

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM August 27, 2025



2024-2025 Officers

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

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THE NETHERLANDS Brian Hummel



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

09/03/25 – Joy Gibson

09/10/25 – Salli Dokko

09/17/25 – Barbie Eland

09/24/25 – Rosemary Hook

Inspiration:

09/03/25 – Carol Scheck

09/10/25 – Tom Petersmeyer

09/17/25 – Chuck Hughes

09/24/25 – Martha Burns

Song Leader:

09/03/25 – Brian Hummel

09/10/25 – Brian Hummel

09/17/25 – Brian Hummel

09/24/25 – 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 Patrice Fontes & Therese Louk.

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 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 Lilit Vartanian and DARK during the holiday season and summer months.

Programs/Speakers:

08/30/25 – Summer Party at the Burns home at 5:30-8pm. Dinner and White Elephant Auction.

09/03/25 – Service Project: Snack Packs for Ascencia

09/10/25 – LCF Educational Foundation-Ian Holloway, Board President

09/17/25 –

09/24/25 –

Hospitality: Cindy Bradford & Barbie Eland-thanks for taking care of the coffee, tea, & pastries.

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 1 guest, and 4 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: Evie Barley

Welcome Back: Salli Dokko, Rose Velasquez & Lynne Thompson.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on September 3 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 presented to our newest members **Lynne Thompson & Rose Velasquez** their Kiwanis pins and certificates. We sang our traditional "You are in Kiwanis Now" song and the two ladies went around the room and shook hands with all the other members. Lynne said TODAY would have been her and Joe's 64th wedding anniversary! She wants to continue on in Kiwanis, as he would be so proud.
- Our **Installation of Officers & Directors** will be our program meeting Oct 1.
- **Christie & Martha** attended Monday the monthly Division 3 DCM meeting at Magpies at 5:30 pm. It was interesting to meet and hear the two (North & South) Div 3 Key Club Leaders. They are very active. Christie said she would give her Juliette Lowe presentation to any Div. 3 club, if they in turn, gave her names of 3 of their program speakers. Way to go Christie! Thanks
- Once a quarter, our monthly board meetings will be an evening potluck at a board member's home.
- The members decided to have a **Summer Party, which will be on Saturday, August 30, 5:30 pm** and **Martha Burns** agreed to have her backyard available. 4385 Cobblestone Ln. Dinner will be provided and cost is \$7pp. Sign up sheet is going around. Invite your significant other and friends too. We will also have a **"White Elephant" auction**, so start looking for things now to bring. The Johnsons will be auctioneers. Hmmm... wonder if the beloved "Fish" will show up?
- We need officers for Programs and Interclubs & a director for Community Service.

Next week our program is: Service Project: Snack Packs for Ascencia

Kiwanis Announcements:

- **Rosemary Hook** announced Our Cal-Nev-Ha District will be going to a Dodger Game on Wed. Sept 25 (see attached flyer) It costs \$45, \$12 of which goes to Kiwanis Children's Fund.
- **Martha Burns** said the board approved the motion to withdraw \$24K from our investment account to our Foundation account to fund our donations next fiscal year.
- The fiscal year end **Kiwanis DCM Meeting** will be on Sun. Sept 28, 12:30pmat the Courtyard Marriott in Monrovia for the new Lt. Gov. installation. The Cal-Nev-Ha District Gov. will be in attendance. \$70pp. Let Cindy Bradford know if you can attend.
- **Christie Crahan** would like to revive the Kiwanis "Terrific Kids" program.
- 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.

Other Announcements:

- **Christie Crahan** said that she would welcome anyone who wants to go to the Sunday free "Music in the Park" concerts can meet her there at 6pmwith their lawn chair and any food they bring to eat. Let's party!!!
- **Martha Burns** suggested that we might like to have another outing to the San Antonio Winery, which has a great free tour, a cafeteria type lunch and a huge gift shop. It has a wonderful story of the founders over 100+ years ago and still family owned. She recommended any Friday around 10:30 am, as she really likes this special guide Bruce who is there then and on weekends & tour would start at 11am. But Sat. & Sun are very crowded. Does anyone one want to recommend a date?
- 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** was not at the meeting today as she has a mild case of Covid. We sure miss her and the beautiful piano music she plays. We wish her a speedy recovery.

H.A.M.S.:

Martha Burns gave a happy \$10 as last Sat. she & her daughter saw "Pink Martini" at the Greek Theater. The group were ending their 30th anniversary tour in LA. They both have seen them all those years at many venues all over LA from Hollywood Bowl to Walt Disney Concert Hall. China Forbes is the singer and Thomas Lauderdale the pianist, who performs like Liberace. They met at Harvard and started the group, which includes a small orchestra. At the end, China stunned the fans by saying she was taking a 2-year hiatus to be a full-time mom to her son, who was starting his jr. year in HS. (Martha knew this and got 3rd row seats) China's teenage son had dyed his hair blonde and wanted a tattoo. And then she said he wanted the tattoo to say "Made in China!" Get it? The crowd roared with applause.

Chris Ecker gave \$5 happy and \$5 sad bucks. He went Sat. to the Pasadena Pops to see a Beatles Tribute Group perform. It was excellent as they dressed in costume and really sounded and looked like the real thing. One exception-he learned the real Beatles had never performed with a full orchestra. He was sad, cuz his girl friend's dog (who attends our meetings with her) was on a leash when it was attacked by a German Shepherd who bit off the collar and had the dog in his mouth. Fortunately the vet was able to treat her dog's puncture wounds (including the lungs) and the attack dog's owner is going to pay the bill in installments.

Evie Barley was so happy to be here today (and we were too) and surprised us all by joining the Century Club. Dick would be so proud! Thank you very much Evie. We miss him almost as much as you do.

Joy Gibson gave \$1 & told a story about his son coming to dinner with an earring and told him the next time he is at dinner, he better not be wearing it. So the next visit, the earring was gone, but he had a tattoo! Something he couldn't remove! He also gave another \$1 telling us about words whose singular form was very different from the plural form. You just didn't add an "s". Some examples were "mouse is mice, but house is not hices. Tooth is teeth, but booth is not beeth. Man is men, but pan is not pen." No wonder English is a hard language to learn!





Program/Speaker: The Netherlands-Brian Hummel

Brian attempted to show his photos from his I-pad, but for some reason he couldn't get it to connect, so we only have a few pix. The reason he goes to Holland? His son's family (wife & 2 daughters) live there now, and will be return back home in a year. He had to pace himself for his 3 & 5 year old grandkids. Fortunately there are lots of playgrounds everywhere. Most transportation is by bike, bus or train.

He informed us that the Netherlands are made up of 12 provinces and there is a North Holland where Amsterdam is located, and a South Holland where the Hauge is located. They stayed 3 days at a wonderful hotel at Hague on the beach and also visited Maastricht on the border of Belgium, and saw a beautiful medieval church & actual working water mills. In Amsterdam he visited the Rijks Museum. The dialect in the Netherlands is varied. Holland is often known for tulips, windmills, wooden shoes, and cheese. But he only managed to see and eat cheese! They also have lots of French fries, but they are served with mayo, not ketchup!

The Dutch are very thankful to their allies-Britain and the US. The largest parachute assault in the Netherlands during WWII was in September 1944, which involved over 35,000 American and British airborne troops descending into Holland to seize key bridges over 3 main rivers.

Thanks Brian for sharing parts of your trip with our club.

