

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM August 5, 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
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LCF Sister Cities Board Member Linda Roth



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

08/12/26 – Chuck Hughes

08/19/26 – Christie Crahan

08/26/26 – Chris Ecker

09/02/26 – Susan Johnson

Inspiration:

08/12/26 – Evie Barley

08/19/26 – Marie Hyland

08/26/26 – Tom Petermeyer

09/02/26 – Chuck Johnson

Song Leader & Pianist:

08/12/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

08/19/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

08/26/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

09/02/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland



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<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
- **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 – Franklin High School Key Club-Max Kim

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 & 0 guests.

Guests: Speaker, **Linda Roth**

Welcome Back: Tom Petersmeyer (on Zoom)

Birthdays: John Wray, August 10.

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on August 12 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 said we need to have a slate of officers for next year. And what a pleasant surprise from **Brian Hummel**, who stuck to his promise, saying he would be club president once he retires. And guess what? He will be retiring near the end of the year!! So Christie will officially be "past president" (Chris Ecker is much relieved too, as he has been past president for a number of years) and it looks the remaining current board members will continue on in their positions- **Martha Burns**, Treasurer; **Barbie Eland**, Membership; **Insook Park**, Spiritual Needs (Care & Concern); **Cindy Bradford & Rosemary Hook**, Secretaries; and **Elaine Harada**, Student Leadership. Thanks to all of you for saying "YES". New member **Evie Barley** has agreed to step up and be VP-Interclubs. Way to go!
- 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** brought some fun new items (gift bags, party candles, colored tissue paper, etc.) if anyone was interested in purchasing them, & monies would go to our Admin coffers. Thanks Cindy. Christie Crahan was billed for \$14, as was Martha Burns \$4, and Chuck Hughes paid \$3 cash.
- **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.
- **Cindy** also as updated the food run info sheet and tally sheet. Those who do food runs be sure to get a copy.
- **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.:

- **Christie Crahan** gave \$5 for her granddaughter's tea party she hosted. Christie brought a Barbie doll and got clothes for the doll. They had great fun wearing hats and dressing up for tea.
- **Tom Petersmeyer** gave \$10 as he had a visit from his daughter and grandson. That is always a priceless gift.
- **Rosemary Hook** pledged \$5 and she was so happy to see everyone in person last week and a bonus that several of the Glendale members were there too, including Cathy Keen.
- **Joy Gibson** gave his usual funny story buck.



Program/Speaker:

LCF Sister City-Board Member Linda Roth & Exchange Student Ria Mandal

Unfortunately, our LCHS student speaker had to rush her dog to the vet this morning and was unable to make it today. We are hoping the dog is ok, and she can come back soon, as school starts shortly. Villanueva de la Cañada, a suburb of Madrid, Spain was our town's first sister city 10 years ago. We have many similarities with that city. The LCF Sister Cities organization is an all-volunteer group.

Board member **Linda Roth** filled us in on a new second potential sister city - Mitaka, Japan. It has been okayed by the state department, and both cities want to have a relationship. Two weeks ago, Sister Cities entertained 4 delegates from Mitaka: the Deputy Mayor (who has been in that position about 30 years), Superintendent of Schools, City Planner and a translator.

They were here for 48 hours, stayed at the Marriott Hotel in Pasadena and were welcomed with gift bags and souvenirs from our area. They toured JPL with hopes of growing our HS program with their students. Our LCHS has a robotics program. They discussed governance and structure with City Hall and they talked with our current 7/8 exchange with Spain, and possibly having a sports exchange. Their tour ended with lunch at the Descanso Gardens Farmhouse and touring the Haaga Gallery and Japanese Gardens. They even enjoyed wine and beer and were very pleased with our city and country. Visiting another country opens one's eyes to what is going on in the world.

The LCF Sister Cities group took protocol lessons as well to understand the proper ways to greet Japanese etc. The discussions were all very positive and the Mayor is hoping to return in the fall to sign papers and make the partnership a reality.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower launched the People-to-People Program in 1956. The goal was to build global peace and mutual understanding directly through citizen-to-citizen interactions rather than traditional government channels. So that is more or less what Sister Cities is all about.

Thank you so much Linda for sharing such interesting info about the two organizations. The club donated \$100 to LCF Sister Cities.