



Kiwanis®

LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

December 10, 2025

Pledge/Flag Salute:

12/17/25 - Peter Hultine
12/24/25 - DARK
12/31/25 - DARK
01/07/26 - Chuck Hughes
01/14/26 - Christie Crahan
01/21/26 - Joy Gibson
01/28/26 - Chris Ecker

Inspiration:

12/17/25 - Martha Burns
12/24/25 - DARK
12/31/25 - DARK
01/07/26 - Barbie Eland
01/14/26 - Marie Hyland
01/21/26 - Rose Velasquez
01/28/26 - Tom Petersmeyer

Song Leader:

Brian Hummel

Pianist:

Marie Hyland

Programs/Speakers:

12/17/25 - 7:30am @ church
for a quick meeting, then we
will leave @ 8:00am and go to
visit the LCF Tournament of
Roses Float: Ernest Koeppen

12/24/25 - DARK

12/31/25 - DARK

01/07/26 -

01/14/26 - City of LCF:
Angela Cho

01/21/26 - Service Project:
Snack Packs/Friends In Deed

01/28/26 -

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

LCE 5th/6th Grade Chorus - Barb Drange



Lion's Pride Chorus:

5th and 6th grade students can sign up to participate in the La Cañada Elementary's Lion Pride Chorus. Students sign throughout the year in rehearsals and performances.

Our favorite program of the year, these students bring an abundance of holiday cheer!



Barb's husband and two sisters
came today!



The students were thrilled
when we gave them 2 big
tubs of licorice, our tradition!



Martha Burns introduced the La Canada Elementary Choral director, Barb Drange. This was an emotional performance for her and us. First, her parents, Don & Shirley Hingst, were founding members of our Kiwanis Club back in January 1993. And beloved not only by our club, but the entire community. Her dad was a longtime very popular principal at LCE and then transferred to Palm Crest elementary when it reopened. For years they both played Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus for the Chambers' Festival in Lights. And they hosted many summer Kiwanis parties at their lovely home.

Mrs. Drange, as students know her, has been teaching for 38 years - 35 of them at LCE. She taught grades 1-5, but more recently 5th grade. Former 5th grade teacher & choral director, Mr. Beemer, asked Barb to carry the LCE Lions Pride torch for him, when he retired in 2001. And here we are almost 25 years later, and she now is hopefully passing the torch to someone new.

Mrs. Drange has 3 children of her own-Shirley, Kelsey and Harley and 4 wonderful grandchildren. Of course, over the years she has had hundreds of "classroom children." Sadly, for all of us, including future students, she will be retiring at the end of this school year, and hopefully having the chance to relax, travel, and enjoy her extended family & friends.

Our club so appreciates the effort it takes to bring her entire choral group to our club meeting every year at Christmas time, and even often in the spring. We always look forward to this special day!

We can't thank you enough Barb for sharing your love of music and children with our club over all these years. We hope she will visit us at our Kiwanis meetings when time permits!



Christmas Party – A very special thank you to **Lynne Thompson** for hosting our annual party, it was festive and fun ... a wonderful way to get us in the holiday spirit! Our pianist, **Marie Hyland**, and our song leader, **Brian Hummel**, led us in singing Christmas songs! It is always a nice evening to spend together, thank you to everyone that attended. **Happy Holidays!**





Bell Ringing for Salvation Army - Our annual tradition to help the Salvation Army raise much needed funds. Visit us at Ralphs La Cañada on Friday's from 10am-6pm. A special thanks to our club members that participate, and **Joy Gibson** for leading us in this service project!



Scholarships - Our 2026 scholarship program has begun; we sent the application forms to (5) high schools to share with students and posted them on our club website. If you know seniors at Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Franklin, St. Francis or Village Christian High Schools ... feel free to share these applications with them. Submission deadline is February 18, 2026. Our annual scholarship dinner is on April 22, 2026. See forms attached, and here is the link to our webpage.

<https://k14130.site.kiwanis.org/what-we-do/academic-scholarships/>



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, we need to register soon.

FOOD RUN Volunteers – The holiday season usually brings some changes to our food run schedule.

- Ralphs La Cañada – closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day, no food pick-up on those days.
- Ralphs La Crescenta – never closed.
- Golden Donut Place – closed on Dec. 19-31st, no donut pick-up during that period.
- Bailey Center – closed on Dec. 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31 and Jan. 4 ... deliver to alternate location.
- Salvation Army – never closed.
- Friends In Deed – closed on Dec. 27th, deliver to alternate location.



Bailey Center – In addition to delivering donated food to this food pantry (3) days per week, we also buy \$300 of food for them every other month. This month, their request is for mac-n-cheese so we have ordered 300 boxes from Ralphs ... and will deliver to the Bailey Center.



Community Contribution Program If you shop at Ralphs, join this free program to help our club earn money from the company! Invite family & friends to join in any area. See flyer.

Today's Meeting:

Attendance: 10 members and 80 guests in person, 4 members on Zoom.

Guests: Barb Drange, her husband & 2 sisters plus 72 students (and a few parents)

Welcome Back: none

Birthdays: **Chris Ecker** – Dec. 10th (we hope he heard us sing to him in Germany)

Anniversaries: none

Ribbon Cuttings: none

Hospitality: Coffee, tea & pastries.

Zoom Operators: Brian Hummel

Newsletter Editor/Photos/Website: Martha Burns, Cindy Bradford

H.A.M.S.:

Martha Burns (\$5) – She had so much fun taking Marie Hyland to see the Nutcracker. Happy to be heading to Palm Desert today to meet up with friends and see the Texas Tenors perform.

Lynne Thompson (\$10) – She loved hosting our Christmas party, and she is excited to go to Georgia tomorrow to see family for a few days.

Joy Gibson (\$1) – A funny joke about a hospital employee learning what "code brown" means. ☺

Brian Hummel (\$10) – In appreciation for our Christmas party, and especially the tradition of singing the "12 Days of Christmas" among several other holiday songs! Brian needs someone to do his food run on Saturday, Dec. 27th, if you can do it, please let him know.

Christie Crahan (\$10) – She was sad to miss our Christmas party, but she was happy that she was at her granddaughter's 1st ballet recital. She was adorable dancing in the "Reindeer Romp" group.

Chuck Hughes (\$5) – He was the last Bell Ringing shift last Friday, but nobody showed up to pick up the bucket of donations. So, he took it home and was happily greeted by Salvation Army staff when he delivered the bucket to them on Monday morning! OOPS, miscommunication with Salvation Army volunteers.





Ideals of Christmas

The season's magic is about connection, gratitude, and kindness ... not gifts!

Love & Connection: Christmas is about loving others, being with family, and sharing blessings ... the presence of loved ones is the greatest gift!

Peace & Goodwill: It's a time to foster peace, see the best in people, and extend kindness!

Hope & Reflection: A chance for renewed hope, reflecting on the past, and appreciating the beauty in small things!

A State of Mind: Christmas is a feeling, a spirit, or a state of mind, not just a date on the calendar.

Everyone is encouraged to open your hearts, cherish simple joys, and share blessings with others to spread true holiday spirit.

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2025-2026

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open

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open

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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. Club members are always welcome to attend. **The next one is on Monday, Jan. 5th @ 6:30p.m.**

Division 3 (DCM) Board Meeting: 3rd 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 -

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 Vartani