

KIWANIS CLUB LA CAÑADA LA CRESCENTA-AM

July 1, 2026



2025-2026 Officers

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Christie Crahan

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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**

**Pasadena Humane
Michelle McGraw**



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

07/08/26 – Brian Hummel

07/15/26 – Evie Barley

07/22/26 – Rose Velasquez

07/29/26 – Joy Gibson

Inspiration:

07/08/26 – Chris Ecker

07/15/26 – Lynne Thompson

07/22/26 – Rosemary Hook

07/29/26 – Salli Dokko

Song Leader & Pianist:

07/08/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

07/15/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

07/22/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

07/29/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland





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, 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:

(bring used towels & blankets)

07/06/26 – Board Meeting, 7pm at Christie Crahan's house.

07/08/26 – ?

07/15/26 – YMCA-Joanne Pingry

07/22/26 – CV Chamber of Commerce-Robin Goldsworthy

07/29/26 – Division 3 Lt. Gov. Mauricio Lopez

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: 13 members in person and 1 guests and 1 dog, and 3 members on Zoom & 0 guests.

Guests: Speaker, Michelle McGraw and Chris Ecker's friend Corinna Koebnick & her pup.

Welcome Back: Christie Crahan, Lynne Thompson & Salli Dokko

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on July 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:

- Remember Sunday "Music in the Park" from 6-8pm if anyone is interested in joining Christie there.
- The monthly Board Meeting will be at Christie's house this Monday at 7pm on July 6.
- Sadly we learned that member **Jack Labrie** passed away. He was such a wonderful member-gentle and kind too. Even after his move away, he so enjoyed coming on Zoom to participate. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to his family.
- Our summer party/BBQ will be at **Martha Burns'** home/yard sometime this summer.

- 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:

Cindy Bradford passed around a 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.

Also passed around was a sympathy card for the family of **Jack Labrie**.

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.:

- **Brian Hummel** gave \$10 as he is happy about our 250 birthday of our country. He also feels the World Cup has been welcomed by so many foreigners enjoying it all in various locations around the US. He is happy too that his son and family are back in the US now after two years overseas and are getting settled in their home near San Diego. Brian will spend 3 days down there helping them unpack. Barbie agreed to take his food run on Sat. He also mentioned that his large dog was pretty anxious about a coyote coming into the yard.
- **Martha Burns** gave \$5 as she said be careful with your debit card. It's best to "tap" the symbol and NOT insert your card into a reader. Crooks are installing their own "reader" to collect all your info. Her card was hacked and they tried to take \$1,000 out of her bank account. Fortunately the bank declined the \$800 and gave her back the \$200 the skeemers took. Also her grandson turned 21 and went to Vegas with 7 friends and had a great time at Mandalay Bay & only lost \$50. Lastly, Martha has participated in this Minn. Twins program for years with her twin sister. This past Monday and Tuesday tho, were long days, with 2.5 hours each, completing surveys over the phone and answering lots of brain teasers on this special tablet they send and had to be returned, some of which were quite difficult. Starting tonight, she has to complete more brain teasers, morning and night for 2 weeks. Each will take about 15 minutes time.

- **Lynne Thompson** gave \$10 for her wonderful vacation in Columbus Ohio to visit her grandson, son & wife who moved to Plain City two years ago. Grant works for Huntington Bank and Tiffany is a high school counselor in nearby Dublin. They gave her a grand tour of the area including Ohio State University and the Capitol buildings downtown. Their dog, Kilani, is adorable. Then June 22 she took a flight to Atlanta to spend 5 days with her son Greg and his family. They drove to the Blue Ridge Mountains and stayed in a luxury cabin and enjoyed the small town, which had antique shops and restaurants on its charming main street. Granddaughter Cassidy is engaged and they looked at a destination venue for her upcoming wedding.
- **Insook Park** gave \$10 as she is happy to be back after 3 weeks. She is also thrilled her carpal tunnel surgery was a success but she sure had some pain for awhile. She is going to celebrate the holiday by going to the Hollywood Bowl on July 3.
- **Christie Crahan** also gave \$10 and is glad to be home with her dog but had a fabulous trip though France which was extremely hot.



Program/Speaker: Pasadena Humane-Michelle McGraw

Michelle is the Events Project Manager for Pasadena Humane with nearly a decade of experience at the shelter. She frequently represents the organization in the community, hosting outreach events, sharing pet care information, and coordinating large campaigns. The organization handles domestic pets and wildlife as well.

Pasadena Humane is more than an animal shelter; they are a community-supported animal resource center providing compassion and care for all animals. By focusing on education, prevention, and programs they hope that the shelter is the last resort.

In 2025, they re-united 1,103 pets with their families with the help of micro-chip tags.

Their field services department helped 171 pets get back home without having to go to the shelter.

Senior to Senior – is a program for people aged 65+ can adopt pets that are 5+ years old for free.

Pets for Vets – a program for Veterans to adopt pets for free.

Foster Field Trips / Sleepovers – a program that welcomes people to take pets from the shelter on a day outing or sleepover to give them some fun out of the shelter environment.

Pet Adoptions – thousands of homeless and abandoned pets get a second chance at life with a loving family. In 2025, 4,388 pets were adopted. In 2026, about 75-100 adoptions occur weekly.

Animal Care & Control – provide lost, sick, and injured companion animals and wildlife safe shelter, veterinary care, and so much more. Primary services are to spay/neuter, micro-chip and vaccinate pets.

Wildlife – rehabilitates orphaned, injured, and sick wild animals with the goal of releasing them back into the wild. In 2025, they cared for 2,421 wild animals.

Helping Paws – helps pet owners access the resources they need- like a free pet food bank, veterinary vouchers, and emergency pet boarding to keep their pets, whenever possible. In 2025, helped 8,300 families with food, litter, beds, meds & supplies. 250,000 pounds of food was distributed by their food pantry open 7 days per week.

Health & Wellness – offer spay/neuter, vaccine, and microchip services to all dogs and cats. Financial assistance is available to prevent pets from being turned into the shelter for health reasons.

Animal Support Call Center – specialists connect community members with the resources needed to do best by the animals.

Behavior and Training – host training classes for dogs and puppies to help strengthen the human-animal bond and keep pets in their homes.

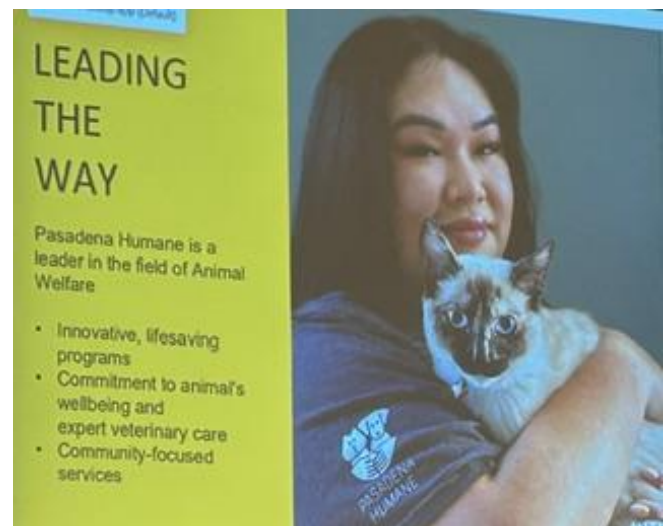
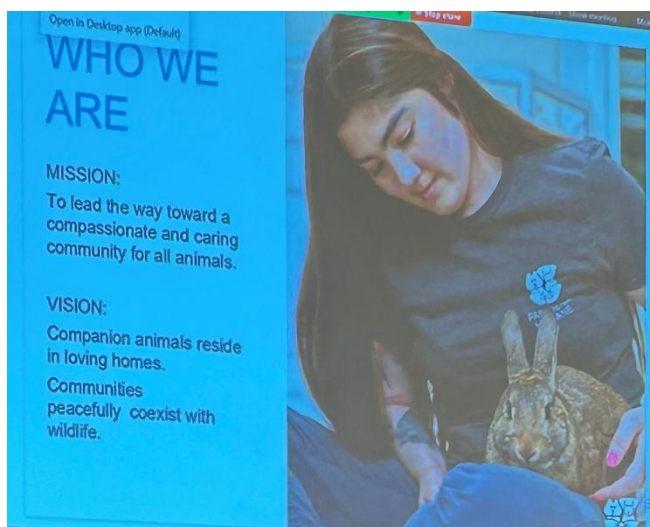
Private Rehoming – support pet owners who seek to rehome their pets with a pet rehoming platform, so those pets never have to spend time in a kennel. These pets are listed for adoption on their website.

Community Cats – care for community cats by supporting caretakers with spay/neuter, ear-tipping, vaccines, and flea prevention. Healthy community cats mean fewer orphaned kittens entering the shelter.

<https://pasadenahumane.org/about/who-we-are/more-than-a-shelter/>

Pasadena Humane is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Tax ID number is 95-1643344.

Our club proudly **donated \$250** today! Thank you Michelle for visiting our club today-we are such animal lovers.



REUNIFICATION

Pasadena Humane works with the community to prevent pet loss and return lost animals to their homes:

2025 Stats

- 1,103 Pets reunited with families
- 932 at the shelter
- +171 in the field



ANIMAL CARE

Animals who enter the shelter receive:

- Expert Veterinary Care
- Age-Appropriate Vaccines
- Behavioral Assessment & Enrichment
- Spay/Neuter & Microchip



HUMANE EDUCATION

Pasadena Humane offers educational programs and camps for kids of all ages, with a curriculum that teaches compassion and care for all animals

- After-School and Summer Programs
- At-Home Activities
- Scout Programs
- Service Projects



SATELLITE ADOPTIONS

We make pet adoption as convenient as possible

Our Wiggle Waggle Wagon brings adoptable pets out to the community.

We also have cats available for adoption at three partner locations:

- Pet Food Express, Pasadena
- Petsmart Tujunga
- Petsmart Rosemead



WILDLIFE

- One of two shelters in Southern California that possess state and federal wildlife permits
- Wildlife rehabilitation and release
- Presentations on peaceful coexistence with wildlife like coyotes and bears.
- Humane Exclusion Consultations
- 2,421 Wild Animals Cared for in 2025



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Veterinary services for the community

- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter
- Vaccine Clinics
- Microchips



FOSTER PROGRAM

Fostering extends the capacity of the shelter during periods of high volume, and gives animals a break from the stress of the shelter

2025 Stats

- 2,244 Animals Fostered
- 40% Increase from 2024



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers are the backbone of the organization.

2025 Stats

- 2,920 Volunteers logged hours
- 200,178 hours were logged
- Equivalent of 81 full-time employees

