
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

September 10, 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
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LCF Educational Foundation Ian Holloway, Board President



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

09/17/25 – Barbie Eland

09/24/25 – Rosemary Hook

10/01/25 – Martha Burns

10/08/25 – Rosemary Hook

Inspiration:

09/17/25 – Chuck Hughes

09/24/25 – Martha Burns

10/01/25 – Insook Park

10/08/25 – Carol Scheck

Song Leader:

09/17/25 – Brian Hummel

09/24/25 – Brian Hummel

10/01/25 – Brian Hummel

10/08/25 – 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:

09/17/25 – Boy Scout Troop 502 Fundraiser-Mike Devine & Scouts

09/24/25 – The Lanterman House-Tennessee Gardner

09/28/25 – Div. 3 Installation Lunch, 12:30pm, Courtyard Marriott, Monrovia

10/01/25 – Club Installation of Officers & Directors-Lt. Gov. Mauricio Lopez

10/08/25 – LCF Orthopedic Guild-Joan Clevon

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 2 guests, and 1 member on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: Speaker, **Ian Holloway** and **Evie Barley**

Welcome Back: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on September 17 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** is looking into another project for our members to participate in-"Seniors for Seniors Adoption." We would possibly visit seniors who don't have families or even friends nearby. We decided on "12 Oaks" to visit.
- **Christie** contacted the Aaron Foundation, which supports families who have lost a child through SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Both parents of Aaron are pediatricians who lost 2 children to SIDS and raise money for research and support people who can't afford a funeral for their lost child. For years now, our club has about \$250 of restricted funds to help with KI "Pediatric Trauma Prevention." So we will send the money to that organization.
- Our **Installation of Officers & Directors** will be our program meeting Oct 1, along with a \$5 breakfast catered with quiche, fruit, coffee, potatoes etc. We need a few members to arrive early to set up. Kiwanis Div. 3 Lt. Gov. Mauricio will be there to install and Christie Crahan will announce her selection of "Kiwanian of the Year."
- Once a quarter, our monthly board meetings will be an evening potluck at a board member's home.
- We need officers for Programs and Interclubs & a director for Community Service.

Next week our program is: Boy Scout Troop 507 Fundraiser-Mike Devine

Kiwanis Announcements:

- DCM Monthly meeting is Monday at 5:30pm at New Moon with appetizers. **Lynne Thompson, Evie Barley, Salli Dokko & Martha Burns** all plan to carpool there.
- Treasurer **Martha Burns** needs to know before Oct. 1 if you will **NOT** be returning as a member of our Kiwanis club next year. We must submit a head count **by Oct.1** as Kiwanis International, Cal-Nev-Ha District and Division 3 bill us then, which is nearly \$200pp. Please let her know if circumstances will prevent you from continuing on as a member. The Board voted to increase dues from \$15/mo to \$16/mo, due to increasing assessments from KI and Cal-Nev-Ha District. This is the first time in

years we have had to increase dues. Our membership has been declining but monthly church rent stays the same.

- **Brian Hummel** said the Thursday, Sept. 18 will be the St. Bede Builders Club first meeting of the school year. They hope to have a program each month and always look forward to "our" Prayer Luncheon each year.
- **Christie Crahan** announced that the KI Convention 2026 will be Jun. 24-26 in Manila Philippines, and she and **Insook Park** are hoping to attend.
- **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.
- The fiscal year end **Kiwanis DCM Meeting** will be on Sun. Sept 28, 12:30pm at 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:

- **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 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.

H.A.M.S.:

Lynne Thompson gave \$5 because she made the decision to remodel their bedroom bathroom, which is something she always wanted do. So she is all excited as it is finally finished and is BEAUTIFUL. Very happy with the results.

Joy Gibson gave a buck telling a cute story about his computer skills & the library.

Chris Ecker gave \$5, as he and Corinna are heading up to the Sierra's again Friday for 3 days of climbing. He also saw the 70's rock band Spinal Tap.

Christie Crahan gave \$5 as she had a marvelous time at the Hollywood Bowl seeing Josh

Groban perform before an audience of 18,500. He and her daughter both went to the LA County HS of Arts. She always loves when he sings "You Raise Me Up." She also gave \$5 as tomorrow she leaves for France and will have a private tour of the Notre Dame Cathedral that has been restored after the fire.



***Program/Speaker:* LCF Educational Foundation-Ian Holloway, Board President**

Ian is a professor at UCLA and volunteer parent president of LCFEF. He showed a short video of all the projects and facilities that LCFEF supports and provides for students & teachers in our school district. He just presented this same video to parents at the recent "Back to School Night."

The state provides money to the LCUSD per child, but there is a nearly 2 ½ million dollar gap that LCFEF raises during the year to improve the situation. At "Back to School Night" they receive close to 1 ½ million dollars.

They have 3 fundraisers annually to raise funds for their Endowment Acct, which was established by the Board of Trustees two decades ago. They are a 501 (c) (3) organization.

1. The Wine Auction, in the Rose Garden at Descanso Gardens on Sept. 27 at 6pm
2. Poker Night at Oakmont Country Club, which is a ticketed event with a silent auction
3. Spring Gala, in Hollywood on Mar. 14, with dinner & dancing. This year's theme is "Futuristic" and they also present two prestigious awards.

LCUSD has a current enrollment of about 4,200 students. Most are LCF residents, but children of employees who work in the city, like JPL, can request a permit to attend providing there is space available. Also grandparents who have lived in LCF a minimum of 8 years can "permit" their grandchildren into the district if they live in communities nearby. The Sagebrush area of LCF has finally been granted by the state to be part of our school district, after a 30 year "battle" with Glendale.

After the recent fires in Altadena, the Board also decided to help some of the 20 teachers in our school district who reside in that city and lost their homes.

The parcel tax of \$750 on your property tax bill was voted for by the residents in town. It is strictly for improvement of the infrastructure of the schools. Recently a new near-Olympic size pool was built at the HS. LCFEF also allows for smaller class sizes in elementary schools, support for the arts, drama, music & language programs I middle & high school.

California is 48th in the nation when it comes to spending for education. But LCFEF donates yearly to fix the gap necessary to educate our children. A good school district also keeps our property values high.

Thanks, Ian for a fabulous presentation with the slide show and information on LCFEF. It is so wonderful they have such an enthusiastic volunteer & excellent speaker like you to head up this extraordinary organization. We presented Ian with \$300 check for the LCFEF.

