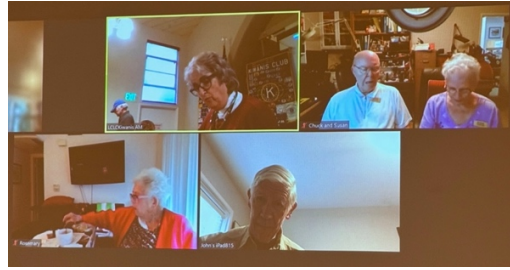
05/14/25 – Prayer Luncheon  
05/21/25 – Lynne Thompson  
05/28/25 – Tom Petersmeyer  
06/04/25 – Dick Barley  
06/11/25 – Chuck Johnson

### *Inspiration:*

05/14/25 – Prayer Luncheon  
05/21/25 – John Ryan  
05/28/25 – Christie Crahan  
06/04/25 – Rose Velasquez  
06/11/25 – Cindy Bradford

***Song Leader:* Brian Hummel**





### **President's Announcements: Christie Crahan**

- **Kiwanian of the Month – A yellow rose to honor Rose Velasquez.** A special lady that we enjoy so much. She has stepped right on in to help our club, thank you Rose!
- **Fiesta Days Parade** – is on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Club members are invited to ride in the truck down the parade route. Communicate with Christie Crahan about the details if you are interested. Les Tupper Award winner, Brian Hummel, will also be in the parade in a special car waving to the crowd! LCF Chamber of Commerce & Community Association has lots going on that weekend ... check out the calendar of events <https://www.lacanadaflintridge.com/fiesta-days/>
- **2025-2026 Slate of Officers** – We would enjoy and appreciate more members on our Executive Board, please consider volunteering for a position and talk to Christie Crahan.



### **Other Announcements:**



**Prayer Luncheon with St. Bede Builders Club** – is on May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 – 12:45 so there will be **no morning meeting** that day. Club members are encouraged to attend, RSVP to Brian Hummel ASAP if you would like to go.



**French Toast Breakfast** – is on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available to purchase during any meeting, ask Cindy or Martha. Let us know if you want to pick up some tickets to sell to family & friends, and you can turn in payments and unsold tickets prior to the event. Of course, tickets are available to purchase at the breakfast too!

★ **Volunteers NEEDED** – We need more members to sign up on the volunteer sheet to help the day of the event (set up, cooking, serving, cleanup). Elaine Harada is trying to recruit Key Club students to volunteer too, an annual tradition. We also need help with picking up food items already ordered and donated/paid for (some needing refrigeration) and delivering to the park at 6:45 am on Saturday morning. If you are planning to volunteer but have not signed up on my volunteer sheet, then I NEED to hear the great news and add you! Please let Cindy know what all you can do to help 818-421-2177.

**Food Run Volunteers NEEDED** – Our signature project is our Food Run, and we have been picking up donated food from 2 local Ralphs stores and a donut store 7 days a week for many, many years! The organizations we deliver the food to certainly appreciate and rely upon the food. We are very proud of this project. Are you interested in getting more involved? We can sure use some more volunteers to help with the daily food runs.

- **Monday Food Run** – **(Immediate NEED)** John Ryan is handing this volunteer responsibility off to another club member this month. **Will it be YOU?** Ideally, you will start immediately by going with him to learn what he does on at least one Monday so that you are ready to take it on weekly starting on June 2, 2025. It would be picking up dairy items from the Ralphs in La Crescenta, and bakery/produce and whatever they set out from the Ralphs in La Canada, and donuts from Golden Donuts across the street ... then delivering everything to Salvation Army in Pasadena. Please contact Cindy if you are willing to take on the food run every Monday.
- **Other Days** – are you interested in doing a few rides along food runs on any of the other days to become a backup person? It would be nice to have more people ready and trained to handle it when needed. Cindy will be thrilled to hear from you!





A representative from [Pasadena Humane](#) will be our guest speaker on June 11, 2025.

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. Dog and cat toys are also welcome but must be brand NEW.**

**In the News** – We submit an article about our Scholarship program and this year's recipients that was published in the Outlook and CV Weekly on April 24, 2025.

## Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships to Local Students

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada-La Crescenta-AM awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to local high school students during its annual scholarship program.

The program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities, strong commitment to community service and engagement in extracurricular activities.

Scholarship categories included Community Service, Girl Scout Gold Award, Hillside School, JROTC, Key Club and Scouting America Eagle Scout Award.

The Johnson Scholarship, funded by a club member donation, supports a student attending an accredited trade school. The Journey House Scholarship, partially funded by a club member donation, assists a young adult who recently aged out of the foster system in continuing college education. All 14 recipients, along with parents and Kiwanis club members, attended the annual event. Each awardee shared college plans and future goals before receiving a certificate and scholarship check.

The club welcomes guests and prospective members to weekly meetings Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. More information is available at [LCFKiwanisAM.org](#).



Photo courtesy Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta

The scholarship recipients include Hazel Banul (front, from left), Anita Rico, Yeseung Cho, Lily Zou, Alexa Johnson, Hannah Yi and Alyssa Gianoli. Back: Taron Martirosyan, Michael Andrade, Anthony Santana, Dakota Ulloa, Amari Richardson, Jad Abdoush and Jonathan Kim.

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

**Susan Johnson \$80** – In celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Christie Crahan \$15** – She enjoyed a wonderful cruise vacation (\$5) and is thrilled to find out that the medications needed to treat her eyes have become available worldwide (\$10).

**Joy Gibson \$1** – He delivers a funny joke weekly, and we sure enjoy it!

**Rosemary Hook \$10** – In celebration of Susan Johnsons 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Attendance:** 14 members in person & 5 on Zoom & 2 guests in person.

**Guests:** Jon Allen (guest speaker), Evie Barley

**Birthdays:** Marie Hyland (5/1), Susan Johnson (5/5)

**Anniversaries:** Chuck & Susan Johnson (5/3) ... 51 years!

**Zoom Operators:** Chris Ecker & Brian Hummel

**Newsletter Editor/Photos/Website:** Cindy Bradford

### **Program/Speaker:** Prom Plus – Jon Allen

A math teacher at CVHS is proud to be involved with Prom Plus. The organization did NOT end like we heard previously, it has resumed with new volunteers. The annual after prom event held at the YMCA keeps senior students SAFE, this year it is on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Lots of games, food and prizes entertain students until 3 a.m. Prom Plus has raised \$15,000 for this event from BBQ & Pancake Breakfast events. They expect about 300 students to come to the event this year. Prom Plus receives \$10 of every Prom ticket sold, so the event is no charge for students that buy a Prom ticket. Students that do not go to prom can pay \$20 to attend Prom Plus event. The budget for this year's event is around \$25,000. The community supports by volunteering at the event, donating food, and prizes. What a great cause!



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**May 21 at 7:30 am.**  
**Church Fellowship Hall**  
**& Zoom.**

**ZOOM Meeting ID:** 81544355138, **passcode is** 505812.  
If you get booted out JUST go to the link and log back on.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhmMmcg5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZz09>

### **Programs/Speakers:**

**05/14/25 – Prayer Luncheon with St. Bede Builders Club (no morning meeting)**  
**05/21/25 – John Ryans last club meeting and FTB Prep (wrap forks, etc.)**  
**05/24/25 – French Toast Breakfast**  
**05/28/25 – LCUSD Superintendent – Wendy Sinnette**  
**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**

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

- **SLP Advisors** – Our club sponsors Kiwanis Builders Clubs at Middle Schools, and Kiwanis Key Clubs at High Schools. A club member that steps into the SLP Advisor role attends the short meetings at the school site as a casual supportive Kiwanis representative. The student-led club is completely run by the student board members and supervised by a school faculty leader, so it is very easy. We would love to have some more club members become SLP Advisors to represent our club in supporting these valuable programs for youth, it can be very rewarding. Please consider going with our advisor to a meeting to see what it's all about. Contact our SLP Director, Elaine Harada, [eharada@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eharada@sbcglobal.net) or 323-791-3656 to learn about this opportunity.

### **Reminders:**

- If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker, service project, field trip ... please talk to Christie, Martha or Cindy. We NEED help! You can give details (website, speaker contact info, etc.) to Martha Burns or Cindy Bradford as they are our schedulers. Guest speakers can join us in person OR on Zoom so anyone near or far might be a good candidate.
- 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.

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

### **Monthly 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 Fellowship Hall. Club members are welcome to join these meetings.

**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**

*Meetings are during their lunchtime, about 30 minutes, usually 1-2 times per month.*

**St. Bede Builders Club** - 12:15pm on Wednesday, Parish Center with Patrice Fontes.  
Kiwanis Advisor: Brian Hummel.

**Rosemont Builders Club** - 1:00 pm on selected day, Multi-purpose Rm with Jessica Cole. Kiwanis Advisor: NEED

**St. Francis HS Key Club** - 11:45 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., Rm #104 with Patrick Davitt and DARK during holiday season & summer.  
Kiwanis Advisor: Barbie Eland

**Franklin Key HS Club** - 12:22 pm on Tues., Rm #530, with Davy Mouremann and DARK during holiday season & summer. Kiwanis Advisor: Elaine Harada

**Crescenta Valley HS Key Club** - 12:17 pm every Tuesday, Rm #7205 or North Gym with Saul Sheridan and DARK during holiday season and summer. Kiwanis Advisor: Elaine Harada

**Clark Magnet HS Key Club** – 11:50 am on even-dated Wednesdays, Rm #5215 with Ms. Violet Mardirosian and DARK during holiday season and summer. Advisor: Elaine Harada

**Village Christian HS Key Club** - 12:30pm on Tuesday, Rm #B-2 with Ms. Lilit Vartanian and DARK during holiday season and summer. Kiwanis Advisor: Elaine Harada