

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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CRAFT TALK Salli Dokko



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

02/11/26 – Insook Park

02/18/26 – Brian Hummel

02/25/26 – Susan Johnson

03/04/26 – Evie Barley

Inspiration:

02/11/26 – Salli Dokko

02/18/26 – Lynne Thompson

02/25/26 – Chuck Johnson

03/04/26 – Peter Hultine

Song Leader & Pianist:

02/11/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

02/18/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

02/25/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

03/04/26 – 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:

02/11/26 – City of LCF-Angela Cho

02/18/26 – Service Project: Snack Packs for Ascencia

02/25/26 – La Cañada High School Brass Quartet

03/04/26 –

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: 11 members in person and 0 guests, and 1 member on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: None

Welcome Back: Salli Dokko

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on February 11 at 8:00 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:

- **Remember our meetings are starting at 8:00am and NO LONGER at 7:30am.** You can sleep in an extra 30 minutes.
- **The Super Bowl Pool** sheet will be attached to this newsletter, so you can follow the outcome during the big game, whether you are at home or Lynne's house.
- **Scholarship Committee** meeting will be Feb. 25 at 2pm. We need to discuss dinner menu, decorations etc. for our April evening meeting.
- **San Antonio Winery Tour** on Friday, Feb. 13th – We will meet at the church parking lot at 10:15 am, the tour starts at 11am. Go behind the scenes at the winery and learn about the 100-year Riboli family history of winemaking. After the 30-minute tour, we can walk through the amazing gift shop and then enjoy lunch at nearby Phillipe's OR at Maddalena restaurant at the winery. Sign up at meetings OR contact Martha Burns to RSVP. All are welcome, and this is a great opportunity to invite a friend!
- Once a quarter, our monthly board meetings will be an evening dessert at a board member's home on the first Monday of the month. Otherwise at the small meeting room at the Church at 7:30 a.m.
- We need officers for Programs and Interclubs & a director for Community Service.

Kiwanis Announcements:

Cindy Bradford said we will be making snack packs for Ascencia during our meeting on Feb. 18. If you are willing to be the shopper, let Cindy know (she will give you a suggested list and you will be reimbursed). If you are willing to deliver the snack packs to Ascencia, also let Cindy know.

Christie Crahan plans to attend the Governors luncheon on March 8th @ 12:30, Elks Club. She will deliver our Welcome Home Basket for Home Again LA (Division 3 service project) at the luncheon. Insook Park has agreed to do the shopping. The program supports unhoused families who have lived in their shelter or motel program and are transitioning into permanent housing. A wonderful project.

Martha Burns said that when member **Bob Burlison** wrote her to select a bunch of Super Bowl Squares for him, he also brought up about the long ago offer he made (I think before

Covid) that 3 couples could have a wonderful afternoon on the lake in Thousand Oaks where Bob and Lynda live including lunch if each couple donated \$150 to Kiwanis Foundation. Over time, it just didn't happen, as dates could never get coordinated. So Bob is asking again. Sadly of course Joe is no longer here, and Barbie says another couple can go in her place, as she is busy caring for Dennis. So let us know if anyone else wants to go and it's \$75 donation to Fdn. Martha & Tom can drive at least 3 others with them if a new date can be figured out among us all.

Other Announcements:

- 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** us a very happy \$5 as he is going hiking in Death Valley with his girlfriend for her birthday celebration. She now catches up to Chris at age 60!
- **Barbie Eland** also gave a happy \$5 cause she picked up Marie Hyland today and met her son's friend Steve who was visiting. A very nice young man.
- **Marie Hyland** donated \$10 as she is so fortunate to have members/friends like Barbie and Lynne who plan on picking her up and taking her home to and from the meetings. I think all of us appreciate that as we would certainly miss her cheery disposition and fabulous piano playing. She also mentioned that Joy's wife is an excellent piano player too. Maybe Barbara would come and play for us to some Wed. Or better yet, they both plan a little concert as our "program" for the day???
- **Martha Burns** gave a happy \$5 as the two members of the noon Kiwanis that were at our meeting last week really complimented her about how fun our club is and what a great group we are.
- **Lynne Thompson** gave a very happy \$5 - three times (total of \$15) 1. Chris Ecker came to her rescue when one of her outdoor shutters was falling apart right before she was hosting a party at her house. He did such a good job that now the other shutter doesn't look as good! 2. A huge thank you to Barbie Eland who has helped her take thousands of pennies and other coins the to the bank. Joe had 4 five-gallon cans of coins he collected. So Lynne is rich now! 😊 3. She enjoyed the gender reveal party for the expected great grandchild and announced "it's a GIRL!"

- **Jack Labrie** (on Zoom) told us he is keeping busy with all the activities at the senior center he lives at now-playing lots of games and enjoying life. The food is delicious and he loves all the meals they provide.

Program/Speakers: Craft Talk-Salli Dakko

Salli was born Dec. 25 in Korea and has an older sister, adopted brother, and she is the "baby." Her favorite tradition is called "Chuseok," which is like our Thanksgiving and occurs in late August involving family gatherings and ancestor celebration. Her whole extended family would go out into the country area of Korea and celebrate.

As a youngster she loved listening to the radio or watching early TV. In education her area of study was similar to home economics, where she studied sewing & cooking and learned about nutrition.

She met her Korean husband in America after she came here in 1976 and they first settled in Iowa City and has wonderful memories there. She has 5 children-3 boys and 2 girls, and now 3 grandchildren. Her pets are two bunny rabbits. She moved to Altadena from Iowa to their first house, as her husband worked for JPL. When expecting her 3rd child, they moved to LCF for the public schools and a larger home. Next year will be their 50th wedding anniversary.

She likes camping - especially at Yosemite and enjoys singing and music. When Barbie asked her what is the most important lesson in life so far, her response was "Patience." And that results in less stress. What makes her most happy is her second son, who causes her to laugh all the time, and she thinks he should be a comedian on late night TV. When her husband retired, he became a minister and she now helps often with their church. As a side note, her favorite movies are "Gone with the Wind, Sound of Music and Forest Gump." I think all of us agree those 3 are great!

Thank you Salli for sharing your stories and giving us a quick background of your wonderful life so far. We are happy you have joined our club.