
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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Firehouse Youth Center Mary O'Keefe



NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE...

ZOOM or IN-PERSON

Pledge/Flag Salutes:

10/21/26 – Joy Gibson

10/28/26 – Rose Velasquez

11/04/26 – Salli Dokko

11/11/26 – Chuck Hughes

Inspiration:

10/21/26 – Insook Park

10/28/26 – Lynne Thompson

11/04/26 – Martha Burns

11/11/26 – Barbie Eland

Song Leader & Pianist:

10/21/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

10/28/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

11/04/26 – Brian Hummel & Marie Hyland

11/11/26 – 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, Our meeting on the 1st Wednesday of every other month in the small LCIF conference room, 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 532) with Davy Mauremann
- **Village Christian HS Key Club** – Mondays with Taline Jamgotchian
- **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:

10/21/26 – Spartan Booster Club - Kim Eggleston

10/28/26 – 9/11 First Responder-Terry Manning

11/04/26 – LFC Community Center-Michael Powers

11/11/26 – TBD

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

Guests: Speaker **Mary O’Keefe** and welcome back prospective member **Derek McLaughlin**

Welcome Back: Martha Burns

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Ribbon Cuttings: None

NEXT MEETING at Church Fellowship Hall & zoomed on October 21 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:

- We need people to think about getting speakers for our weekly meetings!

Kiwanis Announcements:

- None

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.
- Brian

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. **Cindy Bradford** will soon be home to recuperate after surgery.

H.A.M.S.:

Evie Barley gave a total of \$11- \$5 for Chris' mother obituary in the Outlook, \$5 for a successful surgery for Cindy, and \$1 cuz she was in such a hurry to come to the meeting, she arrived in her slippers.

Joy Gibson gave his usual \$1 story.

Martha Burns gave \$8 for a wonderful time in and around Atlanta for nearly 2 weeks visiting 8 different couples, who are all longtime friends-two former La Canadans, a childhood friend, a college friend, two nephews and their families, a couple who both worked with her at General Mills in the 70's, and a couple they met years ago while on a Greek cruise and visited before. She also was happy as a nephew (on Tom's side) & his

family (wife & 2 small children) are currently visiting them from Colorado Springs.

Chuck Hughes paid \$5 as he attended a wedding of a cousin at Robinson Ranch

Chris Ecker gave \$10 as his dad turns 96 on Saturday and there will be a concert at Memorial Park Sunday the 18th at 4pm in memory and honor of his mom.

Barbie Eland gave \$5 cuz LC Valley Beautiful, of which she is a member, gave the Section 1 award this month to Brian Hummel.

Brian Hummel gave \$10 for Rosemary Hook who paid for Christie and his \$70pp meals at the Lt. Gov. Installation Dinner at the Elks Club. Rosemary is truly a special Kiwanian. He also thanked Derek for wanting to join our club.



Program Speaker: Firehouse Youth Center - Mary O'Keefe

The Fire House Youth Center in La Crescenta is a community-run safe space and youth program located on the property of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

It was founded in 2010 by members of the former Crescenta Valley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition to offer teens a safe, supportive, and drug-free hangout and study space.

Mary O'Keefe, volunteer director of the Fire House, gives visitors a tour of the youth center. She showed us a slide presentation of the various rooms and activities for mid teens. Teens gather with their friends in the comfortable living areas of the Fire House for breakfast, fellowship, music practice, pool and last-minute homework before school. The Fire House is home to students on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, and on Wednesday evenings to a "Cool Group" of special-needs young adults, as well as LGBTQ youth and to those questioning their identity — and everyone else.

It has large living room for the students and everything has been donated from furniture to furnishings. There is a homework room with desks, a printer, tutoring on Thursday afternoons and just recently a professor of USC will start tutoring there. It is an opportunity for kids to put their phones down and play games or even a piano there, as they love music. The game room has 4 tables-hockey, pinball machine and an old PacMan.

In the future they hope to include seniors, especially those who have lost a spouse or lost children to drug addiction. They have also been asked to start a book club. They have over 200 prom dresses to loan out students who can borrow a dress for the dance. They hope to have a fashion show next year.

St. Luke's Church pays the rent and electricity. What an amazing organization that is available to our local middle school students. Email is thefirehouseyouthcenter@gmail.com Thank you Mary for your dedication to such a worthwhile program. Our club presented Mary with a \$200 donation.