

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

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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 Rose Float Ernest Koeppen



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

12/24/25 – DARK (Merry Christmas)

12/31/25 – DARK (Happy New Year)

01/07/26 – Chuck Hughes

01/14/26 – Christie Crahan

Inspiration:

12/24/25 – DARK (Merry Christmas)

12/31/25 – DARK (Happy New Year)

01/07/26 – Barbie Eland

01/14/26 – Marie Hyland

Song Leader & Pianist:

12/24/25 – DARK (Merry Christmas)

12/31/25 – DARK (Happy New Year)

01/07/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

01/14/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland



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 (once a quarter held at a board member's home)

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

- **Clark Magnet HS Key Club** – even dated Wed @11:50am (room 1230 with Bassam Abisaab)
- **Crescenta Valley HS Key Club** – every other Wed. @ 12:50 pm (north gym) with Saul Sheridan
- **Franklin HS Key Club** - every other Tues. @ 12:15 pm (room 530) with Davy Mauremann
- **St. Francis HS Key Club** – schedule varies, with Patrick Davitt
- **Village Christian HS Key Club** – schedule varies, with Lilit Vartanian
- **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:

12/24/25 – DARK (Merry Christmas)

12/31/25 – DARK (Happy New Year)

01/07/26 – ?

01/14/26 – City of La Cañada – Angela Cho

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

Guests: Speaker **Ernest Koeppen** and return visitor **Linda Rowland**

Welcome Back: Marie Hyland

Birthdays: Martha Burns & Pete Hultine, both on Dec. 19, Salli Dokko on Dec 25 – Christmas Day! Rosemary Hook, Dec. 27, Barbie Eland, Dec. 30 & Chuck Hughes Jan. 4. We sang our birthday song loud and long.

Anniversaries: Martha & Tom Burns, Dec. 21 – 52 years! More singing.

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on January 7 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 **Marie Hyland** with a certificate naming her "Kiwanian of the Month" for always being so happy and such an accomplished pianist. We so enjoy her music ability.
- We were very surprised to walk into our meeting room today and see the stage and floor area decorated so beautifully with all these gorgeous artificial trees. We felt we were in a true winter wonderland.
- 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 2 weeks our program is: DARK

Kiwanis Announcements:

Other Announcements:

- **Brian Hummel** gave the inspiration and we honored former member Don Hingst, who always recited the Bible passage Luke:2 (The birth of Jesus) on the last Wednesday meeting before Christmas.
- 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.:

- **Christie Crahan** gave two \$10 happy bucks. She went to the rehearsal of St. Bede's concert and also attended the choral concert at All Saints Episcopal in Pasadena. She also attended Chanticleer at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Monday. She had real problems trying to buy tickets thru legitimate websites. Beware. She was also happy that Marie was recognized for her talents on the piano. What would we do without her.
- **Lynne Thompson** gave a mixed happy/sad \$20. She thanked Evie for driving her to the airport for a flight in the early morning from LA to Atlanta. Unfortunately, there were issues, including waiting for flight attendants to show up and the plane finally left at 7pm! She arrived at 3am! She visited her son Greg (who is 6'4") & his family. He was recovering from foot surgery and using crutches and a scooter.
- **Brian Hummel** gave \$5 for Marie too as she always is giving hugs and enjoying life. He also announced he needs someone to sub for him on his morning food run Dec. 27. Any takers?
- **Martha Burns** gave ten happy dollars as she enjoyed The Texas Tenors Christmas concert in Rancho Mirage with the symphony. She also attended the Nethercutt Collection's organ/piano concert too. Most songs were Christmas oriented, but a special guest singer was there too-Mandy West, who is Disney song writer Richard Sherman's granddaughter. She sang beautifully many of the songs he wrote.
- **Marie Hyland** gave \$10 as he house is decorated for Christmas. She has 2 trees-one artificial and one real-a bit short with a tilting top. Marie also read a funny story titled "Ouch" that her husband Bill often told. It was about a couple who wanted a baby and you will have to ask her to share it.



***Program/Speaker:* LCF Rose Float Visit-Ernest Koeppen**

A few of the members met at the LCF float site at the Valley Water Co lot and Ernest shared his expertise and humor with us about the building of this year's LCF float titled "Goin' Nuts"

We presented Ernest with a \$300 check from our club for the organization. He says it takes about \$100,000 to build our LCF float each year & we often win awards. Fortunately they are able to oftentimes reuse items from previous years. We saw where the two drivers sit to handle the drive to the float site as well as during the parade. One driver only looks at the middle yellow line in the street to keep the float centered correctly. Ernest is still trying to get permission to use the 210 freeway which is only 1.5 miles versus all the side streets now that are about 9 miles and takes 5 hours.

Thank you Ernest for such an informative conversation. We learned a lot and are looking forward to the January 1 parade.