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# KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM March 4, 2026

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## 2025-2026 Officers

### President

Christie Crahan

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Cindy Bradford

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

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Wednesdays at 7:30 am  
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1700 Foothill Boulevard  
La Cañada, CA 91011

## Brian Hummel "Craft Talk"



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## NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

*Pledge/Flag Salutes:*

03/11/26 – Rosemary Hook

03/18/26 – Chuck Hughes

03/25/26 – Chris Ecker

04/01/26 – Marie Hyland

*Inspiration:*

03/11/26 – Christie Crahan

03/18/26 – Barbie Eland

03/25/26 – Martha Burns

04/01/26 – Rosemary Hook

*Song Leader & Pianist:*

03/11/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

03/18/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

03/25/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

04/01/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland



**Zoom Problems: If you get booted out just go to**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544355138?pwd=eDBvZmhMcng5NGV6dXBGQVN0NGhMz09>  
and log back on.

**Calendar of Events:**

**Club Board Meeting**-7:30 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month (except on holidays then 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. @ 12:30 pm (multi-purpose room) with Jessica Cole
- **St. Bede Builders Club** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. @ 12:15 pm (parish center) with Patrice Fontes & Therese Louk

**Programs/Speakers:**

**03/11/26** – Glendale Salvation Army - Captain Markham

**03/18/26** – Service Project: Snack Packs & Laundry Kits for Ronald McDonald House

**03/16/26** – DCM Division 3 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Elks Club

**03/25/26** – Ronald McDonald House - Madelyn Hernandez

**04/01/26** –

**04/06/26** – Club Board Meeting at Christie's house at 6:30 pm.

**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 2 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

**Guests:** None

**Welcome Back:** None

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:** None

**Ribbon Cuttings:** None

**NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on March 11 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](http://www.lcfkiwanisam.org) Remember speakers can join us on Zoom, so anyone far or near might be good candidates.

**President's Announcements:**

- **Christie Crahan** sang the "Inspiration" today. How unique was that? She also said that the **board decided to permanently move our meeting start time back to 7:30 am.**
- **Christie** announced that our board voted to help fund our Key Club Lt. Gov. when she goes to convention.
- April 22 is our Scholarship Dinner at 6pm at the Parish Hall. There will be signups next week for "jobs" to do for the event. Christie was able to get a girl scout troop to give the pledge etc.
- **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** did the shopping for the basket. The program supports unhoused families who have lived in their shelter or motel program and are transitioning into permanent housing. A wonderful project.
- **Marie Hyland** as the club's recipient of the "Distinguished Service Award" will attend the Gov. Luncheon event with Christie, and Insook Park is going to attend the event as well with Christie. Rosemary Hook is a "maybe."
- Our French Toast Breakfast is Sat. May 23, and Cindy Bradford has already started soliciting donations and designed the flyer. The motto is "America 250 - Red, White & Blue."
- 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:***

- Congratulations to **Chuck Hughes** for being selected by the noon Kiwanis for the "Community Service Award" as also he will be attending the Governor's Installation Luncheon along with Christie, Marie & Insook this Sunday.

### ***Other Announcements:***

- "La Cañadan of the Year" is Thursday, March 26 at 11:30am at the Presbyterian Church Parish Hall. Retiring LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette is the honoree.
- 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](http://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 \$10 as she is so happy Marie Hyland is going to be honored with our DSA on Sunday at the Div. 3 Installation.

**Marie Hyland** gave \$10 as she was a bit confused about her trash bill as certain things are NOT allowed to put in the trash cans. But she is very excited about attending the event on Sunday.

**Martha Burns** gave happy & sad bucks totaling \$10. She was happy that she finally resolved the Kiwanis PO Box issue, when they mistakenly charged us a \$27 late fee and an additional \$4 & closed our box, for supposedly lack of payment. She handed the envelope to the gal in the post office well before the expiration date, and I guess the gal put it somewhere in a pile and it never got opened until mid Feb. The date of her check was correct and she told them to look at their surveillance camera if they doubted her! She is also happy as her widowed niece is getting married on the big island of Hawaii on Thanksgiving, and she is paying for her guests' airfare and hotel! Martha's sad part tho is that her son had to put down their 16year old dog on Monday. Her grandsons, ages 17 & 19 were brokenhearted, but knew it was necessary. Always a tough thing to do, but how lucky to have her in their growing up years so long. Martha loved dog-sitting her.

**Joy Gibson** gave his usual funny story for \$1.

**Chris Ecker** gave \$5 as he missed our meeting last week. Hope this doesn't affect his perfect attendance record! He was really sick and thinks it was food poisoning. He slept for 32 hours and had chills and a fever. Glad to see him back in full swing.

**Evie Barley** gave \$10 as her daughter from Florida is flying in to visit her. No other family members, so she is thrilled to see her with some one-on-one time.

**Lynne Thompson** gave \$2 for her 2 grandsons, whom she was gifting some money to, but got a little nervous as it had yet been received by them in the mail. But she was tracking it all and finally got the notice they had received it. Lucky grandsons. One is finishing his education at a pharmaceutical tech place and another has just moved to NYC.

***Program/Speakers: Brian Hummel "Craft Talk"***

Brian talked about how he ended up in La Cañada. He mentioned three cities that were key places in his life, which included Zion, Illinois, Santa Clara, California, and San Luis Obispo, California.

His mother was born in Zion Illinois, which started out as a theocracy city of God and she went to church there, and also a camp Zion in Wisconsin. Brian attended high school in Zion at the same high school his mother attended.

Santa Clara came into the picture, specifically Park Court, as that is where his mom and dad met. His mom was visiting her uncle and aunt to escape seasonal allergies. His dad was home from the Navy with his parents, who lived next-door. They met over the backyard fence. On the other side of his dad's place were neighbors, whom Brian contacted after deciding to go to law school at Santa Clara. They referred him to a lady across the street on Park Court who rented out her garage to a male law student & he was fortunate it was vacant and rented it for \$80 per month. Mrs. Saunders also rented out a room in her house to a female grad student. That is what he told Moira the night that they met her during her first day of Law School. He ended up getting her phone number and having her join his orientation group.

Moira grew up in La Cañada. After Brian & she were married, they moved to Long Beach, then Huntington Harbour, & finally La Cañada in 1988. Daughter Jessica married Noah Stamm, whom she met while attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Ironically Brian was born in San Luis Obispo, when his dad was going there in 1958. Jessica has a son Bryden and a daughter Noelle, and they live in La Crescenta.

Son Joe is married to Tori and has two daughters and is finishing up two years in the Netherlands. They will be returning to Escondido at the beginning of July. Daughter Becky is a lawyer who recently moved to San Luis Obispo.

Brian's parents are buried in Los Osos, which is next to San Luis Obispo.

Thank you Brian for sharing important parts of your life with us all. Always fascinating to know how people discover our wonderful little town.