
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

October 15, 2025



2025-2026 Officers

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

PO Box 1255

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**Wednesdays at 7:30 am
LCIF Parish Hall or Zoom
1700 Foothill Boulevard
La Cañada, CA 91011**

Fire House Youth Center Mary O'Keefe



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

10/22/25 – Barbie Eland

10/29/25 – Marie Hyland

11/05/25 – Susan Johnson

11/12/25 – Salli Dokko

Inspiration:

10/22/25 – Brian Hummel

10/29/25 – Chuck Hughes

11/05/25 – Chuck Johnson

11/12/25 – Joy Gibson

Song Leader:

10/22/25 – Brian Hummel

10/29/25 – Brian Hummel

11/05/25 – Brian Hummel

11/12/25 – 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, 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) DARK during the holiday season and summer months

Crescenta Valley HS Key Club – every other Wed. @ 12:50 pm (north gym) with Saul Sheridan

St. Francis HS Key Club – schedule varies, with Patrick Davitt

Village Christian HS Key Club – schedule varies, with Lilit Vartanian

Clark Magnet HS Key Club – schedule varies, with Violet Mardirosian

Franklin HS Key Club - every other Tues. @ 12:15 pm (room 530) with Davy Mauremann

Rosemont Builders Club – 1st Wed. @ 12:30 pm (multi-purpose room) with Jessica Cole

St. Bede Builders Club – 3rd Thur. @ 12:15 pm (parish center) with Patrice Fontes & Therese Louk

Programs/Speakers:

10/20/25 – Monthly Div. 3 Meeting at 5:30pm, Elks Club.

10/22/25 – Kenny Burns-LCHS Boosters' Prez & Evie Barley-Craft Talk

10/29/25 – Once Upon a Room-Jenny Hull & come dressed for Halloween

11/05/25 – Veterans Check Presentation

11/12/25 –

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: 9 members in person and 2 guests, and 4 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: Speaker **Mary O'Keefe** and visitor **Linda Rowland**

Welcome Back: None

Birthdays: **Christie Crahan** on Oct. 16.

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on October 22 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:

- **Barbie Eland & Martha Burns** will attend the next DCM meeting at the Elks Club at 5:30 pm, Monday Oct. 20 in place of Christie who will be traveling.
- We sent a \$250 check to the **Aeron Foundation for SIDS**, which was recommended by Christie's friend Dr. Thomas Keen, which closed our our Pediatric Trauma account.
- 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: **Evie Barley** Craft Talk & **Kenny Burns**-LCHS Boosters Prez

Kiwanis Announcements:

- **TURKEYS FOR THE BAILEY CENTER!** The food pantry makes the holiday season brighter by providing their clients with items to make a Thanksgiving meal. They hope to be able to give each family a Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, etc.
- **OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY?** There is absolutely NO PRESSURE to participate ... but if you want to give a donation to help them purchase turkeys, the suggested amount is \$30 per turkey. Checks can be made payable to: Tujunga United Methodist Church (Bailey Center), or the club can bill you for your donation. Sign Up sheet will be at meetings, or send email to Cindy at cindyb4@me.com DEADLINE to sign up AND submit payment is November 5th.
- **Brian Hummel** announced that the St. Bede Builders Club will meet in the music room tomorrow making a stuffed animal project for the LAPD, who will give them to children when making calls.
- **Lynne Thompson** has graciously donated her home for our annual Christmas party; 5:30 pm Sunday Dec 7. Everyone is to bring an appetizer or dessert.
- **Joy Gibson** will be bringing a sign-up sheet next week for our weekend (Friday & Sat.) Salvation Army bell ringing starting after Thanksgiving. We encourage ALL our members to participate if possible for a 2 hour shift. Some of us will need to have 2 shifts.
- **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 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.



H.A.M.S.:

- **Chris Ecker** donated \$10 as he is working on a beer can replica "sculpture" his LCHS graduation class made 40 years ago. He had been saving cans for his 35th year reunion and then Covid hit. Also a wind storm in January destroyed the little shed he was keeping them in and he lost about 1/3 of his cans. Fortunately another classmate was saving them too. So now he is ready to display it at his 40th reunion soon. See attached photos above.
- **Martha Burns** gave a happy \$5 as most of her Las Vegas trip was wonderful. However her beloved Barry Manilow came down with bronchitis and couldn't perform. But her Texas Tenor friends comped her to their Friday sold out show and then she saw them again with her own tix the next night. They actually changed up the show some. One of the Tenors treated the fans to a movie, soda & popcorn in the Casino and then she and Tom also visited the new Sphere and saw the special affects for the movie "Wizard of Oz." Her Glendale friend who has since moved to Vegas joined her at the show. TTT actually used her home back in 2010 (which had a corral, stables and horses on the property) for their first musical DVD so they enjoyed seeing her again.
- **Evie Barley** gave a happy buck as her daughter and family were in Vegas too last weekend and missed Barry's show as well, but the Westgate let them come in and enjoy a movie of Barry performing.
- **Joy Gibson** gave a buck for lots of fun "sayings."
- **Lynne Thompson** gave \$10 for her wonderful remodeling guy Carlos, who introduced her to his mother. His mom invited her for lunch in her beautiful home in Glendale, which has lots of amazing paintings. She was born in Italy and she makes her tomato sauce from scratch. It was a 4-course meal using china plates.
- **Brian Hummel** gave a confused \$5. His alma mater Illinois #17 lost to Ohio State #1 so dropped out of the rankings. But he wasn't sure why USC moved up to #20.



Program/Speaker: Fire House Youth Center-Mary O'Keefe

The Firehouse is used as meeting center and safe house for local middle schoolers and teens is a mission of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, which was built in 1924-over 100 years ago. The old fire station 17, which is on church property is now used as the Youth Center, where they can do homework, play games or play the piano and other instruments in the music room. The Firehouse is open several nights per week to serve as a

safe place for teens to hang out, do homework and share fellowship. The Firehouse also serves a pancake breakfast once a week to middle schoolers who attend nearby Rosemont Middle School. This breakfast regularly serves over 100 students from 6:30-9am.

As a mission of St. Luke's of the Mountains, the Fire House has been able to reach kids that normally would not enter a church, or even a youth center. The youth center has been a place where kids feel safe, and the program helps kids who are in immediate need. The mentors at the Fire House have partnered with law enforcement, the fire department, Glendale school district, veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, and many more in the community on a variety of events. But the most important function of the Fire House is to be a place where kids can feel safe and not judged.

A girl scout several years ago started a project of "recycling" prom dresses and they have over 300 that can be borrowed by girls from various high schools in the area including La Canada & La Crescenta. They have recently started receiving tuxedos for the boys. The students help protect the property from graffiti and watch out for each other. There is also a "Cool Group" on Mondays to help the kids socialize & where they have dinner, movies, etc. The first and third Thursdays, there is a food bank open to the public at the church.

Thank you so much Mary for sharing passion with us. She and her friend Julie have helped to support the Youth Center with their time and money. We presented Mary a check for \$200 for the facility. A couple of years ago our club actually visited the site.

History

The stone building at 2563 Foothill Blvd. is part of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church but in 1924 it was LA County Fire Station 19, which is where we get our name from.

Fire House youth center began in 2009

We started the Fire House youth center to create a safe space for kids to just hang out with their friends.

Prior to COVID, we had about 70 to 100 high school aged students attend the Fire House on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. They did their homework, played board games, shot a game of pool and just hung out.

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Tutoring

We have had peer tutoring on Thursdays after school for middle school students. We will start the program up after winter break. We get our tutors from CV High School and they earn community service hours.

Outreach

We have a variety of outreach programs that are created at the request of the students that include art classes, poetry sessions and photography exhibits.

CVHS Academy of Science of Medicine and the JROTC use the Fire House for food drives.

Prom Plus and Prom Plus Club uses the Fire House for meetings

We have over 300 prom dresses that we loan out to students from all local high schools in Crescenta Valley, La Cañada Flintridge, Burbank, Glendale and Tujunga.



The Future

We want to continue to serve the youth population but would also like to reach out to all adults who may need a safe place to gather. We are working with therapists to create a caregivers group to support those who are helping loved ones.

We are working with CHP to hold their Smart Start driving education program.

We work with CV Cares to help educate youth and adult on drug addiction and support.



Support

Many of the Fire House students were skaters. They wanted a place to skate and worked with the County of LA to create, and design, the CV Skatepark.

We have lost several students due to car accidents, drug overdoses and death by suicide. The Fire House has been a place for them to come and get comfort. Comfort from their peers, and from caring adults.

The Fire House is a mission of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church and supports our youth. They have offered this safe place in this historic place for their community.