



# House Talk

Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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## Annual meeting announced!



The Annual Meeting for our Kiwanis Family House, will be held at the KFH on Saturday June 4, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

If you want to set your GPS or computer mapping directions set in: 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-2308. (916) 736-0116. We are on the campus of the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

A light lunch will be served to the attendees. Each sponsor club is entitled to one vote. Be sure your annual dues of \$100

are paid.

Instructions will be mailed to each Sponsor Club in a few weeks.

We need a quorum:

If your club cannot make it, then send in your proxy vote. That information will be provided as to who those proxy voters may be.

At the annual meeting, you will here reports from the board members.

In addition, you will be able to listen to the candidates that are running for office. There are five positions that need to be filled at this annual election.

## Become a board member

This is not the easiest job you will ever have, but it is undoubtedly the most rewarding job you will ever have, paid or unpaid.

Desire to serve and participate in service are followed by your greatest satisfaction, providing care, comfort and wellness to those families whose children are in greatest need. This statement is backed up by the commitment made by earlier Kiwanis volunteers, in the past 26 years who have served  
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## From our house, to your house:

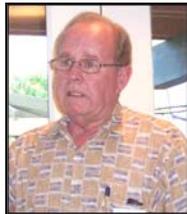


May the luck of the Irish be always with us!

## President's Message by Rick Dwyer

*"Greatness... is achieved simply by giving of your time, talent and leadership in the relentless pursuit of helping others..."*

This month I would like to share with you the profiles of our KFH board members who give so much of their time and talent to the Kiwanis Family House mission.



Perhaps one of you Kiwanians reading this article might aspire to reach this kind of greatness also.

Greatness in this role, and on this level, is achieved simply by giving of your time, talent and leadership in the relentless pursuit of helping others, less fortunate than you. I will be talking more about this leadership role of Board Members, in another article in this issue.

Vice President **Bill Hooper**, past Lt. Governor and is the newly elected Trustee of Region 16. Bill's term as Trustee

is for three years beginning October 1, 2011.

Bill has served as a KFH board member two other times and is wrapping up his third term this year. Bill has chaired the resources committee on finding and securing Kiwanian talent to assist in the maintenance of the House. He has also been a major leader in fundraising for the House. Leaders like Bill are hard to come by; *he makes the difficult, obtainable.*

Secretary **Robin McIver**. In addition to performing Secretarial duties, Robin chairs the Ambassador program for the House.

She monitors the activities of each board member's responsibilities in maintaining a viable relationship with their assigned Sponsor Clubs. That clubs pays their dues and host at least one fundraiser during the year to benefit the House.

These club fundraisers provide the House Approximately

\$80,000 per year in revenue to help support our operating cost.

Robin is also an Attorney in her day job providing assistance to many children in need. Robin is wrapping up her board term this year. Leaders like Robin are hard to come by; *she takes the hodge-podge and organizes it.*

Treasurer **Joyce Blonski**. Being the Treasurer of a non profit is a tough job. Just ask **Jim Putnam**, past Treasurer for 10 years. She is responsible for juggling our books, paying bills when we have no money (seems like), monitoring our budget daily, providing Financial Statements each  
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## Sponsor a Family for a Night

Donations pay for those families who cannot afford it, or supplement families who can only make partial payments.

We never turn away deserving families for lack of payment.

Send in your donation. It is \$40@ night. Send check or your credit card number with expiration date (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express only). Mail to Kiwanis Family House, Inc. 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

Gift it to the person who has everything.

**It is the source that keeps us in operation!**

**Our Kiwanis Family House is a United Way Certified Partner Agency!**



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## Important Dates

**Kiwanis Family House  
Board meetings  
Kiwanis Family House  
2875 50th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm**

**2011**

**March 10**

**April 14**

**May 12**

**Annual Meeting**

**June 4th Saturday 11:00 a.m.**

**July 14**

**August 11**

**September 8**



## Free money

There are still areas with Albertsons Supermarkets. Keep using your Albertson's Preferred Savings Card.

**Register your card by calling  
(800) 353-9002.**

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- ♥ Aug. 18-20 for 91st Annual District Convention in San Diego - also at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

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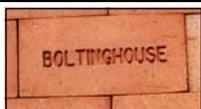
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- ♥ If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

## Correction

Previously the Kiwanis Family House Mission Statement was in error. The editor apologizes for this egregious error. The corrected mission statement is below.

## Kiwanis Family House Mission Statement

*"The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento."*



## Buy a brick!

The bricks cost \$100@. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep. Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more.

For more information or a brick order contact editor (page 10).

## Would you donate 3% of your supermarket shopping to our Kiwanis Family House?

It is simple as 1-2-3

1. Do you shop at Save Mart, Smart, Food Maxx or Lucky Supermarkets?
2. If so scan your S.H.A.R.E.S card and the house gets a percentage. You still get the great sale prices and the rest.
3. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 10) and send your name and USPS mailing address. Editor will send you a S.H.A.R.E.S. card by return mail!



Scan the S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop!



Our Kiwanis Family House earns a portion of your purchases of the above supermarket cards, **if your cards are registered.**

You still get the same bargains and savings that the cards entitle you to.

But our Kiwanis Family House earns a percentage of the sale.

Swipe and we earn. It is as simple as that.

If you need help registering your cards contact the editor (page 8).

The supermarket cards are the shoppers cards. Call (800) 254-5404 or go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

- ♥ **Our Group Number is 51297.**
- ♥ **Our Group Name is: Kiwanis Family House.**

## Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

### Report #108

Since October 1, 2001 to January 31, 2011, *(the effective dates of this report)*, **8,872** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDCM.

This report covers over eight years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted **666** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **666** families come from:

Alabama	Montana
Alaska	Nebraska
Arizona	New Hampshire
Arkansas	New Jersey
Colorado	New Mexico
Connecticut	New York
Delaware	North Carolina
District of Columbia	Ohio
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	Oregon
Idaho	Pennsylvania
Illinois	Rhode Island
Indiana	South Carolina
Iowa	South Dakota
Kansas	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Utah
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming

Also, there have been families from:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the "host" divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDCM are **not** eligible to stay at our KFH.

***Aren't you glad that there is your Kiwanis Family House at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California?***

Div.	Lt. Gov.	Families	%
39	Mower	2,360	26.60%
14	Johl	1,013	11.42%
27	Diaz	700	7.89%
Out of	District	666	7.51%
45	Maxhimer	573	6.46%
46	Smith	562	6.33%
44	Webb	561	6.32%
20	Arimoto	358	4.04%
23	Tout	301	3.39%
8	Lewis	297	3.35%
32	Wheaton	241	2.72%
7	Isaacs	192	2.16%
5	Wayne	127	1.43%
26	Ontis	117	1.32%
36	Coley	99	1.12%
18	Bañuelos	91	1.03%
12	Fukasawa	87	0.98%
34	Stern	83	0.94%
2	Bowerman	78	0.88%
38	Coltin	44	0.50%
28	Dwyer	27	0.30%
43	Woodruff	26	0.29%
29	Miller	21	0.24%
33	Orrin	21	0.24%
42	Medley	21	0.24%
41	Bonar	20	0.23%
11	Teagle	19	0.21%
15	Cridland	16	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.18%
16	Kessler	15	0.17%
31	Mills	14	0.16%
6	Wilkinson	12	0.14%
30	Scheibel	12	0.14%
4	Laub	11	0.12%
10	Peng	11	0.12%
24	Fisher	11	0.12%
1	Guske	10	0.11%
37	Kerley	10	0.11%
25	Montaño	9	0.10%
47	Laughlin	9	0.10%
13	Smith	6	0.07%
35	Deal	3	0.03%
19	Ackerman	2	0.02%
	Totals	8,872	100.0%

## KFH at King's Game by Pete Arney



It's been a long Kings season without Kiwanis Family House serving at Arco Arena.

I know that officially it is named *Power Balance Pavilion* but it

will always be Arco to me.

We worked the first four games and were able to provide \$3,745 for the house before the remaining games were cancelled by Levy Restaurants - **except for April 13, the Lakers game.**

Lakers games are normally very busy and this game is the last Kings' home game of the season.

Fan turnout could fill the house. For that reason, we will want to staff 38 volunteers in order to assure we will provide excellent service and maintain our reputation as the best volunteer group at Arco.

In addition to our dedicated core group, the Greater Sacramento club will be providing ten volunteers for this game.

All volunteers, new and returning, are welcome. Please contact **Pete Arney** at:

**KFHArcoNews@pacbell.net** and 916-956-2870. Also check out our website at

**www.KFHArcoNews.com**

Wed, Apr. 13, 6:00p, LA Lakers [ Need 38 ] Staffed in part by Greater Sacramento Kiwanis Club

UCD Health Systems: UCDCM: Sharon Hawkins, Sirgute Morgan, Joyce Cunningham, Jill Dawdy

- ◆ Carmichael (D44): Sarge Wright
- ◆ Davis (D7): Jim Kocsis, Sue Huscroft
- ◆ Folsom Lake (D44): Pete Arney, Betty Arney, Scott Arney, Casey Aisenman
- ◆ Gold Country (D44): LeRoy Diede
- ◆ Greater Sacramento (D7): Mike Michael, Carol Clayton, Heather Jeppeson, Jerry Takehara, Janet Takehara, Bob Canady, Mary Lou Canady, Rodney Nishikawa, Leon Skinner, George Pandelidis
- ◆ Rancho Murieta (D44): Jack Seigal, Judith Embree, Bobbie Fite, Susan Sozzi
- ◆ Sac Suburban (D44): Rich Kocher, Chris Creelman, Bernie Creelman
- ◆ Sacramento West (D7): Ken Shill
- ◆ Woodland (D7): Russell Pullmann.

## Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Walter C. Tietjen

### Thank You For What You Do!



Like you, my heart is warmed when I read the notes of gratitude and appreciation of KFH residents included in each issue of *House Talk*.

Normally, I wouldn't lift one of those expressions to use in this article. However, in this case I need to make an exception.

While visit KFH during the afternoon of January 24<sup>th</sup> I noticed each sleeping room had a small bag hanging from the door handle.

I was curious, but I didn't want to snoop. So to satisfy my desire to know I checked with Bonnie at the front desk. That's when I learned each bag contained some snacks and a message written in several different languages. Permit me to share the English version.

*"On December 16, 2000, our lives changed. Our daughters, Stephanie (age 20) and Lindsey (age 17) were involved in a tragic car accident. We frantically drove 1½ hours to the hospital leaving with only the clothes on our back.*

*"Our oldest daughter, Stephanie did not survive the accident; our youngest daughter Lindsey was in critical condition.*

*"It was an endless day and night for us. Sometime in the darkness, I rose from my chair to check on Lindsey and nearly fainted.*

*"A kind nurse asked when we had last eaten and we certainly could not remember. All we had inside was grief and worry. Since the cafeteria was closed and we did not want to leave Lindsey's side, the kind nurse shared her sandwich with us which gave us the physical strength we needed.*

*"We think of those first hours and the nurse who did something so small, yet so meaningful. That simple act of kindness made all the difference in the world to us knowing there are people that care.*

*"We hope these snack and meal items help give you hope, comfort and strength during your time of need.*

### The Frazier family

*P.S. Lindsey has recovered from her injuries and is very involved in this cause.*

Unless my information is incorrect, the Frazier family stayed at the Med Center but never stayed at the Kiwanis Family House.

However, the spirit of that nurse and the continuing expressions of care offered by the Frazier family is what KFH is all about.

We may not always hang a door handle, but it's notes and actions of people like the Fraziers who put what we do into its proper perspective.

As chaplain I try to listen and to express the care of a loving God for people who are trying to make sense out of significant difficulties that have intruded on their lives.

But I also have opportunity to tell the story of caring people like you who buy bricks, sponsor walkathons, host crab feeds, sell candy, and collect "silly fines" all to support people like the grieving father whose son is battling for his life after sustaining burns over 85% of his body.

So, on the part of all Frazier type residents for whom the Kiwanis Family House has become an "asilomar" (a place of refuge) I say thank you.

**Rev. Walter C. Tietjen, KFH Chaplain**

**Editor's Note:** Chaplain Tietjen makes himself available to our guests in our KFH. He has fingers on the pulse of our guests and has agreed to write a column from time to time.

The **tentative** Chaplain Schedule at our Kiwanis Family House is:

- ♥ Tuesday March 2 from around 2:00 p.m. to around 3:30 p.m.
- ♥ Friday March 4 from 11:00 a.m. to around 1:30 p.m.
- ♥ Tuesday March 8 from 1 p.m. to around 2:30 p.m.
- ♥ Thursday, March 10, 1:00 to around 2:30 p.m.

## A word from Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal

I was very happy to meet **Roni Stroud** on the Kiwanis (Rose Bowl) float.

She is an exceptional Kiwanian. Riding on the float with so many wonderful Kiwanians will always be a special memory for me. Thanks to all Kiwanians who support the Kiwanis House.

**Light a Fire**

**Because Kiwanians Care!**

**Sylvester Neal**

Kiwanis International President

## Getting to know you by Gary Christensen



### Kiwanis District Mid-year Conventions

Our Kiwanis Family House booth exhibit was again a popular destination by many conference attendees.

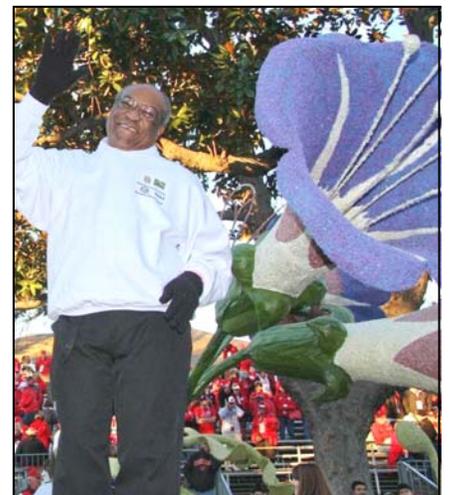
We talked to many Kiwanians from throughout the Cal-Nev-Ha District who offered many new ideas for raising funds for the Family House.

**Diane Montalbo**, Key Club advisor from Manteca, mentioned distributing SaveMart SHARES cards to her key club members.

**Ramsin Ganji**, a Modesto Kiwanian, wants to organize a Division 46 fund raising project to support our Family House, especially to support Division 46 families who could not afford full payment of fees.

**Paul Moyer** from Yountville Kiwanis presented a check for that club's \$1,400 annual donation, along with a trunk load of ink cartridges for recycling. (**Editors note:** Recycling makes cents!)

The interest and support we receive from our supporters is most gratifying.



# Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

## Do you have a trade-in? Donate your car to our Kiwanis Family House



You will sleep better knowing you did the right thing. Other families will sleep better in our KFH.

Our KFH is able to accept non-running vehicles and they don't have to be registered.

As a charitable contribution your donation can make a big difference.

Donations may be made country-wide. Call Car Program, Inc. at (800) 240-0160.

You may wish to contact KFH board member: **Calvin Hara** at (916) 812-5524 or cmhara@comcast.net

## Friends of KFH

The easiest way to feel a part of the Kiwanis Family House is to become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.

Even at the entry level of membership, you can reflect that every week you have contributed a couple dollars toward the operation of the house.

Our KFH invites you to join Friends of The Kiwanis Family House to show your support for the House and its services to patients and families in need of residential facilities. Cost: \$100 for the initial membership fee. Annual dues thereafter are \$100.

There are various levels of recognition.

♥ Copper: \$100.00 (entry level)  
However if you upgrade your annual level of giving you know that your donation would in part support our Kiwanis Family House and partially fill the void caused by the lost of ARCO funding.

♥ Silver: \$300.00

♥ Gold: \$500.00

♥ Platinum: \$1,000.00 or higher  
Contact Editor (page 10) for more details.

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2. If so scan your S.H.A.R.E.S card and the house gets a percentage. You still get the great sale prices and the rest.



3. This supermarket corporation is so supportive of our KFH that it provided S.H.A.R.E.S. cards with our logo and mission statement. (Previously issued cards are still valid)
4. Our most recent quarterly check amount was over \$800.00 **We could triple that amount** if family members of K-Kids; Builders Club; Key Clubs; Aktion Clubs and Circle K Clubs obtained and used these cards.
5. **Diane Montalbo** and **Marv Hale**, told us how they are distributing S.H.A.R.E.S. cards to their Key Clubbers. Both are asking that the Key Clubber bring back a Save-Mart receipt showing the S.H.A.R.E.S. card was used, which then entitles the Key Clubber to one hour of community service credit. Diane as gone a step further and requires the key clubber to present five SaveMart receipts, with a minimum purchase of \$20 on each receipt and each receipt must show the SHARES card being used, before the key clubber gets their one hour service credit.
6. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 10) and send your name and mailing address, and the number of cards requested. Scan the S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop!



**Urgent!  
Must read!  
Suck it up!  
by Bill Hooper**

Our Kiwanis Family House has urgent needs. *Money is one of them.* Money is needed to spend for the expenses of maintaining our KFH to complete its mission.

We have many carpeted areas which requires lots of vacuuming. We need commercial grade vacuum machines. We need a source for donations or a special discounted prices.

Think of this, if our KFH could cut on expenses, we would not need as much money. Make sense doesn't it?

We all do not have the expertise that we need, but clubs (especially Sponsor Clubs) could have the talent that is needed.

**Right now we need advice on how to deal with problems we are having with our H-VAC system.**

If you can refer someone to solve or help with our maintenance concerns of the House please have them contact me.

**Bill Hooper at 916-988-6880 or bhoopk1g56@comcast.net**



## Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our KFH.

It helps the environment, lessens the impact on land fills, and makes cents.

**If you work for a company, ask it if it will cooperated in giving you the items for to take and donate.**

Our KFH gets money when we turn them in.

Besides the above there is a receptacle for plastic shopping bags.

Recycling money is "green" and spends the same way with a lessening on the KFH budget.

**Green is the color of money!**

## President's Message

By Rick Dwyer (Cont'd)

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month and providing analysis and report each board meeting to critical board members.

Negotiating payment terms with vendors, and more. It is a thankless job which Joyce performs brilliantly. Joyce has one more year to serve and is anxiously looking for her replacement.

In her day job Joyce operates her own company, Blonskij Financial Services, Inc., a Financial Advisor and Stock Broker. In addition she teaches a class in Financial & Wealth Management. She is also a Health Trainer and Author. Leaders like Joyce are hard to come by; *she takes the incomprehensible and makes it discernable.*

**Calvin Hara**, Member at Large. Calvin has a wealth of talent and experience.

He serves on several committees and works tirelessly to find ways to increase revenues and save dollars in Operating Costs. Don't be surprised if you were touring the House between 8:00pm and 4:00am some night and found Calvin and his volunteer crew stripping and buffing floors in our kitchen and dining areas.

Calvin also attends most conventions and assists in manning our KFH booth during these times. Calvin's board term wraps up this year. Cal's day job is Administrator of a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly in Sacramento. With this experience he brings a lot of talent to the table in our operations. Leaders like Calvin are hard to come by; *he thinks creatively, outside of the box.*

**Bob Isaacs**, Member at Large. Bob has served other terms as a board Member in previous years. Bob is also a Past Lt. Governor of Division 7.

Bob has served and is still serving in the District Governor's Cabinet. Bob is the consummate Kiwanian always leading the way. He is and has been instrumental in creating and leading a number of fundraisers for the House over the years.

You won't find another Kiwanian more willing than Bob to give of his time and experience to support the House. Now that he is retired we expect greater rewards from him. Leaders like Bob are hard to come by; *when the tasks wear you down, he comes up with a better way.*

**George MacMurphey**, Member at Large. George has been a Kiwanian for many years and is in his first term as a House Board Member.

George, a retired Pharmacist, has always had a keen interest in serving the House in some way. His day job did not give him the freedom to participate in a meaningful way.

Right after retirement, he started pestering Gary, both guys in the same club, about doing some work for the House.

It just so happened we had a vacancy on the board at that time, and guess what, be careful what you wish for. Over time I have learned a valuable lesson about people. Leaders are always looking for more to do, it's in their blood, this certain work ethic, there is always something worthwhile to do. Leaders like George are hard to come by; *he takes the wisdom of the ages and applies it in common sense solutions.*

**Dan Saulisberry**, Member at Large. Dan is a member and Past President of the Galt club.

Dan brings a lot of energy to the table. As General Manager of his business, the Brickyard Co., Inc., he is always looking for ways to save on costs be it diverting water away from building intrusion, costing out dividers separating our RV spaces for privacy screens, providing the labor at no cost to the House, formulating concrete opinion's in board discussion, you name it, Dan is always there participating and bringing solutions to troublesome issues confronting the House.

He has had some health problems this past year but never let that keep him down for long. Dedication to purpose is one of Dan's many virtues. Leaders like Dan are hard to come by; *he can take a project and bring it in, on time and under budget.*

**Neil Strain**, Member at Large. Neil is a multi talented person in addition to being a multiple Kiwanis Club member.

Neil is President of the Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento Club (Div. 7) and member of the Rancho Murietta club (Div. 44). He also brings a lot of talent to his House leadership position.

He has constantly been doing repairs around the House for several years at Mauda's beckon call. He seems to be able to fix almost anything around the House including building and installation of storage sheds. He is always selling tickets to some fundraiser. He is always promoting and participating in KFH projects. Leaders like Neil are hard to come by, he is finds the way around seemingly impossible tasks.

*Till next time....*



## Our Kiwanis Family House is now on Facebook!

By Mary Thomson

Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should "Like" the Kiwanis Family House page.

You can also click "Share" on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their wall and news feed for Friends to see and spreads the message of Kiwanis Family House!

You can also "Suggest" a page to all your friends via a message. Just click on "Suggest to Friends" (the fourth link down from the logo) and choose the friends to whom you want to send an invitation to the Page.

You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for other Fans to see, and it will also appear on your walls for your Friends to see.

If you want to reference something that is on the website, you should include a link to the Kiwanis Family House page along with your posting.

## 51<sup>st</sup> Creelman-Francisco Memorial Golf Classic



### Oldest charitable golf tournament in Kiwanis!

- ♥ Last Thursday in April 28th
- ♥ 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- ♥ Dinner and Awards at 5:30.
- ♥ Davis Municipal Golf Course Davis California
- ♥ Holding the same price again this year, \$75 for Golf, Cart and Dinner. \$16 for BBQ Steak dinner only.
- ♥ Planning to raise over \$6,000 again this year for KFH.
- ♥ Need every club's help as usual.
- ♥ Send your Golfers.
- ♥ Provide at least 1 Tee sponsorship sign.

Details: **Chris Creelman**  
(916-709-1839).

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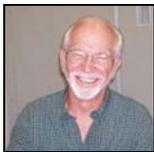
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## KIWIN'S

### History of KIWIN'S



Between 1973 and 1974, daughters of a past Kiwanis District Governor **Sidney J. Smith** wanted to join a service organization.

Key Club was the only one existing at that time, but they weren't able to join because it was an all-male club. Smith wanted his girls to have the same opportunities as men so he started a club called "Keyettes". The name was changed to "Keywanettes" in the mid-70s because a women's organization on the east coast already had the rights to the name.

It was through the efforts of the Cal-Nev-Ha district Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Advisors and high school principals that a program be made available to the young women of the community that provides the opportunities that young men had in Key Club. Today the two youth groups are co-educational.

Keywanettes became KIWIN'S when the House of Delegates convened at the 1995 Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention. KIWIN'S comes from the Ojibwe language and translates to "people, men and women, working together in service." The Cal-Nev-Ha District changed their name to dispel gender specific connotations and promote growth.

**Gary Christensen** reports: "On February 12 we were visited by KIWIN'S from Richmond. They brought

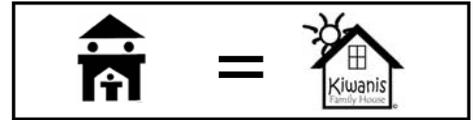
Valentine Gifts and other needed essential for our Kiwanis Family House.

There were other Key Clubbers present. Once these dedicated young volunteers hear the Family House story, and understand how the Family House provides a helping hand to families experiencing traumatic times, these energetic youth want to get involved by helping as volunteers at the Family House and by organizing their own fundraising projects such as their popular awake-a-thons and by distributing SaveMart SHARES card for use by their families. Their enthusiasm is always inspiring."

From Richmond came 29 KIWIN'S and their adult advisors in about 3 vans. They bubbled with enthusiasm.

Thanks to **Advisor Larry Lewis** form making this possible!





**"Over the years"**

The current series of **House Talk** (Volume I Issue 1) is dated May 1, 2001.

**Nine years ago  
Volume II Issue 9  
March 2002**

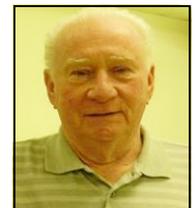


Over 50+ volunteers were briefed by **Shelton Duruisseau, PhD** at the UC Davis Medical Center.

The presentation included an overview of the UC Davis Health System regarding the facilities and the personnel that make it the top medical system that it is.

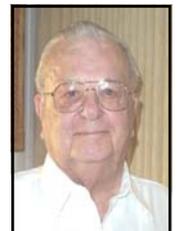
**Six years ago  
Volume III Issue 9  
March 2003**

**Bob Solly** reports that Kiwanians **Neil and Jackie Strain** "rehabbed" Rooms 8 and 10 with wall-papering, painting, wall hangings, new table, new lamp, and new chair plus more.



**Five years ago  
Volume V Issue 9  
March 2005**

**E. Parker Smith 1914-2005** **Leona Bright** reports." Parker got the first grant for \$1,000.00 to build the first Kiwanis Family House.



**One year ago  
Volume X Issue 9  
March 2010**



A tribute was paid to the many volunteers from UCDMC who assist us at Arco raising \$\$\$ for our KFH.

**Steven Hedrick**, deputy director of rehabilitative programs at the California Department of Corrections, was relaxing at home recently when a sharp pain ripped through his lower abdomen. The ache was so severe that he drove to the nearest treatment center – Sutter Urgent Care, Yuba City. Physicians there quickly evaluated Steven, obtained a CT scan and diagnosed him with kidney stones. Hedrick was prescribed pain medication and counseled to check in with his primary care physician at UC Davis as soon as possible.

At UC Davis, his physician used a new, secure Internet connection with the Sutter Health network to instantly view the results of Hedrick's CT scan and laboratory work.

Called *Care Everywhere*, the tool allows doctors in the Sutter Health and UC Davis networks to instantly share crucial patient data at the exact time they are delivering care – improving quality of care, saving time and potentially reducing cost.

In Hedrick's case, his doctor was able to quickly understand his recent health issue, continue monitoring his kidney stones and order a complementary ultrasound, which identified other issues that required additional care.

The cutting-edge record-sharing collaboration between UC Davis and Sutter Health is the first among health systems in Sacramento and among the first wave of connections between health-care institutions in the state.

*"The ability to access electronic health records for patients who need to receive treatment from physicians who are not their regular provider is invaluable,"* said **Douglas Kirk**, professor and vice chair of emergency medicine at UC Davis Medical Center. *"Sharing electronic health records across institutions saves time, decreases the need for repeat medical testing and gives caregivers access to important clinical information, often eliminating the need to transfer records by phone or fax."*

*"We know that unnecessary tests and services, and other inefficiencies drive up health care costs for patients – and they have no added health benefits,"* said **Gordon Hunt**, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Sutter Health. *"Information sharing like this gives physicians the ability to access and share patient records quickly*

*and securely, which further enhances the quality and continuity of care for patients, and potentially reduces costs."*

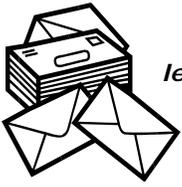
*Care Everywhere* enables health care organizations that use the Electronic Medical Records system developed by software vendor Epic, such as Sutter Health and UC Davis Medical Center, to instantly exchange confidential, electronic medical record information over the Internet, via encrypted connections. Strong security features are built into the program to ensure that patient information is secure and private at all times and a patient's authorization is obtained before a connection is made.

*"We want to ensure health information is available wherever and whenever it is needed to care for patients. That's why in addition to connecting patients, caregivers and organizations within our own network via our system wide EHR, Sutter Health is participating in collaborative and community initiatives that aim to create greater connectivity among California health-care organizations,"* added **Jon Manis**, chief information officer for Sutter Health.

Sharing electronic health records gives treating physicians access to comprehensive patient data, including a patient's medical history, family medical history, previous diagnoses, medications, allergies, physicians' notes, results of radiology and laboratory tests, medical procedures and more.

*"The ability of clinicians practicing at different health-care institutions to share electronic health records is at the forefront of national initiatives to improve health care,"* said **Michael Minear**, chief information officer at UC Davis Health System. *"When we can share patient data with other hospitals and physicians using secure and easy-to-use health information exchange technologies, we support better health care, provide convenience for our patients and create the potential to reduce the cost of care by avoiding duplicate testing."*

A goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act is to computerize the nation's health records by 2014.



*"Letters, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters..."*

**These letters are left at our KFH addressed to you.** They are published to show our readers of the impact made by the staff and services of our Kiwanis Family House and UC Davis Medical Center. The letters are published as originally written and punctuated. This is to preserve the sincerity and spontaneity of the writer.

*"Here is the key from Room 117. Thanx so much for making this week easier to cope with.*

*"God Bless!"*

*"A parent's blessing:*

*"May the blessing of love be on you,*

*"live within you and surround you,*

*"May it be your shelter in stormy hours and your warming fire when chilly, windy, and rainy.*

*"May love make your path soft so that if you steps falter,*

*"and that you may always walk side-by-side and hand-in-hand."*

*"A thank you to all:*

*"We can hardly express how much our stay here has meant to us.*

*"The friends we made, the warm smiles after a long day at the hospital and the care of so many people who first were strangers, but quickly became friends.*

*"The kindness and comfort from the staff meant so much in our time of trouble.*

*"May others who pass thru these doors find them as open-hearted as we did."*

### ***Kiwanis Family Open House***

Our Kiwanis Family House holds an Open House on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m.

*"To all of the wonderful ladies at the Kiwanis House:*

*"This is just a way to say we love you, just a way to see we care. To all of those of you who helped and the time we shared.*

*"For all of the kindnesses you showed us and for all the happy memories we will have.*

*"My God Bless all of you and our Kiwanis House. When I can I will do something special for you.*

*"Thanks again!"*

*"We were so grateful for being able to stay here.*

*"We felt so at home and everyone from staff to guests who stayed, we were like family.*

*"Thanks so much!"*

*"Being here at the Kiwanis House is super!"*

*"I am (name) and I am a mom of 3 girls. I am pregnant with my 4th daughter til I was hospitalized.*

*"I was 23 weeks then 4 1/2 weeks later 2 days after my birthday, had a C-Section deliver a girl: 2 lbs. 7.5 oz, 14 inches long.*

*"She is now 7 weeks old.*

*"Being here was great because I lived in San Joaquin County but now that this place exists I can tell any one that has a baby in the NICU at UCD I really like i especially that my kids could come and visit and we don't have to be outside on the streets.*

*"Thank you for everything!"*

*"To all of our friends here in the Kiwanis House:*

*"Thank you all for the smile and the talks and the encouraging words."*

*"You all have helped us as well as others to get through these hard and difficult times.*

*"Thanks again, take care, and God bless"*

*"Kiwanis Family House has show this to us in our time of need, all year long.*

*"Thank you for supporting me as I was then able to support my son when he was in the (special treatment center at UC Davis Medical Center).*

*"I was able to spend the time at his bedside and love him.*

*"You gave a gift that was so important. It really made things easier."*

*"Thank you so much for the hospitality. This was my first time. I felt really welcome and it made my stress level decline."*

*"Our hearts have grown to a size that only God knows.*

*"We will keep you all close to our hearts from this day on"*

**What would happen if each sponsor club covered one day at month?**

- **With our larger KFH we need more volunteers.**
  - **If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.**
  - **Work for a shift or two each month.**
  - **Flexible hours.**
  - **You can "work the desk and telephones" to free up the staff to do other chores.**
  - **You can do "handyman chores" if that is what you would like to do.**
  - **If you have a green thumb, there are projects to assist.**
  - **"Hands-on" community service hours.**
  - **Wonderful atmosphere.**
  - **Volunteer your time.**
  - **Training is provided.**
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## Red & White Ball 2011 by Bernie Bowes, Jr.



Photo credit: Louise Gumbinger

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Red & White Ball at the Dante Club was a huge success...

This year's chair was **Bill Hooper**.

There were 178 Kiwanis members from Divisions 7, 27 & 44 to help raise funds for the Kiwanis Family House.

Everyone in attendance had a great time. The food was outstanding...

Kiwanian **Jon Merker** donated his services for the Music. Jon is from the Kiwanis Club of East-Sacramento Midtown. It was excellent; the dance floor was full, all night.

Our club handled the Raffle and Silent Auction. The auction raised: \$1020.00.

A Special Thanks to: **Frank Hashorva**, who handled the 50/50 raffle & collected \$1,105.00. Our club volunteers raised a grand total of: \$2,125.00.

Many thanks to: **Neil and Jackie Strain** for their assistance in setting up the auction. Thanks to our 17 club members, who helped with the auction collection.

This Special Event raised over \$4,700.00 for the KFH...

Again, thank you, for all you do. Kiwanian **Gary Christensen**, adds: Go to [www.kzubnews.com](http://www.kzubnews.com) in order to view videos. It will be good for the new viewers, the *kzubnews.com* website and, of course, our Kiwanis Family House.



## Become a board member (cont'd)

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leadership positions as Board Officers and Director Members.

Any of you who have served as club officers know that strong leadership in your club is tantamount to your clubs well being, health and longevity.

The same goes for our **Kiwanis Family House**. Your leaders today and yesterday came from the ranks of your clubs leadership. Serving **KFH** is a continuation of your club leadership. We need to continue this Kiwanis legacy. *"Serving the World One Child at a Time"*

We need you club leaders out there to *"step up to the plate"* and serve again, lead your community in service by providing the talent and know how you did as club leaders.

This year there will be seven board positions up for election.

In April, a notice of Annual Meeting will be sent to each club. The



## House Talk Contact the Editor

### Quick Facts about House Talk

1. **House Talk** is a monthly newsletter published by the Kiwanis Family House, Inc.
2. The editor is solely responsible for the content of **House Talk**.
3. Deadline 5:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month.
4. Items are solicited. Items submitted will not be returned unless noted by the sender.
5. Errors in the **House Talk** are to be brought to the attention of the editor. Egregious errors will be corrected in a future edition.
6. Responses to the articles and authors unless indicated otherwise can be sent to the editor for forwarding.
7. Editor is **John W. Seigal**.
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notice will state the annual meeting date and time of election following the annual meeting.

The notice will ask if there is a member in your club who is interested in running for a KFH board position. The club is to send a signed letter by the club President or Secretary to our KFH Nominating Committee Chair, nominating that individual. The individual interested in running is to submit a short biography with his/her nomination letter, so voting members have more information to help them make a decision.

The by-laws state that at least three (3) directors must be Kiwanis club members from Division 7, three (3) from Division 44 and five (5) at large members. Two (2) Division 44 positions will be available. All three (3) Division 7 positions are filled. The remaining five (5) vacant positions are for at-large directors. (At large directors do not necessarily have to be Kiwanians.

To be eligible to vote, each voting club must be current with their \$100.00 dues payment for 2011.

### A quorum is needed

Voting can take place in two ways, attending the meeting and voting in person or voting by proxy in event no member from that voting club can attend the meeting. Proxy letters will be sent to all clubs with the Nomination Letter and Annual Meeting Notice.

All parties who could have an interest in running for the board are encouraged to attend at least one Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting and Election. Remaining Board Meetings before the Election are March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We need your participation and commitment. Please continue the legacy; **our 100 families we serve each month, are counting on your service.**

