



House Talk

Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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April 2012

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From our house,
to your house:



April 8, 2012
and
Orthodox Easter
April 15, 2012

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.

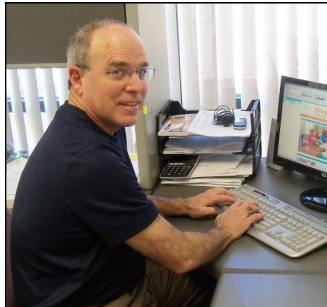
Send in your donation. It is \$40@ night. Send check or your credit card number with expiration date (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express only). Mail to Kiwanis Family House, Inc. 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

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

Meet new House Director

The media release announcing the hiring of a new house director read like this:

"William "Bill" Hooper, President of the Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors, announced that **Daniel Germain** has been



named House Director of the Kiwanis Family House effective April 1, 2012.

Mr. Germain will be responsible for the daily operations of the House, including oversight of the staff, volunteers, and guests. Additionally, Mr. Germain will assist the Board of Directors in executing the Strategic Plan, playing an active role in fundraising, grant writing, and outreach to the local community, Kiwanians, and sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs.

"Mr. Germain began his Kiwanis affiliation as a mem-

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Annual Meeting!



The Annual Meeting for our Kiwanis Family House, will be held at the KFH on Saturday, June 9, 2012 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.

Correction: The board members to be elected will serve a term of **three** years, (not **two** as previously reported).

President's Message by Bill Hooper

"..Our staff 'goes above and beyond,' by offering compassion and care to guests at our Kiwanis Family House..."



President **Bill Hooper** is on vacation at the time of this writing and

so I (**Calvin Hara**, Vice President) have the duty for writing this month's message.

This April issue embarks a new leadership, vision and direction for the Kiwanis Family House. I welcome **Dan Germain** as the new Kiwanis Family House Director. His experience in management, planning, organizing and selfless service to the community will certainly guide our Kiwanis Family

House in years to come. Welcome aboard Dan!

I would be remiss to not acknowledge **Gary Christian**, Interim House Director, and **Mauda Butte**, past House Director and presently Guest Relations Coordinator. Gary and Mauda have many years of dedication to our Kiwanis Family House and Kiwanis at-large, and their years of service are much appreciated. Thank you Gary and Mauda!



Walt Tietjen, Kiwanis Family House volunteer Chaplain, has resigned due to other commitments in his calling and service to the community.

Walt has been available weekly and around the clock for any spiritual needs of guests. In his years of service, Walt has been an excel-

lent listener and provided guidance as requested. I value the friendship I've had with Walt and wish Walt the very best in his future endeavors.

As I write this article today, I was saddened to hear of the passing of **Leona Bright**.



Mrs. Bright and her husband Vern, were the founders of our Kiwanis Family House. Their vision has provided countless

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www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org



Important Dates

Kiwanis Family House Board meetings

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

2012

April 12

May 10

June 9 (annual meeting)

Details in this issue!

July 12

Aug 9

Sept 11



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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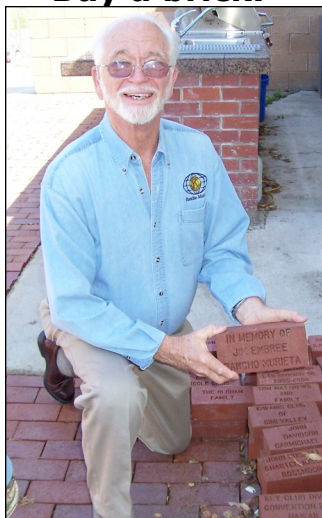
Kiwanis Family House Mission Statement

"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."

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Buy a brick!



KFH Board Member, **Neil Strain**, is showing the bricks.

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. They last longer than plaques.

For more information or a brick order contact editor.

See 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!



See us at:

- ♦ **Apr 21st Kiwanis One Day plan a project at our KFH.**
- ♦ **June 28-30th Kiwanis International Convention New Orleans**



- ♦ **Aug 16-18th Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention Santa Clara, California**

Meet new House Director (Continued)

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ber of Circle K International while attending college, and served as Circle K Governor of the Cal-Nev-Ha District for one year and Vice President of Circle K International the following year.

"He is currently a member of two Kiwanis clubs, East Sacramento-Midtown and Old Mission (Kansas). A Past Club President of both clubs, Mr. Germain currently serves as an Advisor to the California State University, Sacramento Circle K Club. Mr. Germain's qualifications include 22 years with the California Highway Patrol in various positions including Commander and Assistant Chief, with broad operational and policy responsibilities in the Business Services and Administrative Services Divisions of the CHP.

"Most recently, Mr. Germain served four years as Chief Operating Officer at Coalition for Independence, Kansas City, Kansas, a non-profit agency serving individuals with disabilities. In this role, he was responsible for all aspects of the Operations Department, including facilitating business processes, customer service, center accreditations, agency policy development, facilities oversight, occupational safety, and emergency procedures.



"In addition to being a long-standing Kiwanis club member and volunteer, Mr. Germain is currently a Board Member of MAAP, Inc., Sacramento, California, a non-profit agency, and for 20 years served as a coach/volunteer in the Elk Grove Youth Soccer League.

"**Gary Christensen**, who has served as Interim House Director since January 1, 2012, will resume his volunteer position as Development Director after ending his tenure as House Director on March 31st. In this key role, he will continue to provide fundraising and operational support to help ensure the future success of the Kiwanis Family House"

So much for the formalities, let us spend a few minutes with **Daniel "Dan" Germain**.

He is a native born Californian, born in Montebello. He graduated from Ponderosa High School in Shingle Springs. His higher education includes American River College, San Diego State University, Sacramento and California State University, Sacramento.

He fondly remembers his Circle K days. What sticks in his memory is the Kiwanians who believed in me and supported me as a young leader. "They influenced me and inspired me to invest myself in today's Circle K'ers and Key Clubbers as an advisor."



He has three children:

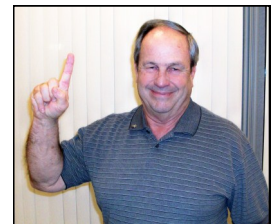
- Son **Patrick** is Vice President of Policy and Planning for Project Renewal in New York City, a large non-profit that serves homeless men and women suffering from addiction and/or mental illness.
- Daughter **Rebecca** is a Human Resources Specialist for Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Son **Matthew** is an arborist for Ryan Lawn and Tree, in Overland, Kansas and plays professional arena soccer for Kansas Magic, of the Professional Arena Soccer League.

Now his goals are to make himself known to fellow Kiwanians and supporters of our KFH. "I want to leverage this support to complete the goals of the Strategic Plan. I want to be patient enough to learn and know what things should remain the same."

Welcome aboard Dan!



Kiwanis One Day



Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. In 2012, Kiwanis One Day is April 21.

It's a global effort, but it's made of personal commitments.

Clubs planning their *One Day of Service*, should consider using our Kiwanis Family House as the site.

We have projects that we could suggest. Contact **Bill Hooper** or **Calvin Hara**. (See page 10.)

Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #120

Since October 1, 2001 to February 29, 2012, *(the effective dates of this report)*, **10,404** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC.

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

Our KFH has hosted **813** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **813** 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	South Carolina
Indiana	South Dakota
Iowa	Tennessee
Kansas	Texas
Kentucky	Utah
Louisiana	Vermont
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	Washington
Michigan	West Virginia
Minnesota	Wisconsin
Mississippi	Wyoming
Missouri	

Also, there have been families from:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the "host" divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDMC 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	2,804	26.95%
14	Dunning	1,147	11.02%
Out of	District	813	7.81%
27	Montalbo	774	7.44%
45	Pisiewski	697	6.70%
46	Smith	643	6.18%
44	Bowes-Jr.	632	6.07%
20	Smith	404	3.88%
23	Siminske	391	3.76%
8	Frazier	326	3.13%
32	Avants	278	2.67%
7	Kocsis	209	2.01%
5	Hillman	167	1.61%
26	Gilliam	142	1.36%
18	Roberts	115	1.11%
12	Imper	108	1.04%
36	Tidler	107	1.03%
34	Litteer	101	0.97%
2	Bowerman	91	0.87%
38	Rardon	60	0.58%
28	Yelinek	36	0.35%
43	Bowen	33	0.32%
33	Johnson	29	0.28%
29	TerBorch	27	0.26%
42	Gray	25	0.24%
41	Bonar	24	0.23%
11	Nakawatase	22	0.21%
15	Haendiges	19	0.18%
6	Whatley	18	0.17%
22	Rugg	18	0.17%
31	Higgins	17	0.16%
16	Hyland	16	0.15%
30	Fields	14	0.13%
47	Platzke	14	0.13%
1	Davis	13	0.12%
10	Arnold	12	0.12%
24	Benitez	12	0.12%
37	Sargent	12	0.12%
4	Brooks	11	0.11%
25	Montaño	9	0.09%
13	Graham	6	0.06%
35	Salgren	6	0.06%
19	McDannold	2	0.02%
	Totals	10,404	100.0%

Neighborhoods... not numbers!



The column to the left mentions numbers, where are guests from codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of **February 2012**.

Arizona

- Chandler
- Lake Havasu

California

- Alturas (2)
- Anderson (3)
- Antioch
- Arbuckle
- Bakersfield
- Berry Creek
- Campbell
- Chico (2)
- Clearlake
- Clements
- Clovis
- Copperopolis
- Corcoran
- Dorris
- Durham
- El Cajon
- Eureka
- Forest Ranch
- Fremont
- Grass Valley (3)
- Grenada
- Hanford
- Happy Camp (2)
- Hayfork
- Hesperia
- Hornbrook
- Independence
- King City
- Kings Beach
- Knights Landing
- Lake Forest
- Leggett
- Los Angeles
- Los Banos
- Magalia (2)

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Neighborhoods... not numbers! (Cont'd)

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- McKinleyville
- Merced
- Monterey
- Mount Shasta (2)
- Mountain Ranch
- Oakrun
- Oakdale
- Olivehurst
- Oroville (3)
- Paradise (3)
- Placerville
- Porterville
- Quincy
- Rancho Cucamonga
- Red Bluff (3)
- Redding (8)
- Redwood City
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- Santa Rosa
- Shasta
- Smith River
- Sonora (3)
- South Lake Tahoe (3)
- Stockton (4)
- Susanville (3)
- Tahoe City
- Tracy
- Truckee
- Victorville
- Westwood
- Yreka
- Yuba City

Florida

- Bonita Springs (2)

New York

- Yonkers

Nevada

- Carson City (2)
- Fallon
- Gardnerville
- Reno (3)
- Spring Creek (2)
- Stateline
- Sun Valley
- Wellington
- Winnemucca
- Yerington

Creelman-Francisco Classic 2012



The Creelman-Francisco Classic is the **oldest charity gold tournament in Kiwanis.**

Shown above is the late **Bob Creelman** and the late **Wilford "Red" Francisco**. **Bob Creelman** first organized the event, and **"Red" Francisco** took it over when Bob passed away in 1977.

The 52nd annual will be held on the last Thursday in April, April 26th at the Davis Municipal Golf Course in Davis California.

Lunch available at 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Awards and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

All proceeds from that event support our Kiwanis Family House.

- \$63.00 Golf & Dinner (excluding cart)
- \$45.00 Golf only (excluding cart)
- \$18.00 Dinner only
- Limited number of carts (\$12 for 1/2 cart. *Reserve early!*)
- *Deadline April 19, 2012*

For 2012 Kiwanis Governor **Richard "Dick" G.**

Olmstead Jr. will be playing in the Creelman-Francisco Classic. Mark your calendars. For details contact: **Chris Creelman** (916) 709-1839.



Oregon

- Albany
- La Pine
- Lakeview
- Portland

Texas

- Austin
- McKinney
- San Antonio

Washington

- Spokane

West Virginia

- Chloe

Top ten!



If you want to watch **David Letterman's "Top Ten"**, you have to stay up late and watch TV.

If you want to see KFH Guest Relations Coordinator's **Mauda Butte's "Top Ten"** from the KFH Wish List, all you have to do is read it here!

If you cannot fit them in an envelope to mail, then gift cards from Sam's Club and Costco work just fine also.

#10	Napkins
# 9	Cookies
# 8	Coffee
# 7	Canned meats: Spam, Vienna sausage, tuna fish
# 6	Boxes of facial tissue
# 5	Wrapped candy
# 4	Cereals: Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Frosted Wheat, etc.
# 3	Boxed "Helpers" tuna, hamburger, chicken
# 2	24 oz. bottles cooking oil
# 1	California State Flag 3'x5'



Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

Donate Your Vehicle



Car, Boat, Snowmobile, Water/Jet Ski, Motorcycle!

Donate your vehicle! Help a family in need!

If you have an old car, boat, or Recreational Vehicle (R/V) you can transform it into cash for our Kiwanis Family House.

Our KFH does not turn away any family who cannot pay the full amount to stay!

Our KFH has partnered with **Car Program Inc.** to provide an easy-to-use tax deductible process to donate your car, boat, or R/V.

You are able to donate your vehicle, running or not, and it does not have to be registered.

Questions: Call Board Member **Calvin Hara** at (916) 812-5524 or **Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160**. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!



- ✓ Next day pick-up
- ✓ Non-runner ok
- ✓ No smog ok
- ✓ 100% tax deductible

DONATE A CAR
(800) 240-0160

Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

KFH Open House

Our Kiwanis Family House Open House for January will be the 3rd Thursday on April 19, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Let's ride...

Dan invites us to go on a poker run to benefit our KFH!



A **poker run** is an organized event where participants, in this case, riding motorcycles, must visit five to seven checkpoints, drawing a playing card at each one.

The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the run. The event has a time limit, however the participants are not timed—winning is purely a matter of chance.



KFH Board Member, **Dan Saulisberry**, invites us all to the 5th Annual:

Brickyard 150 Poker Run

The date is Sunday June 24, 2012. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. and the ride leaves at 10:00 a.m. **sharp!**

The location is 8988 Elder Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95829-1031.

Cost is \$15, one up; and \$25, two up.

Benefits our Kiwanis Family House.

For more information call Dan at (916) 870-7373 or email him at:



dsaulisberry@thebrickyard.com



Anyone with a green thumb who could help us with the landscape maintenance or upgrading the landscape please call House Director **Dan Germain** at **(916) 736-0116** or **dan.germain@aol.com**



KFH Board member **Calvin Hara** takes care of most of our maintenance needs at the House, but he could use some help from a Handyman.

Calvin Hara can be reached at **(916) 812-5524** or **cmhara@comcast.net**

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Sacramento River Cats (AAA baseball) are offering a special deal to our KFH. **Lt. Gov. Bernie Bowes** **bbowesjr@ranchomuriel.org** is coordinating this project.

It is a money raiser for our KFH. Key Club and Circle K members go to **www.rivercats.com/fundraisers**, scroll to Key Clubs, enter **Kiwanis** and order tickets at \$15@

Kiwanis members and friends email Bernie to order tickets at \$24@.

The date is Sat. April 28th at 7:05 p.m. If you can't make that date, the tickets can be used at other dates Sunday-Thursday regular games.

Or you could donate the tickets to be used by guests of our Kiwanis Family House.

Get your SHARES Card (on page2) so we get our "share".

SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS	1022	SHARES
PAY TO THE ORDER OF: SHARES Participants	\$4,500,000	SHARES
Four Million Five Hundred Thousand	DOLLARS	SHARES
:1022 :123456789 111000222444	SaveMart	SHARES

Peter Wyckoff Arney 1937-2012 Servant-Leader

Peter Wyckoff "Pete" Arney passed away March 9, 2012 in Roseville, CA at the age of 74 years. He was born September 2, 1937 in Oakland, California the only child of **Vorie** and **Ann Arney**.

Gary Christensen, Interim House Director of our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) writes: "It was with great sadness to hear of Pete's passing. Pete and I worked closely together on the Arco Arena concession project over the past twelve years.

"He was on the original volunteer crew when the Kiwanis Club volunteers first began the relationship with Maloof Sports & Entertainment for Kiwanis to provide the volunteer work force for one of the large concession stands during Sacramento King's NBA games.

"Our Kiwanis Family House shared in the profits of the concession sales, and over the twelve years we participated, raised over \$100,000 for our KFH.

"After the fourth year, Pete took over the project organizing duties, which meant that he not only worked tirelessly behind the scenes between games recruiting the 35 volunteers needed to work at each game, but was also the group leader on game day which required him to be on-site at Arco Arena for up to 8 hours.

"He also served as a board member of our KFH.

"Pete was a tenacious leader who won over all of his fellow Kiwanians hearts by his gentle manner. Without hesitation he willingly gave of his time to help the Kiwanis Family House any way that he could.

"We knew we could count on Pete whenever we had other special projects

that he could help with. We again called on Pete to assist us during the landscaping phase of the new Kiwanis Family House. Pete would load his tractor onto his trailer and bring it to the Family House so he could help excavate the site where the playground was installed. He never refused anything we asked of him.

"We have all lost a giant in the community and a truly good friend to us all."

Pete can be described as a *Servant Leader*.

While not specifically defined "servant leadership" can be described as a management philosophy which implies a comprehensive view of the quality of people, work and community spirit. It requires a spiritual understanding of identity, mission, vision and environment. A servant leader is someone who is servant first, who has responsibility to be in the world, and so he contributes to the well-being of people and community. A servant leader looks to the needs of the people and asks himself how he can help them to solve problems and promote personal development. He places his main focus on people, because only content and motivated people are able to reach their targets and to fulfill the set expectations.

He is survived by his loving wife **Betty (Pullmann-Kaeding) Arney**; sons, **Scott Arney** and **Roger Kaeding**; and daughters, **Kari Arney** and **Jeanette Kaeding**. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife **Charlotte (Hemperly)**.

In 1960 Pete started work with Pacific Bell and worked for that company for more than 30 years. In the 1990's Pete left Pacific Bell working first for First Nationwide Bank and then for Foundation Health.

His first wife died in 1998. He was sure he would never marry again, and the same was true for Pete's widow Betty. She had lost her husband to Parkinson's disease. They met at the Kiwanis projects at Arco and were married in 2007.

"We have all lost a giant in the community and a truly good friend to us all."



President's Message (Continued)

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shelter, care, food and clothing to guests. The May issue of *House Talk* will be dedicated in the memory of **Leona Bright**.

At our Kiwanis Family House, there are over one hundred guests every month of various social, economic and cultural backgrounds.

Two to three times a week, when I'm at our Kiwanis Family House, I see guests with an expression of comfort – comfort that overnight, they had a warm bed to sleep in and a kitchen with food for nourishment.

That overnight pause in their life, as their loved one is in the hospital, provides hope and strength so at the next hospital visit, the warmth of family and support enhances the healing.

Our Kiwanis Family House staff is dedicated to service. The staff handles the business functions, clean rooms, wash linens, stock the kitchens with food and many other duties.

The staff "goes above and beyond," by offering compassion and care to guests as guests shares their story about the need to be at our Kiwanis Family House. Our staff is certainly the daily and twenty-four strength of the Kiwanis Family House. Thank you staff!

Kiwanians, friends and supporters, I wish you all a wonderful Spring season and please visit us for a tour or volunteer your service. I look forward to seeing you!

Calvin Hara, Vice-President

R.I.P. Leona Ramona Bright



**1921-2012
KFH Co-Founder**



Pictured above: Son Scott, Pete Arney, and Betty Arney

Nanoparticles that carry drugs directly to tumors, tests that predict whether chemotherapy will be effective before toxic doses of drugs have been administered, radiation aimed at tumors that spares healthy tissue, and culturally sensitive interventions to encourage American Indian women to get regular mammograms and cut their higher-than-average risk of death from breast cancer.

These and other advances in cancer research, care and outreach have earned the UC Davis Cancer Center the world's most prestigious honor in oncology: a "comprehensive" designation from the National Cancer Institute. Its new name, UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, reflects this designation.

Ralph deVere White, director of the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, said that the comprehensive designation from NCI puts UC Davis in a "unique position to break barriers to beat cancer in our community and beyond."

*"In practical terms, this means that the people of the Sacramento region and all of inland Northern California have a world-class cancer center at their doorstep and access to a wide array of clinical trials and new drug therapies," said **Ralph deVere White**, cancer center director. "It means that the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is in a unique position to break barriers to beat cancer in our community and beyond, and that our patients get care that is as leading-edge and comprehensive as any great cancer center in the nation."*

NCI's "comprehensive" designation signifies that the center meets stringent criteria in the areas of laboratory, clinical and population-based research, professional and public education, and in the dissemination of clinical and public advances to the communities it serves. Only 66 cancer centers in the U.S. have been designated by the NCI and of those, only 41, including UC Davis, have earned comprehensive status.

The cancer center was reviewed by a National Cancer Institute review committee last summer. The evaluation was based on a 1,500-page grant proposal that detailed the accomplishments and work under way within each

of the cancer center's multidisciplinary research programs, as well as a day-long visit by the entire NCI 25-member committee, which is made up of NCI officials and other NCI cancer center researchers from around the country.

*"Because of the depth and breadth of our programs, we were invited to submit an additional application to be considered for comprehensive status," said **deVere White**. "The NCI has now recognized that our center, although relatively young, has demonstrated its expertise in a broad range of disciplines that contribute to our understanding, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer."*

"The National Cancer Institute is responsible for making sure that research dollars are flowing into cancer centers that bring the most robust science and technology to the battle against cancer, so that patients here and everywhere can have the best hope for a cure," she said. "UC Davis has proven that it is up to the task, an achievement that will surely benefit everyone in the Sacramento region."

Established in 1991, the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center has quickly grown into a research powerhouse, with more than \$108 million in federal research funding. The NCI first designated the center in 2002, renewing its grant for another five years in 2006.

*"What makes the UC Davis Cancer Center so unique is the convergence of complementary but different disciplines that have been brought together by visionary leadership and exceptional institutional commitments to create synergies that did not otherwise exist," added **James K.V. Willson**, who serves as director of the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center External Board of Advisors.*

Over the next five years, the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center will focus on four major areas of research, each of which ties together resources from throughout UC Davis, as well as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Jackson West Laboratory and others.

One focus area will be comparative oncology, in which veterinary scientists are working with human health

scientists to extend the lives of dogs with cancer with treatments and techniques that could benefit human patients, as well.

Another focus area is the development of new technologies to better diagnose and target treatments. Combining forces with the UC Davis Department of Biomedical Engineering, cancer center researchers are finding better ways to pinpoint and plan treatment for breast tumors, distinguish normal from malignant brain tissue during surgery, and improve imaging tools to better identify cancerous cells on positron emission tomography (PET) scans. With Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists, cancer center researchers have found a way to determine whether bladder or lung cancer patients will benefit from chemotherapy by testing microdoses of drugs on tumor samples.

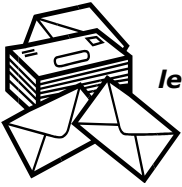
The cancer center continues to build on its robust program of investigator-initiated clinical trials of new therapies, including treatments in their first phase of development. This approach speeds the delivery of new treatments from the laboratories where they are developed to the patients who need them now.

*"We are delighted to share our vast scientific and clinical resources with the larger community to tackle cancer vigorously and on all fronts," said **deVere White**. "Ultimately, however, the most important goal at the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is to improve the care we provide -- and the lives of patients in our region and beyond."*

The UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated center serving the Central Valley and inland Northern California, a region of more than 6 million people. Its specialists provide compassionate, comprehensive care for more than 9,000 adults and children every year, and access to more than 150 clinical trials at any given time.

Through the Cancer Care Network, UC Davis collaborates with a number of hospitals and clinical centers throughout the Central Valley and Northern California regions to offer the latest cancer care.

Its community-based outreach and education programs address disparities in cancer outcomes across diverse populations. For more information, visit cancer.ucdavis.edu.



"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.

"Dear Staff of Kiwanis Family House, I have been wanting to write you and say a hearty thanks for the work you do in preparing and providing the family house."

"I recently visited overnight when my baby grandson has a medical appointment nearby—I drove 1½ hours to meet and help my daughter and children who drove 2 ½ hours from another direction."

"Needless to say, getting to the early appointment would have been a very difficult experience for us all were it not for your accomdations and hospitality to us."

"We were able to park safely, rest, eat, travel and be on time!"

"My daughter and I both kept commenting on the thoughtfulness and thoroughness of all we saw; for the design of the building, the furnishing of rooms and kitchen facilities, to the children's playroom, etc. And they there was the gift of stuffed animals to the children to absolutely make their day as we were 'checking out'."

"Thank you all so much for this wonderful service, and may it continue to help and bless many families who are in need of encouragement and rest."

"To Kiwanis Family house."

"Thank you for letting us visit and thank you Evonne for helping us..."

"Thank you Kiwanis Family House"

"God Bless this facility. Greatly!!!"

"Thank you for all your help and hospitality! Because of you it was easier to be close to my newborn baby who had to be at UC Davis hospital ICU."

"She will soon be home."

"Thank you so very much. God Bless always!"

"Thank you So much for your hospitality, you are a huge blessing to my family!!"

"May the Lord bless you all and May the Lord bless you financially so you can keep helping families!!"

"Thank you very much!"

"All of your were very nice to us, for all the greatest of all staying here too."

"Thank you and many blessings on Kiwanis House."

"I spent a night with my mum and then had to be in the hospital overnight."

"Terry was awesome in helping my mum in the morning for breakfast."

"Scott and Bonnie are always wonderful and we would not survive in UC-Davis with Kiwanis Family House and the staff."

"Keep up the good works and may God bless and increase your bounty in the coming days."

"We love Kiwanis beyond compare."

"Thank you all and we will keep you in our prayers."

"We are so very grateful to the staff and God!"

"Wonderful people you are here."

"Very thankful."

"The world loves you all."

"Dear Everyone at Kiwanis Club:"

"My son and I want to say thank you so much as we had a wonderful stay here."

"All of the staff are so nice."

"You were so nice to us, we would and will tell everyone about you."

"Without you we would not have been able to stay overnight as it is quite a long drive."

"We enjoyed the front desk help."

"Also to have all of the facilities (kitchen, library, dining room, etc.) and all the help from Evonne, Marie, and Jodi as they gave us so much help."

"See you all next time!"



"Over the years"

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

Four years ago Volume VIII Issue 10 April 2008



KFH Board Member Joyce A. Blonskij organized a team of volunteers to assist KVIE (Public Television) raise \$12,000 during a telethon. Above is KFH Founder **Leona Bright**, **Kiwanian Pamela Haines**, and Pleasant Grove Key Clubbers.

Three years ago Volume IX Issue 10 April 2009



On Sunday's game March 22nd Kiwanis Arco regulars were assisted by seven students from the California Maritime Academy.

Two years ago Volume X Issue 10 April 2010



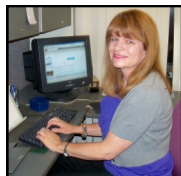
UCDMC volunteers at KFH Arco concession stand project.



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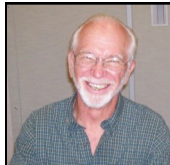
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- ♥ Communication is a two way street.
- ♥ We are here to inform.
- ♥ We are here to listen.
- ♥ We are here to remind.
- ♥ We are here to answer any questions.
- ♥ We are here to offer suggestions.
- ♥ Contact information is listed above.
- ♥ If you are unsure which one to call, give anyone a call and you will be directed to the right ambassador.



Find us on
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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.

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.
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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.
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ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to *eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus*. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.