
KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

April 1, 2026



2025-2026 Officers

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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 Trails Council Tom Reynolds



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

04/08/26 – Barbie Eland

04/15/26 – Chuck Johnson

04/22/26 – Girl Scouts

04/29/26 – Jack Labrie

Inspiration:

04/08/26 – Rose Velasquez

04/15/26 – Susan Johnson

04/22/26 – N/A

04/29/26 – Martha Burns

Song Leader & Pianist:

04/08/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

04/15/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

04/22/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

04/29/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland



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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:

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

04/08/26 – CV Prom Plus

04/15/26 – Beacon Housing

04/20/26 – DCM Meeting, 5:30pm, Elks Club

04/22/26 – Scholarship Dinner, 6pm.

04/29/26 – Service Project – Snack Packs for Ascencia

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: 10 members in person and 1 guest, and 3 members on Zoom & 1 guest.

Guests: Speaker, Tom Reynolds

Welcome Back: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None





NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on April 8 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:

- Due to **Joy Gibson's** fall, he probably will join us via Zoom for April & May. So with that being said, we need members to step up to the plate and handle his food run. Call or email Cindy for the schedule. We think it's just pickup at Ralphs and deliverer to Pasadena Salvation Armu.
- April 22 is our Scholarship Dinner at 6pmat the LCIF 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. \$5/members \$10/guests of members. We are giving scholarships to 14 recipients.
- 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." Tickets are being printed.
- 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:

- **Jim Canfield** is providing his truck to ride in again this year for the Fiesta Days Memorial Day Parade. Hope some of our members and Key Clubbers will be part of the parade.
- **Brian Hummel** reminded us that in lieu of a meeting, we will be attending the St. Bede Builders Club Luncheon at noon May 6 at the church and pizza will be served.



Other Announcements:

- The "Les Tupper" Awards ceremony will be Monday, April 20, 7pm at Flintridge Prep auditorium - free admittance. **Insook Park** will be inducted as a new member of the LCF Coordinating Council, as well as continuing members **Barbie Eland** and **Martha Burns**.
- **Martha Burns** said the noon Kiwanis "La Canadian of the Year" luncheon was wonderful and she saw a lot of "old" faces from years ago. Out going LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette was honored. After 24 years, she will retire and the current assistant superintendent will take over. Wendy was amazing especially during the fires, as she was displaced from her own home in Altadena, but still managed to keep the district offices open then and during covid. They were also one of the first school districts back in session after covid. Out of 81 school districts in LA County, she was named "Superintendent of the Year." Extraordinary lady who will be greatly missed.
- **Chuck Hughes** passed out flyers for "Bingo Night" fundraiser for the LCF Tournament of Roses Association, Sat., Apr 25 at American Legion/VFW Hall. Doors open at 5pm, \$25 per person for 10 games. Tickets at the door or at LCFTRA.org. Food and drink available for purchase. You can also donate and be a sponsor.
- 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. **Joy Gibson** is recovering slowly from his fall, so we hope to see him back soon.

H.A.M.S.:

- **Brian Hummel** was \$5 happy as he explained to us the 4 special days of Easter. the Last Supper (Thursday), Jesus's crucifixion (Good Friday), his time in the tomb (Holy Saturday), and his resurrection (Easter Sunday). He and Christie do a lot of singing this week at St. Bede. He is very excited also that his alma mater Illinois basketball team has made it to the final four of the NCAA tournament. Let's all cheer loud.
- **Lynne Thompson** gave \$10 as she will have 8 family members at her home for Thanksgiving including a 5 month old baby
- **Martha Burns** gave a happy \$5 as her two granddaughters have a San Marino HS dance show this month titled "Dancing with the Teachers," that they do annually only at the opening night show. It has become so popular with the teachers, who love performing too. She was also very happy to visit Rosemary Hook in her new place.
- **Christie Crahan** gave \$5 for her wonderful trip to South America. She flew in a private jet to see areas that you can't get to on foot. Also over the Amazon River. She also saw the highest city in the world in Peru-16,700 feet. She thought Bolivia

was fascinating and hopes to put together a slide show we can see sometime as a program.

- **Rosemary Hook** gave \$5 as she is not too thrilled with the meals at her facility. She has met with the chef twice and is making some headway. Go Rosemary!
- **Tom Petersmeyer** gave \$5 too as his family is coming to visit.
- **Jack Labrie** have one happy buck as he is a great-grampa! Congrats.



Program/Speakers: Tom Reynolds-LCF Trails Council

Tom has been involved with the Council for many years and gave us a wonderful slide show of the area. He is currently the president and the 501 (c) 3 organization began in 1974, and every year it seems something new gets added. They just completed a new "friendship" trail that is quite easy located West of the Descanso Gardens entry.

Tom showed us a slide show (see below) of the areas and it has 23.5 miles of trail. If you go online lcftails.org, you can see their relatively new wildflower directory, whose season runs from Feb-June. They recently got a grant from Supervisor Kathryn Barger for \$20K. There is also a video available that tells the history of LCF and the trails. Our own Chris Ecker is a member of their board.

We presented Tom with a \$125 donation for the group. He said that of course people move here because of our excellent schools, but second on the list are the wonderful outdoor trails. Thanks again Tom for giving us an update on all that is happening. Keep up the good work.



WATCH
"Trail Blazing in La Canada Flintridge"
The updated trail history video

SCAN ME



Trail Council Update

Website Update: What Blooms In LCF

La Canada Flintridge Trails Council

What Blooms Here?

Standard mode

Open Space Trail Parcels

- Public
- County Owned
- City of La Canada Flintridge
- Private

LA County Grant to Repair The Cross Town Trail

County Grant to Repair Flint Canyon Trail Flood Damage

What is Next Update the Trail Master Plan



What is Next Solicit LCF Community Support to Repair The Cross-Town Connector Trail



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Possible Future Projects – Friendship Trail Extension To Conservancy Trail



Possible Future Projects Hall Beckly Canyon to Teepee



What does the LCF Trails Council do?

1. We advocate on behalf of the trails

- Have No Staff
- Have No authority
- Have Limited resources

2. Who do we advocate to?

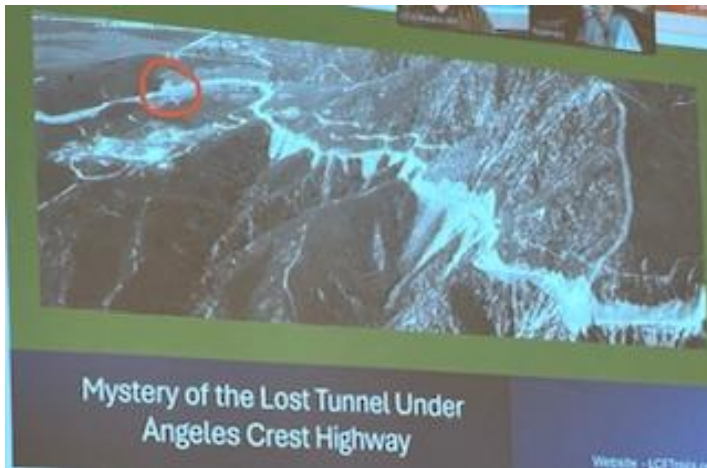
- City of LCF
- County of LA
- Edison
- Santa Monica Conservancy
- Homeowners

3. Why do we do it

- Trails are linear parks & open space
- Protect a community asset
- Connect people with nature
- Provide healthy outdoor activities

4. How does the City of LCF help

- Maintenance of trails and code enforcement
- Support projects with homeowners, the LA County, the Local Fire Department, and Edison
- Research new grants
- Adopt and Follow The Trail Master Plan



April Fools' Day, celebrated on April 1st, is a day dedicated to pranks, jokes, and harmless mischief. While its precise origins are murky, it has become a global tradition. Here are some interesting facts:

- **Uncertain Origins:** The exact beginnings are unknown, but many historians speculate it began in 1582 when France switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, moving the New Year from late March/April 1st to Jan. 1st.
- **"April Fish" (Poisson d'Avril):** In France, the day is known as *Poisson d'Avril*. A common tradition involves secretly taping a paper fish to someone's back.
- **"April Fools" Label:** Those who didn't hear about the calendar change or continued celebrating the New Year in late March were dubbed "April fools".
- **Scotland's Two-Day Celebration:** In Scotland, April Fools' lasts for two days. The first day is known as "Hunt the Gowk Day" (gowk is a cuckoo bird/fool), and the second is "Taily Day," which focuses on pranks involving the backside.
- **Noon Deadline:** In the UK, Canada, and Australia, tradition dictates that pranks should only be played in the morning. If done after 12 PM, the prankster is considered the "fool".
- **"Send the Fool Further":** An old Irish prank involved giving someone a sealed letter with the message: "Send the fool further." The recipient would send them to another person, and so on, continuing the prank.
- **Ancient Roman Roots:** The holiday may stem from the ancient Roman festival of *Hilaria*, celebrated at the end of March, featuring games and masquerades.
- **"Spaghetti Tree" Hoax:** In 1957, the BBC fooled the nation by broadcasting a "documentary" showing farmers harvesting spaghetti from trees in Switzerland.
- **Taco Liberty Bell:** In 1996, Taco Bell took out an ad announcing they bought the Liberty Bell to help with the national debt, renaming it "Taco Liberty Bell".
- **The First Recorded Prank:** The earliest recorded association between April 1st and foolishness is believed to be in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1392), while the first direct reference to "April Fools" was in 1686.
- **"Dia da Mentira":** In Brazil, April 1st is known as *Dia da Mentira* (Day of Lies).