

# The La Kiwanian

*Serving the Children of the World*

**The Weekly Bulletin of the La Cañada Kiwanis Club**

Wednesday

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On the web (with pictures): <http://lacadakiwanis.org/news.htm>

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada meets every Wednesday at Noon – Visitors Welcome  
Van de Kamp Hall in Descanso Gardens – 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada, CA 91011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10, 2010

**Bill Plaschke—Los Angeles Times columnist,  
on the Winter Olympics and other topics in sports**

Wednesday Lunch Meeting, VanDeKamp Hall @ Descanso Gardens

March 17, 2010

**Daniel Katzen—former member of the Boston Symphony,  
on the world of symphony**

Wednesday Lunch Meeting, VanDeKamp Hall @ Descanso Gardens

March 24, 2010

**Laura Olhasso—LCF Mayor's State of the City**

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## TRAVELOGUE SCHEDULE:

March 29, 2010 – Inside Iran Today - Aryana Farshad

April 17, 2010 - Burma Reflections on a Hidden Land – Patricia Keith and Sean Cassidy

May 15, 2010 - The Great American Rocky Adventure-John and Jodie Ginter

Kiwanis Board of Directors Meets the First Thursday of the Month  
At the La Cañada Community Center – 7:00 PM

# WEEKLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## MUSIC

**Tom Burroughs** at the piano

**Ed Moulton** led our songs: opening with “God Bless America”

We sang “Hi Neighbor” to our visitors and “Welcome Back” to our members who have not been here for a while though President **Nick Berkuta** did overlook the fact that **Clyde Hemphill** had missed 4 weeks while sunning in Hawaii, etc. Those welcomed were **Jim Edwards** and **Jack Sossi**.

## OPENING

**Ken Lowe** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Tom Passanisi** led us in a “Prayer of our Country”.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wendy Smith** needs help to man booths at the Community Center’s Mega Bites on Sunday, March 14. Board Meeting tomorrow, Thursday, March 4th at the Community Center.

**Diane Della Valle** told us that Challenge Air has been postponed due to anticipated inclement weather, both rain and cold; and urged Kiwanians to sign-up online when the new date is sometime in May.

**Paul Westmoreland** has a new supply of Membership Brochures and you can see either him or **Linda Magarian** if you do not see one out.

Prez **Nick** said that there are printed copies of his March Events for those who do not have e-mail.

**Howard Backer** reminded us to put folding money in the cans in the center of our tables to support the Doctor’s Pediatric Care program.

**Mark Alexander** announced that there was no additional damage from the recent storms; the debris basins have not re-filled and that the City is gearing up for next weekend’s and any future storms. There is a new evacuation scheme that has been implemented.

**Bill Watts** announced the next inter-club which will be with the La Crescenta-Montrose club at Joselito’s West on Tuesday, March 16th and please contact him since he left his sign-up board at home.

**Mark Alexander** reminded us of the mayor's State of the City talk on March 24th that will be given Mayor Laura Olhasso.

**Frosty Boyd** told us that **Dick DeGray** is getting along; **Hal Thomas** seems o.k., **Nick Berkuta** is back on a scooter; **Norm Johnson** continues his recovery from back surgery and remains in good spirits; **Charles Broberg** is receiving further treatment; **Doris Horwith** is recovering from knee replacement surgery and **Jim Ackland** is waiting for his knee surgery once his vitals allow it.

## GUESTS

**Linda Magarian** brought Diane Finaro who heard about us and wanted to come see what we do and learn more about Kiwanis.

**Mary Gant** introduced Monica Acuna of TLC television who will be 'Building the World's Biggest Rice Krispie Bar for the Community Center. Monica told about the event and asked for volunteers for the building through to the Carnival, that's March 11, 12, 13 & 14.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**John Landrum** on March 1. He joined the century club and we sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

**Clyde** and **Bobbie Hemphill** celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss so Clyde joined the Century Club.

## HAPPY & SAD BUCKS

**Clyde Hemphill** was sad that it was overlooked that he had not been to Kiwanis for 4 weeks.

**Daryal Gant** gave a happy buck for seeing **Skip Linderman** interviewing a guy on TV who was selling nutritional supplements.

**Pat Anderson** gave a buck for **Jim Edwards** name badge looking so new since Jim is so rarely here it never gets that 'used look.'

**Diane Della Valle** gave a sad buck for not being at last week's meeting and a happy buck for being at today's meeting.

**Wendy Smith** gave a happy buck for K-Kids who have collected over 1,000 books and said that **Karl Johnson's** daughter was the winner of the prize for bringing in the most books. Wendy said there are lots of opportunities for service to others and to refer to an email she sent out.

**Fred Schooley** gave a sad buck for Pres. **Nick** for not following doctor's instructions and now Nick is back on his scooter and has to wear this large heavy, ugly boot (it was revealed he even has to sleep in it! Ugh!) Poor **Mary Ann**.

**Jennifer Berger** gave a buck over a situation where she saw **Nick** at Verdugo Hills Hospital and wanted to have him walk over and meet her friend. She did not know as we all did that Nick had re-injured himself and thus the awkward situation.

## **FROSTY CHALLENGE**

**Frosty** gave us a chuckle, then **Diane Della Valle** gave us a belly laugh. Finally **Skip Lindeman** attempted to win it with his humor but Diane clearly was our winner.

## **THE PROGRAM**

**Jim Stratton** introduced us to a delightful Dr. Joe Pugla who has many passions (and we hope he will come back and regale us with some of them) his choice for today's program was about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Dr. Joe even takes students camping and trekking every summer and at times over these very trails. Dr. Pugla grew up in New York City and at the age of 12 he visited the museum where he viewed the Lewis & Clark exhibition and he was 'hooked.' We were told how this expedition was every young boys dream as there was hope, a dream and a potential for the future. Lewis and Clark were the first to brave the trail across America and their adventure was saved twice by a woman. The talk and slide show told us of the beginning dream of Thomas Jefferson who sent the pair across the continent to find the Northwest Passage to India; of course they never got to India but were able to explore the central part of our continent. Thomas Jefferson thought as did other geographers that the Columbia River connected the east coast with the west coast. Merriwether Lewis was personally schooled by Jefferson in botany, navigation and animal husbandry. William Clark was an explorer, fighter, hunter; he was healthy and un-married and accustomed to the woods so they complimented each other on this adventure. Lewis who outranked Clark in the military insisted that they both have the same rank; congress would not allow it but Lewis told their men that they were equal leadership. This was a military venture and the 'Core of Discovery' set out on May 14, 1804 leaving from Missouri via boat and went as far as that permitted and the across the land to the western waters. The Lewis and Clark are national treasures; there are multiple journals from different members of

the party. Noted were the number of new plant species and animals they discovered and the many Indians that they met. A fascinating account we were even given a snippet of the Louisiana purchase.

## **OTHER STUFF**

Winner of the 50/50 Drawing: **Jim Stratton**

Secret Greeter: **Chris Motte**

Master of the Cash Box: **Howard Backer**

This Week's Reporters: **Gigi Schlueter, Cory Stevens, Mary Gant**

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