

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM June 3, 2026



2025-2026 Officers

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Fiscal Year Oct 1-Sep 30

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REMEMBRANCES OF JOE THOMPSON



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

06/10/26 – Rosemary Hook
06/17/26 – Chris Ecker
06/24/26 – Christie Crahan
07/01/26 – Tom Petersmeyer

Inspiration:

06/10/26 – Marie Hyland
06/17/26 – Jack Labrie
06/24/26 – Barbie Eland
07/01/26 – Cindy Bradford

Song Leader & Pianist:

06/10/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland
06/17/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland
06/24/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland
07/01/26 – 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, 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:

06/08/26 – Board Meeting at 7:30am at Church Conference Room

06/10/26 – Artist–Susan Chesney

06/17/26 – Service Project: Snack Packs for Ascencia

06/24/26 –

07/01/26 –

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: 12 members in person and 0 guests, and 5 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: None

Welcome Back: Chris Ecker

Birthdays: Today **Joe Thompson** is celebrating his 91st birthday with angels and friends in heaven.

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on June 10 at 7:30 am

Zoom meeting ID is 81544355138 and passcode is 505812

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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 Crahan** said the DCM meeting for this month will be on Zoom, June 15, Monday at 5:30 pm. It will be virtual training for all members and includes the youth protection training, which we are all supposed to have participated in. She will provide us the link if we want to attend. Jose Sierra ran for trustee of our District and won. The Cal-Nev-Ha convention will be held at the Nugget in Las Vegas in August. Anyone interested in going?
- **Christie Crahan** also reminded us of the Sunday "Music in the Park" from 6-8pm if anyone is interested in joining her there.
- Our summer party/BBQ will be at **Martha Burns'** home/yard sometime this summer.
- **Rosemary Hook** would like to attend meetings if anyone can help with pickup.
- 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 deliver to Pasadena Salvation Army.
- 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: The **Kiwanis Verdugo Club** meets the 3rd Thursday at the Senior Center in Montrose. Next meeting is June 20 at 6pm and you pay \$20 for dinner. Anyone interested in an interclub???



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. **Joy Gibson** is recovering slowly from his fall, but at least he is joining us by Zoom.

H.A.M.S.:

- **Chris Ecker** gave \$10 as he survived his 15K climb up Rainbow Mountain in Peru. He enjoyed Cusco, Quito and Galapagos in Ecuador, where he saw lots of turtles & tortoises. Sad though, that while he was gone his 90+old dad fell and broke his hip, but proud of his son who stepped in and helped his grampa after surgery.
- **Brian Hummel** gave \$10 as he was at a wedding with his son in NY on Long Island at Motah, which was 100 miles from JFK airport. Moira however was sick and couldn't attend.
- **Barbie Eland** gave \$10 for two things: Thank you to Brian for taking her food run and secondly for her youngest granddaughter's graduation from Sacred Heart, and will be attending Pepperdine in the fall, where Barby's daughter also attended.
- **Martha Burns** gave \$5 as she received a nice email from former member Joyce Davison, who is thrilled to know we are still running a wonderful French Toast Breakfast. There was great coverage by the Outlook in their paper. She is also happy that she is going to Denver Monday to visit her twin sis and also attending a program by Eliot Engel, who, she receives a weekly essay for years from each Monday online. She is finally going to meet him in person and they are going to breakfast with him before his event.
- **Tom Petersmeyer** gave \$10 for this cute new kitty in his family.
- **Rosemary Hook** gave \$80 as for 72 years she has been voting and enjoys going in person and happened to see an old librarian friend there too. She is also happy with USC baseball advancing past the regionals. Fight on!
- **Christie Crahan** gave \$10 as Salli Dekko went to the DCM meeting with her and was thankful Salli was able to drive her. Also happy as Evie Barley went to the DCM training meeting and pleasantly surprised how wonderful the speaker, Jim Festante, was. He talked about AI and also the impact cell phones have on students and what parents and schools can do to help the deadening of our children's ability to think.



Program/Speaker: Joe Thompson Remembrance-Lynne Thompson

Today would have been Joe's 91st birthday. So we celebrated by letting his wonderful wife, Lynne, give us a short bio, with a slide presentation, of her life with Joe.

They met on Christmas Eve in 1960 at the home of some mutual friends of their parents. Lynne was 20 years old and a junior at UCLA and Joe was a graduate of USC. She was so surprised when he called her the next day. The first date was an evening of fine dining and a foreign film. Then the next 8 dates were basketball games and track meets! That was followed by a dinner of fine dining at the Sportsman's Lodge in the valley for more fine dining. However the place had a trout pond and they went fishing after dinner. Little did she realize that this was a preview of things to come.

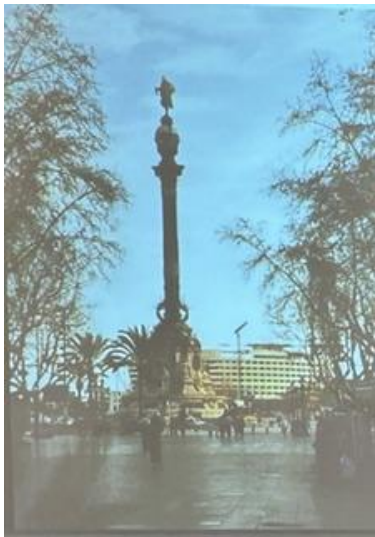
After 4 months of dating, he proposed and she said YES! But it wasn't because of the fine dining or sporting events, but what it revealed a lot about his character in those few months. He told her they were so lucky to be born in America and they needed to give back and serve others. He made a promise to help children, support a church and participate in their community.

The next year they were married and for the next 63 years, he kept his promise. And even though Lynne lived a lifetime with Joe's passion for sports (she didn't know watching USC football was a religious experience, or that a vacation in Tuolumne Meadows meant that she would be holding a flashlight while he was baiting his hook after dark), she has respected him so much over the years for keeping that promise he made so very long ago.

Everyone knows Joe's game was tennis. In its vernacular are the words "love" and "serve." And those are the two words she remembers when thinking of him. She is so proud of the

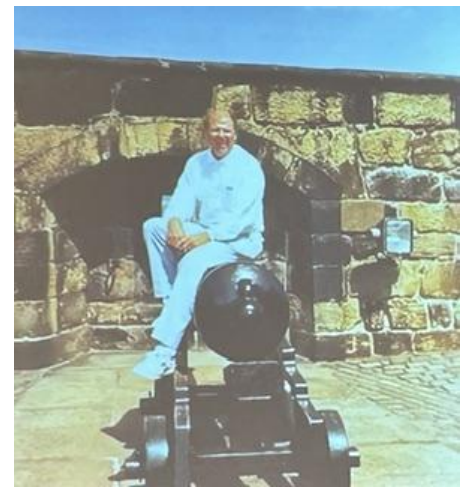
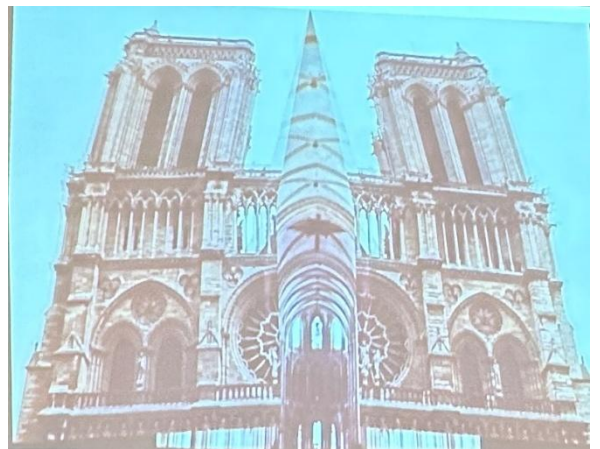
amazing life he lived and the wonderful happy marriage they had together and the family they raised. Thank you Lynne for sharing the fun-loving long life you had with such a special man. We all certainly miss him greatly.

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY PHOTOS IN THE SLIDE SHOW TODAY





- France 1987 -
- England/Scotland -
1986



- Latin America -
Caribbean
Panama
Costa Rica





*- New Zealand -
1993*



*- Australia -
1993 & 1995*



*- Ireland & Wimbledon -
1998*



*- Maritime Provinces -
Canada*

