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LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

November 12, 2025

Pledge/Flag Salute:

11/19/25 – Rose Velasquez
 11/26/25 – DARK
 12/03/25 – Tom Petersmeyer
 12/10/25 – Carol Scheck
 12/17/25 – Peter Hultine

Inspiration:

11/19/25 – Evie Barley
 11/26/25 – DARK
 12/03/25 – Rosemary Hook
 12/10/25 – Chris Ecker
 12/17/25 – Martha Burns

Song Leader:

Brian Hummel

Pianist:

Marie Hyland

Programs/Speakers:

11/19/25 – City of LCF:
 Angela Cho
 11/26/25 – DARK
 12/03/25 – ?
 12/10/25 – LCE 5th/6th Grade
 Chorus, Barb Drange
 12/17/25 – Visit the LCF
 Tournament of Roses Float:
 Ernest Koeppen
 12/24/25 – DARK
 12/31/25 – DARK

Help us find Guest Speakers:

Please give name & contact
 info to Martha Burns or
 Cindy Bradford as they are
 our schedulers. Thank you.

Guest Speaker
Evie Barley



Service Project
**Snack Packs for
 Union Station
 Pasadena**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE –

We honor our Veterans and appreciate you today
 and every day!

Chuck Hughes	– Navy
Joy Gibson	– Air Force
Dick Barley	– Army
Joe Thompson	– Navy
Sean Crahan	– Army



TURKEYS FOR THE BAILEY CENTER – The food pantry makes the holiday brighter by providing their clients with a Thanksgiving meal. A special thanks to all our members that supported this optional project. *Evie Barley, Christie Crahan & Friends, Salli Dokko, Chris Ecker, Elaine Harada, Rosemary Hook, Chuck Hughes, Brian Hummel, Marie Hyland, Jack Labrie, Insook Park, and Rose Velasquez.* We collected \$1,250, so this donation will purchase 42 turkeys ... maybe more if the actual cost is lower than expected. Bailey Center is thrilled, and thanks you very much!



THANKSGIVING DAY RUN – The Community Center of LCF Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Mile Run is their biggest fundraiser of the year! As a sponsor, we can receive up to (8) FREE race entries. If you are interested, please let Cindy Bradford know by November 18th so she can coordinate the entries with the registration department.

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY - Our annual tradition to help the Salvation Army raise much needed funds. Volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts (10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6) at Ralphs in La Cañada on Fridays (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19). Join another club member OR bring a friend. Joy Gibson is handling sign-ups at meetings OR call him at 626-394-6845.



CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 5:30 p.m. –

A festive celebration at Lynne Thompsons home, everyone is asked to bring an appetizer. Sign Up sheet will be at meetings soon or RSVP to Lynne at 818-790-3682.

KIWANIS MID-YEAR SOUTH CONFERENCE – Saturday, January 31, 2026

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank.

An annual event that provides an opportunity for Kiwanians to share ideas, enhance leadership skills, and gain fresh insights to strengthen club and community impact. The tentative seminar list is attached ... who wants to go? Please let Cindy know.



Today's Meeting:

Attendance: 11 members in person, and 2 members on Zoom.

Guests: none

Welcome Back: Lynne Thompson

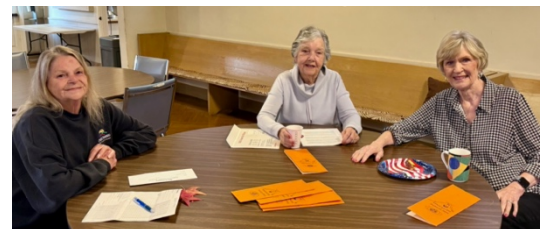
Birthdays/Anniversaries: none

Ribbon Cuttings: none

Hospitality: coffee, tea & pastries.

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

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



H.A.M.S.:

Christie Crahan (\$10) – Looking forward to taking the train to see her son for Thanksgiving!

Insook Park (\$10) – Thankful for family that came together to celebrate her husband's 76th Birthday!

Joy Gibson (\$1) – He shared a good joke about procrastination!

Brian Hummel (\$5) – He had fun at the Norton Simon Museums 50th year celebration, for free!



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2025-2026

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open

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open

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Insook Park

Club Board Meeting:

1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 a.m. (except on holidays, then 2nd Monday) in small room near Parish Hall. Quarterly it is an evening meeting at a board member's home.

Division 3 (DCM) Board

Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month @ 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St., Glendale.

Christie Crahan hopes that at least one club member will join her at this monthly meeting. **Insook Park** volunteered to attend the next one, thank you!

Weekly Meetings: Wednesdays @ 7:30-8:30 a.m.

In person - Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall), 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada, CA 91011

On Zoom - Meeting ID: 81544355138 Passcode: 505812

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZZz09>

Zoom Problems: If you get booted out just go to link & log back in.

KEY CLUB/BUILDERS CLUB MEETINGS (During School Year)

Clark Magnet HS Key Club -

even dated Wed @11:50am (room 1230) Bassam Abisaab

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

Franklin HS Key Club -

every other Tues. @ 12:15 pm (room 530) Davy Mauremann

Rosemont Builders Club -

1st Wed. @ 12:30 pm (multi-purpose room) Jessica Cole

St. Bede Builders Club -

3rd Thur. @ 12:15 pm (parish center) Patrice Fontes/Therese Louk

St. Francis HS Key Club - schedule varies, Patrick Davitt

Village Christian HS Key Club - schedule varies, Lilit Vartanian



St. Bede Builders Club -

Collected stuffed animals for Glendale Police Department, and Brian Hummel was there to support the great service project!

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
Keep Medicine of USC

PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION 11/18 @ 12-1 p.m.

Strategies to detect and prevent financial scams. Presented by Detective Patricia Gonzalez, Glendale Police Dept, Financial Crimes Unit. Verdugo Hills Hospital, 4th floor council rooms A & B (enter from hospital main entrance) 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale. To Register: call 818-952-2228. They will have box lunches for takeaway at the end of the talk for in-person attendees. Reservations for takeaway box lunches are required at least 48 hours in advance. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the talk will begin promptly at noon.

BANK OF AMERICA - Offers cardholders free general admission "during the first full weekend of every month" to cultural institutions across the US. Check out this link to review eligibility and terms prior to your visit. And a full list of participating institutions. THANK YOU, **ROSEMARY HOOK**, for sharing this opportunity with us today!

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/museums-on-us-find-locations-map>



Guest Speaker: **Evie Barley**

Early Years – On November 4, 1936, I made a grand entrance. My picture was on the front page of the local Marysville, CA newspaper. The reason being, I weighed 3 pounds 13 ounces and was the smallest baby born at that hospital. I was told at that time there were no incubators, and I was kept warm with hot water bottles. My parents had to leave me at the hospital for six weeks until I weighed enough to

go home. When I was 6 months old, we moved to southern California. My dad was a caterpillar tractor operator, and my mom was a stay-at-home mom. I am an only child. We lived in a 24-foot trailer house and moved around from job to job. In 1941 we moved to Oceanside, California. My dad took a job with a construction company grading streets at Camp Pendelton Marine Base as war was pending and the base was being enlarged. There I attended first, second and third grades. In school we had air raid drills. Instead of getting under desks we went outside and got in the ditches around the school and covered our heads. The coast of California was vulnerable by land and sea so at night all windows were covered with black shades and streetlights were blackened. We had ration books for food, gas & other necessities. Three years later we moved to Inglewood, CA where my dad took a job with a construction company grading the streets for homes in Westchester.

School Years - The rest of my school years were in Inglewood. When I was in Junior High School, my parents bought our first house. At Inglewood High School I played clarinet in the band, which included performing at football games, belonged to many service clubs and was in the Girls' Athletic Association. I played goalie in field hockey. I graduated with honors and was only absent from school one half day during all four years of high school.

I am proud to be a USC Trojan. I attended all the football games including the Rose Bowl game in January 1955 in pouring down rain. It never rains on January 1st. While at USC I belonged to Alpha Delta Pi sorority. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. For graduation my parents bought me a 1957 T- Bird, white with black interior. I paid my parents back when I started teaching. My first job was with Los Unified School District teaching fourth grade in Westchester. There was only one teacher for each grade. LAX bought the property to expand so I was transferred to Cowan Avenue School which was on the hill above Hughes Aircraft.

Dick – While teaching at Cowan Avenue School, I was introduced to Dick by a sorority sister while attending a single young adult group which met on Sunday evenings at Westwood Methodist Church near UCLA. There were over 100 singles on the mailing list, most were from the Midwest seeking jobs in sunny California. Ten of them attended Dick's memorial service. We were married on June 23, 1962 (63 years ago) at the Inglewood, Methodist Church and lived in an apartment in Mar Vista. We eventually bought the house next door to my parents in Inglewood. I retired from teaching in 1965, when our daughter Karen was born. Two years later, daughter Kristen joined our family.

La Canada - The La Canada School district brought us to La Canada when Karen & Kristen were in third & first grades and Dick & I have lived in the same house for 53 years. When our girls were in elementary school **Marie Hyland** taught them piano lessons through high school. I joined the PTA, was a girl scout leader for both girls' troops. This is where I first met **Rosemary Hook**. I went on all the encampments and eventually became the Community Association Chairman of all 22 troops. This included planning and being responsible for 2 yearly campouts for all 22 troops first through 12th grade. When our girls were in elementary school **Marie Hyland** taught them piano lessons through high school. We met **Joe & Lynn Thompson** when Laurie & Karen were high school classmates and **Chris Echer** when Kristen and Chris were high school classmates.

Our older daughter Karen attended USC, majoring in Finance. She met her husband John Finnerty when both were working in Glendale at Heller Financial. They live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Their son Bill is married to Caroline. They presented Dick & I with a great-granddaughter named Madison, now 10 months old. They live in Grapevine, Tex. Our granddaughter Kaitlyn is an OT and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Younger daughter Kristen attended UCLA majoring in economics and USC with a Master's Degree in accounting. She is a CPA. She met her husband Mark Mc Kinney while at UCLA and they live in Tampa, Florida. They have two daughters; Jenna graduated from University of Chicago playing four years of soccer. She now lives and works in Orlando, Florida. Kallie is attending Rice University in Houston getting a Master's Degree in business while finishing her fourth year of soccer. After the girls graduated from high school, I went back to teaching in Granada Hills. This time I taught second grade. At El Oro Way Elementary I was a training teacher and supervised nine student teachers attending Cal State Northridge. I also had the opportunity to attend a weeklong science program for teachers given by JPL. The culmination was a trip to Kennedy Space Center to watch a space shuttle launch, sadly the launch was aborted at minus 10 seconds. Dick and I did get to go to Lancaster to see the spacecraft land. I retired in 1997 after teaching a total of 20 years for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Dick & I enjoyed going on outings with a T-Bird club. The first outing was to Yosemite, and I was overwhelmed on seeing 50 T-Birds in one place. We went on several cruises together our favorite was to the Baltic. One week a year in November for 10 years we would go to our timeshare in Cabo San Lucas. Fortunately, we sold it in January just before Covid.

Volunteer Service & Activities

I joined the Assistance League in 1983, now called Action League of the Foothills. I am currently a member of CAP, an affiliate which meets at night, and was the chairman from 2004-2005.

I volunteered at Verdugo Hills Hospital for 20 years until Covid, then retired.

I have been playing bridge with a group of 8 for over 20 years and play with another four.

I am in a Book Club as well as a bible study group.

I am the philanthropic chairman of Chapter OM of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) who provide scholarships to high school senior women and older pursuing their education goals.

Now I am a Kiwanian.

Evie ... we have always enjoyed your participation with Dick, and we are thrilled that you are an official member of our club. You are cheerful, caring, and a dear friend!



Service Project: Snack Packs for Union Station Pasadena

We made 120 snack packs for Union Station in Pasadena, our first time doing this for that organization. Each bag had water, gardetto's snack mix, austin cheese crackers, nature valley granola bars, fruit snacks & candy. The street outreach will give these to homeless people they encounter on the streets; it is a nice way to approach someone to assess the need for assistance.

A special thanks to **Insook Park** for delivering the boxes of snack packs for us today.