



# Kiwaniis®

LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

November 5, 2025

## Pledge/Flag Salute:

11/12/25 –Salli Dokko  
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:

11/12/25 – Insook Park  
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:

11/12/25 – Craft Talk: Evie Barley & Project: Snack Packs for Union Station  
11/19/25 – City of LCF: Angela Cho  
11/26/25 – DARK  
12/03/25 – ?  
12/10/25 – LCE 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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

**Victor Bustillos – Marine Veteran  
American Legion Post 288**



**In a show of community spirit and gratitude, our club donated \$5,275 to the American Legion Post 288!**

This contribution will go directly toward funding a facility upgrade to their Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall in La Crescenta.

**Fly a Flag** was a project our club did many years ago to raise money earmarked for Veterans. We sold flags and flag poles that we delivered & set up in people's yards. Over the years we used some of the money to support a food pantry and host Christmas parties at Veterans Village in Glendale. We gave all remaining funds from the project to American Legion Post 288!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE –

We honor our Veterans for your bravery, strength, and selfless service. We appreciate you today and every day!



<b>Chuck Hughes</b>	–	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Joy Gibson</b>	–	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Dick Barley</b>	–	<b>Army</b>
<b>Joe Thompson</b>	–	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Sean Crahan</b>	–	<b>Army</b>

**HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM** – The City of La Cañada displays banners on the city light posts as a tribute to our brave residents who have served or continue to serve our country. Each banner features the service member's name, rank, photograph and branch of service. Chuck Hughes, Dick Barley, and Joe Thompson have banners on display. **Our guest speaker on 11/19/25, Angela Cho, will discuss this program and how to apply.**



**TURKEYS FOR THE BAILEY CENTER** - The food pantry makes the holiday brighter by providing their clients with a Thanksgiving meal. **Optional Opportunity** - If you want to give a donation to help them purchase Turkeys, amount is \$30 per turkey. **DEADLINE** to sign up is this **FRIDAY, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will bill your **Kiwanis account**. RSVP to Cindy - [cindyb4@me.com](mailto:cindyb4@me.com)

**SAN ANTONIO WINERY TOUR – POSTPONED.** We will re-schedule this outing.

**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 to volunteer.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

#### Today's Meeting:

**Attendance:** 12 members and 5 guests in person, and 2 members on Zoom.

**Guests:** **Victor Bustillos** (guest speaker), Miryam & Lou Finkelberg, Kathy Duarte, Gale Chernick

**Welcome Back:** **Evie Barley, Sally Dokko**

**Birthdays:** **Evie Barley** – Nov. 4, **Carol Scheck** – Nov. 7, **Chuck Johnson** – Nov. 10

**Anniversaries:** none

**Ribbon Cuttings:** none

**Hospitality:** **Insook Park & Cindy Bradford** – thank you for the coffee, tea & pastries.

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

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

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

**Martha Burns (\$10)** – Her husbands unexpected illness sent him to the hospital and canceled their trip out of town. Thankfully it is not serious, and as soon as he is feeling better, they will reschedule their trip.

**Rosemary Hook (\$18)** – She was a bit overwhelmed to have to watch the USC game AND Dodger game at the same time, but it was worth it because BOTH TEAMS WON! Her donation is tribute to the Dodgers!

**Chuck Hughes (\$5)** – Family in San Diego had a lot of Halloween candy leftover so he delivered it to the Bailey Center. He is also thrilled that Victor Bustillos is our guest speaker today!

**Marie Hyland (\$10)** – She is excited to go to Disneyland with two of her grandkids next week, even though she will have to miss our Kiwanis meeting next week. Have FUN Marie!

**Joy Gibson (\$1)** – He delighted us with his weekly joke ... funny!

**Miryam Finkelberg (\$5)** – Happy that four Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos members joined us as an Inter-club. She invited us to their upcoming BINGO event on 11/15/25, see flyer attached for details.



**We enjoyed having an Inter-Club with members from the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos!**





### Club Website:

**[www.LCFKiwanisAM.org](http://www.LCFKiwanisAM.org)**

### Club Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1255, LCF, CA 91012

### Club Laptop Email:

LCLKiwanisAM@outlook.com

### 2025-2026

### Officers/Directors

#### President

Christie Crahan

#### President Elect

open

#### Vice-President

open

#### Treasurer

Martha Burns

#### Secretary

Rosemary Hook

#### Asst. Secretary

Cindy Bradford

#### Immediate Past President

Chris Ecker

#### Membership

Barbie Eland

#### Communication

Brian Hummel

#### SLP

Elaine Harada

#### Care & Concern

Insook Park

### Club Board Meeting:

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

**Division 3 (DCM) Board Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @ 5:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St., Glendale.

**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=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMZz09>

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. @ 12:30 pm (multi-purpose room) Jessica Cole

St. Bede Builders Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**USC** Verdugo Hills Hospital  
Keck 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.





**Program/Speaker:**

**Victor Bustillos**

**Commander of American Legion Post 288**

Victor gave a very interesting presentation on the history of American Legion, and the many accomplishments. American Legion is the largest Veterans organization with 1.6 million members, and 12,000 posts world-wide.

The American Legion's mission is to enhance the well-being of American's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities through advocacy, outreach, and providing support services. They focus on strengthening communities and promoting patriotism through youth education, mentoring programs, and community engagement. The organization also pays respect to the sacrifices of military members, both past and present, ensuring they are not forgotten.

**American Legion Post 288** is Crescenta Valley's oldest Veterans service organization, chartered on April 9, 1924.

**Local Community Support:**

- They serve a free **Veterans Breakfast** at 8:00-10:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Avenue, La Crescenta, CA 91214.
- Conduct Memorial Day of Remembrance community program at Two Strike Park.
- Conduct Veterans Day community program at Two Strike Park.
- Support Scouts BSA Verdugo Hills Council.
- Charter Scouts BSA Troop 288-Boys, Troop 288-Girls, Venture Crew 288, and Cub PACK 360.
- Support California Junior Scholarship Federation at Rosemont Middle School.
- Support the American Legion Department of CA Boys State.
- Host St. Patrick's Day fundraiser to benefit youth in the community.
- Sponsor Armed Forces Day Tribute Car Show at CV Park.
- Host Community BINGO fundraiser to benefit Veterans in need.
- Host Christmas party and Toy Drive.
- Assist Veterans seeking VA Benefits or Military Records.
- Assist Veterans with financial needs.
- Host monthly Veterans information booth at Montrose Harvest Market.
- Support "Not on our Watch" Veterans Suicide Prevention campaign.
- Support Operation Gratitude program for Veterans.
- Support Veterans Educational Assistance fund.
- Support active-duty military personnel.
- Participate in the Crescenta Valley Town Council Pancake Breakfast.
- Support St. Luke's of the Mountain Church - Prom Plus, and Firehouse Youth Center.
- Support CVHS Air Force JROTC Unit 882.
- Participate in Lincoln Elementary School Veterans Day program.
- Provide community Color Guard, Flag Folding, and Honor Guard services.
- Provide community Flag Retirement program.
- Service and maintain the Flood Memorial and Vietnam War Memorial.
- Host recognition of Police, Sheriff and Fire Department First Responders.
- Support CV Chamber of Commerce, Crescenta Valley Town Council, Crescenta Valley Fireworks Show.
- Participate in La Canada Fiesta Days Memorial Day Parade.
- Participate in National Night Out at CV Sherriff Station.
- Participate in the 9/11 Crescenta Valley Remembrance Motorcade.
- Participate in the Montrose Oktoberfest and Christmas Parade.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 288 DOES SO MUCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY ... THANK YOU!**