

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

August 12, 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
La Cañada, CA 91011**

Altadena Order of the Phoenix Michele Judd



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

08/19/26 – Christie Crahan

08/26/26 – Chris Ecker

09/02/26 – Susan Johnson

09/09/26 – Brian Hummel

Inspiration:

08/19/26 – Marie Hyland

08/26/26 – Tom Petermeyer

09/02/26 – Chuck Johnson

09/09/26 – Christie Crahan

Song Leader & Pianist:

08/19/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

08/26/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

09/02/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

09/09/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

LCHS Exchange Student Rea Mandal



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, Our program on the 1st Wednesday of the month, and all club members are welcome.

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
- **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:

08/12/26 – Altadena Order of the Phoenix–Michele Judd

08/19/26 – Service Project: Snack Packs for Friends in Deed

08/26/26 – Kiwanis Aug. Board Meeting

09/02/26 – Max Kim (Key Club Lt. Governor), Mauricio Lopez (Division 3 Lt. Governor)

09/09/26 –

Hospitality: 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: 13 members in person and 2 guests, and 3 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: Speaker, **Michele Judd** and student **Ria Mandal**

Welcome Back: Insook Park, Salli Dokko & Marie Hyland

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on August 19 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:

- Our Board voted on the 26-27 Slate of Officers & Directors:
- **Officers:** President, Brian Hummel; Immediate Past President, Christie Crahan; VP (Interclubs), Evie Barley; Recording Secretary, Cindy Bradford; Corresponding Secretary, Rosemary Hook; Treasurer, Martha Burns
- **Directors:** Membership, Barbie Eland; SLP, Elaine Harada; Care & Concern, Insook Park; Communication, Chris Ecker; Community Service, Cindy Bradford
- **Christie Crahan** recognized **Barbie Eland** with a special certificate for all the time she gives to our club with weekly Food Runs, picking up members to come to meetings, setting up our weekly coffee, tea and pastries and so much more. A wonderful example of a dedicated Kiwanian. Congrats.
- **Lynne Thompson** finally received her Kiwanis pin from Kiwanis International. It may be small but Christie said it symbolizes all the things that members contribute to this wonderful organization.
- **Christie Crahan** announced that our installation of our board of officers and directors will be Oct. 7 and which will include a breakfast for \$5. **Cindy Bradford** will pass around a sign up sheet. Brian said he officially will be "jobless" as of Jan. 4, 2027. So he might need a member to step in at first (Oxt-Dec) if he has to leave for work at 8am.
- Remember Sunday "Music in the Park" from 6-8pm if anyone is interested in joining Christie there.
- Our summer party/BBQ will be at **Martha Burns'** home/yard on Sunday, Sept 20 at 5:30pm. White Elephant Auction!!! Bring guests too. If anyone has suggestions for a menu from a local restaurant, let Martha know. We might grill hamburgers & hotdogs and then have some sides gotten at local places.
- We need people to think about getting speakers for our weekly meetings!

Kiwanis Announcements:

- **Cindy Bradford** reminded us about the sign-up sheet for a Kiwanis outing to Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar to attend the "Service Dog Graduation" on Sat. Aug 22, 10am-noon. Invite friends or family but let her know as they need a head count.

- **Martha Burns and Cindy Bradford** are still gathering info from the French Toast Breakfast as the Chamber is involved too in the finances. We should have a final amount shortly.

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.

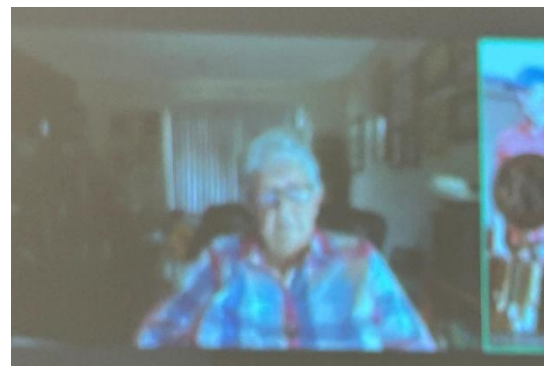
Upcoming InterClubs: Always check our newsletter calendar and the calendar on the website lcfkiwanisam.org to see what is going on.

Health News: Contact **Insook Park** if you know of someone who needs a card or cheering up.



H.A.M.S.:

- **Rosemary Hook** gave a happy \$5 for the joke she told us. "It was an emotional wedding, even the cake was in tears" (tiers)!!
- **Insook Park** gave \$10 for the first family gathering in 4 years with her husband, children, and grandchildren in Hawaii. They had a fabulous time. Memories made!
- **Chris Ecker** gave \$5 as he saw the hilarious show "Monty Python" at the former Glendale Center Theater (now Nocturne Theater).
- **Chuck Hughes** paid \$20 as his wife feels so much better after her surgery.
- **Christie Crahan** gave \$5 as she will be training today with her new eye glasses. She also went to see Phantom of the Opera on stage, but it was difficult to see in the dark. Fortunately she was able to use her phone and see it .





Program Speaker #1: LCHS Exchange Student-Ria Mandal

Ria is a LCHS graduate and 2023 LCF Sister Cities exchange student to our sister city in Villanueva de La Canada, Spain. Currently she is a student at U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with an emphasis in public health, nutrition, and entrepreneurship. She was unable to be at our meeting last week as she had to make an emergency visit to the ER with her dog. The dog is doing OK now.

Awarded a fully funded fellowship through UNC to return to Spain and implement a custom-designed health and nutrition curriculum for underserved communities. The goal-to empower children with knowledge to improve their health and welfare.

Ria's long term goals are to pursue a career in medicine, specializing in pediatrics, while developing nonprofit initiatives focused on health education.

Program/Speaker #2: Altadena Order of the Phoenix-Michele Judd

As most of us know the phoenix is a legendary firebird that symbolizes rebirth, resurrection, and the eternal cycle of life and death. This powerful imagery represents resilience, transformation, and hope after deep trial or destruction.

So Michele (an engineer) and her good friend & neighbor, Chelsea Cartwright (a fashion designer) who shared emails & both lost homes, started this organization a day after the Altadena fire. They walked the neighborhood and eventually got 400 people on their mailing list and met monthly at the La Canada Presbyterian Church-2nd Tuesday at 6pm for a free meal. Nobody feels a victim, but consider themselves a survivor. Michele herself is still waiting on a permit to rebuild. Only two families so far have rebuilt. Now they try catering from Altadena restaurants at \$15 pp. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your neighbors. Amazing experiences and life stories were told. She share a slide show. See the photos below on what they provide.

To learn more about this organization go to <https://altadenaorderofthephoenix.com/>
Our club donated \$200 to them.

SEE PHOTOS BELOW OF SLIDE SHOW


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PRESENTED BY
 Christine Conzatti & Michele Judd
 Altadena Fire Survivors

Neighbors Supporting Neighbors

The Altadena Order of the Phoenix is a community-led support network for Eaton Fire survivors, built on connection, compassion, and shared strength. Our mission is to foster connection, resilience, and collective care for all who were impacted by the Eaton Fire. Together, we're rebuilding not just our homes, but our community.

www.altadenanorderofthephoenix.com


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Who We Are

The Altadena Order of the Phoenix was created by two total-loss fire survivors, Michele Judd & Chelsea Cartwright, to help neighbors remain connected throughout the long process of recovery and rebuilding.




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What We Do

Our work focuses on three simple ideas:

-  Gather people regularly
-  Celebrate Milestones
-  Keep neighbors connected






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Monthly Gatherings

We gather on the **SECOND** Tuesday of every month for a community dinner and activity.

We normally use an Altadena restaurant for our catering; past meals have included Miya, Fair Oaks Burger, Prime Pizza, Nancy's, Tacos 210, Kismet, Lucy's & Ferrarini's.






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Healing Activities

We incorporate creative healing practices into our meetings; opportunities to express gratitude, grief, hope, and connection.







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Groundbreakings

Each groundbreaking ceremony honors a family's resilience and marks the start of their return home. These small gatherings remind us: rebuilding is something we do as a community.







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Homecomings

Recovery can feel invisible for a long time.
 Celebrating milestones make progress visible.
 It feels really good to celebrate a win.







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Thank You.



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