House Talk
Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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From our house, to your house:

Happy Easter!

Easter and Orthodox Easter April 20th

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 $50 per 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 or call us.

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

22nd Annual Red & White Ball

According to Dale Ingvardsen, the Red & White Ball Historian, the idea of the First Red & White Dinner Dance began with Donna Nims and few members of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova, California.

This idea has matured into the very successful 22nd Annual Red & White Ball which benefitted our Kiwanis Family House.

It was held at the Dante Club in Sacramento on February 15th.

Bill Hooper was this year’s dinner chair. After the dinner he had to go to his tailor. Justifiably he was so proud of the event and turnout; he busted out all of his buttons on his red vest.

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President’s Message
by Bill Hooper

“...It feels good to be part of the leadership team that mobilizes the resources of the Kiwanis family...’

The 29th annual meeting of our Kiwanis Family House will take place on June 28th at 11:00 AM in the conference room at the House.

We encourage all of our sponsor clubs in good standing to be represented at the annual meeting.

Please watch for your meeting notices and R.S.V.P. to attend or send in your proxy, which will be provided in the meeting notice.

If your club has not yet paid your 2014 annual dues, please do so now so you can participate in the elections for the board of directors. We must have a quorum in order to conduct business so your club’s participation is critical.

There are several board positions available as two members have reached their term limits, and one or two others may or may not be able to run again, so new candidates are needed.

If you are able and willing to share your time, talent, and treasure to help guide and provide leadership for one of Kiwanis’ finest service projects, please consider serving as a board member of our Family House.

After serving several different terms on the Board, as well as being involved in a variety of other Kiwanis projects and leadership positions, I can assure you being a board member of our Kiwanis Family House is one of the most rewarding jobs in Kiwanis. It is rewarding because every time I visit our House and help solve a problem, contribute a new idea, talk with the guests, watch the staff work with the guests, or watch Kiwanians and its Service Leadership Program members working together on a variety of projects necessary to keep our Family House functioning, I realize again what a difference our House makes in people’s lives every day.

It feels good to be part of the leadership team that mobilizes the resources of the Kiwanis family to provide this wonderful service to families in need and it also feels good each time a guest says thank you.

If you think you would like to make a difference as a Kiwanis Family House Board member, go to our website, www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org.

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**Important Dates**

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

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**Save the dates!**
These benefit our Family House:
- Apr. 5th Kiwanis One Day at Family House
- Apr. 24th Creelman-Francisco Classic
- Apr. 26th Kiwanis Day at Sacramento River Cats
- June 21st Evening with the Stars of our Family House
- June 28th Annual Meeting of our Kiwanis Family House

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Director………………….Emily Chirk (2014)
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**Give a Brick!**
The memorial bricks cost $100 each. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep.

Donate them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more.

They are memorials and last longer than plaques and are seen by more people.

The bricks are installed in the courtyard of our Kiwanis Family House.

For more information see website or contact editor. See page 10.

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

**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, S-Mart, 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!

**Subscribe information about House Talk**

- **House Talk** is the official publication of our KFH.
- Each Sponsor Club is emailed a copy to the designated Kiwanian.
- If you are interested in receiving the House Talk via email visit our website at: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org and enter your email address on the lower left-hand corner where it says "Sign Up For Our Email Newsletter".
- If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

**Visit us at:**
- Aug. 14-16 Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention, San Diego, California Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
Yes, Circle K, this IS our house. We were very pleased to learn that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Circle K International has adopted the Kiwanis Family House as one of its three District Service Initiatives for the 2014/2015 year.

Over the next year, Circle K clubs from San Diego, San Francisco, Reno, Las Vegas, and all parts in between will be targeting their fundraising efforts to support the Eliminate Project, Pediatric Trauma Prevention, and the Kiwanis Family House.

While 40 percent of our guest families are residents of rural northern California counties, all other corners of the district are represented by appreciable numbers. Families enduring medical crisis are drawn to Sacramento’s world-class medical facilities and services at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Northern California and UC Davis Medical Center.

Many families from Clark County (Las Vegas) and Washoe County (Reno) in the State of Nevada have been our guests. Every year, we host at least one family from the State of Hawaii. Orange, Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Alameda, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco are among the California counties which are well represented among the 2,000 families we serve each calendar year.

We sincerely value Circle K’s district-wide sponsorship of the Kiwanis Family House. For almost all of your clubs, your donations will directly serve families from your hometowns. At the same time, we want you to know how much we appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald Houses and organizations with similar missions in the three states. We consider them to be our partners in addressing critical family needs.

I want all of our passionate supporters, including Circle K members, to be aware of two videos we have released in the past month. One tells the very compelling story of Erik and Alicia Vaillette. Like the other guest stories in our video library, this one conveys how important our Kiwanis Family House is to families during times of anxiety and worry.

The other new video release is a light-hearted glimpse of how our Family House has become a motivational power for all branches of the K-Family. Our purpose in producing this one was to pump up our team of Aktion Club, Key Club, Builders Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis enthusiasts, to do some cheerleading, if you will. It is a fun reminder that "This is Our House."

Thank you, Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K for being a champion!

Dan Germain (916) 736-0116 dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Members of the Aktion Club of El Dorado County and its sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of Placerville, California delivered a Craftsman® tool chest and a box of new stuffed animals to our Family House.

The Aktion Club raised the money by its activities.
Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #142
Since October 1, 2001 to February 28, 2014, (the effective dates of this report), 13,875 families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners Hospital for Children®.

This report covers over 12+ years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 1,065 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These 1,065 families come from:
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

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
- République du Sénéga
- 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 in Sacramento, California?

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

This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of December 2013. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

République du Sénégal
- Ville
- Anchorage
- California
- Alturas (3)
- Bakersfield
- Burney (2)
- Chico (3)
- Clearlake
- Cottonwood
- Crescent City (2)
- Esparto
- Diamond Springs
- Escalon
- Fortuna
- Fresno
- Gerber
- Grass Valley (3)
- Grover Beach
- Hayfork
- Hickman
- Hoopa
- Kings Beach
- Los Angeles
- Magalia
- Marina
- Merced (2)
- Modesto (2)
- Montague
- Mount Shasta
- Murrieta
- Newman
- Nice
- Oakdale (3)
- Oakland
- Olivehurst
- Orland

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Kiwanis Family House
April Wish List
Charlie Bussey, our Operations Manager always has a Wish List of items that are needed. Perhaps you might want to add an item for our Family House when you are shopping. You might find it more convenient to mail us a check so we can do the shopping for you. The check fits easily in an envelope.

Indicate on the memo line as to what wish list item the check is intended for.

Mail to:
Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95817
You also deliver the items to us or call us at (916) 736-0116 to arrange for a pick up.

April Priorities
For Guest Rooms:
• Mattress Pads (for twin beds)
• Unscented Kleenex® or comparable tissues (unscented preferred)
Personal Care Items:
• Travel size shampoo
• Travel size conditioner
• Travel size soap
Guest Comfort Items:
• DVD movies (no exercise videos)
Other Essentials
• Bleach
• Napkins
• Paper Towels
• Seasonings: such as Garlic Powder, Garlic Salt, Oregano, Rosemary, or common kitchen spices.
• Toilet Bowl Cleaner (Lysol® or comparable)
• Cash Donations for “Staff Only” Laundry Room (for bed sheets and towels) and the new telephone system.

Neighborhoods...not numbers! (Cont’d)
(Continued from page 4)
• Oroville (5)
• Paradise (3)
• Paskenta
• Paynes Creek
• Pioneer
• Portola (2)
• Red Bluff
• Redding (7)
• Sacramento
• Salida (3)
• Shasta Lake (2)
• Smith River
• Sonora
• Stockton (6)
• Susanville (3)
• Tahoe City
• Tracy
• Truckee (2)
• Tulare
• Tulelake (3)
• Vacaville
• Woodbridge
• Yuba City (2)
• Yuba City (4)
• Idaho
• Kuna
• Maryland
• Gaithersburg
• Nevada
• Carson City (2)
• Dayton (2)
• Fallon
• Reno (4)
• Winnemucca
• Zephyr Cove
• New York
• Brooklyn
• Oregon
• Klamath Falls
• West Linn
• Texas
• Katy
• Utah
• Brian Head
• Saint George
• Washington
• Burien

20th Annual Red & White Ball (Continued)
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Kiwanians from all over the Cal-Nev-Ha District attended.
The event promised Fun, Fellowship, Music, and Dancing. It delivered this and more with a big serving of inspiration.

Many Kiwanians commented it was a great event since all I had to do was buy a ticket, eat, dance, and didn’t have to do anything else but enjoy myself. The prime rib, chicken, and vegetarian entries were deliciously prepared by the Dante Club.

The inspiration came from recent guests of our Family House, Erik and Alicia Vaillette and their 15 month old daughter Macie, shared their story about their son Jace Scott. Their story truly touched the hearts and sympathies of those present.

The Master of Ceremonies was Past Lt. Gov. of Division 7 Dave Canady. His band played live music that went to the dancing feet of the attendees. Encore! Encore!
**President’s Message**

by Bill Hooper (Cont’d.)

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under the menu item “Who We Are”, “Board of Directors”. Completed applications should be sent to our Board Secretary, Rita Germain, at ritagermain@gmail.com or mailed to her attention at Kiwanis Family House, 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, by June 15th. For questions about becoming a board member, please contact Executive Director Dan Germain or any member of our board.

The bylaws also allow for a limited number of non-Kiwanians to become board members so if you know of a talented individual in your community who might make a good board member talk with them and see if they would consider allowing your club to nominate them for a board position.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Creelman/Francisco Golf Classic on April 24th and the Kiwanis Night with the River Cats on April 26th.

Both of these annual events provide terrific fun, fellowship, and funds for the House. Thanks so much for your support and participation and to Bernie Bowes and Chris Creelman for their leadership on these events.

A new opportunity I would like all of you to consider is the Big Day of Giving! It is a 24 hour opportunity to give online to one of 400 charities in the Sacramento area that have registered for this year’s event.

Donations must be made on line to When donating on May 6th, 100% of the donation goes to the registered charity of your choice. This is a great project to share on Facebook with your friends. Remind them that a $50 donation will house a family for a night.

Donations made that day may also be given a boost from a pool of matching funds. This is part of a national campaign so let your social media friends know about us and give them an opportunity to help one of your favorite charities. What a great way to share Kiwanis Family House with your friends and family! Happy Birthday To Us! Yes, on June 21st we will celebrate Kiwanis Family House’s 30th birthday with a gala “Evening With the Stars” at The Alumni Center at Sacramento State University. It is located at 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

It will be a great event so mark your calendars and watch for details. Till Next Time, Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill William Hooper, President bhoopklg56@comcast.net

**Spring has sprung…**

The grass has ‘riz…

I wonder where the Frost is?

Wonder no longer!

Kiwanian Carol Frost, Past Lt. Governor Div. 7, is seated on her trusty Husqvarna Mower, cutting our Family House’s lawns.
Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

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

Our Family House 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.

Go to:

Questions: Call Executive Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our Kiwanis Family House.

Become a friend!

Want to feel good about yourself?

Then become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House. It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). Monthly payment options are available. Information about memberships and ways to pay is available at our website: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Want to feel better about yourself? Consider giving your friends and relatives the “gift” of becoming a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.

You will receive a either a copper, silver, gold, or platinum-colored pin to wear proudly to correspond with your level of giving.

These donations are vital to our ability to keep our commitment to be there for families in crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our Family House

We even have a container for used plastic bags to be recycled.

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

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

Our KFH gets money when we turn them in for recycling.

Recycling money is “green” and spends the same way with a lessening on the budget.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

If you have marketable securities that have grown substantially in value, the tax laws make it possible for you to make an important gift at a remarkably low after-tax cost.

A gift of appreciated securities generally qualifies you for an income tax charitable deduction equal to the value of the gifted securities, and it may also avoid the long-term capital gain tax on your unrealized capital gain.

You can deduct up to 30% of your adjusted gross income in the year of your gift. Any amount given in excess of 30% can be carried over and deducted for up to five subsequent years.

Usually a sale of appreciated securities results in a tax on your full gain – in other words, you keep only part of the profit. But if you donate those same appreciated securities to our Kiwanis Family House, there is no tax on your gain, even though your “profit” is counted as part of your charitable deduction.

Check with your Tax Advisor or IRS.

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

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Mothers of newborns can now donate their babies’ umbilical cord blood at UC Davis Medical Center

Mothers of newborns can now donate their babies’ umbilical cord blood at UC Davis Medical Center and other hospitals throughout the state as part of California’s first comprehensive public system of collecting cord blood for lifesaving transplantations and medical research.

“This program enables new mothers to be both life-givers and lifesavers,” said Laurel Finta, medical director for Maternity Services at UC Davis Medical Center. “Parents now have the opportunity to donate to a publicly funded cord blood collection program that costs them nothing and can provide benefits to so many others.”

Created by state legislation in 2010, California’s Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program (UCBCP) is a unique, state-funded system designed to broaden the diversity of umbilical cord blood units for public banking and use in unrelated transplants as well as provide a source of high-quality cord blood units for qualified researchers. UC Davis Health System administers the program, which is funded by a $2 dollar fee on birth certificate copies.

“The main goal of this program is to expand the diversity of publicly available cord blood by making it easy and convenient for new mothers to donate,” said Suzanne Pontow, co-director of the program and a scientist at the UC Davis Institute for Regenerative Cures in Sacramento. “Only a tiny fraction of cord blood is collected and preserved right now, so this is the beginning of an important effort to enable parents around the state to voluntarily and easily donate cord blood at no cost.”

Cord blood is the blood that remains in the placenta and umbilical cord after a baby is born. It is an important alternative to bone marrow for transplantation because it contains all the natural elements of blood and is rich in blood-forming stem cells. It also does not require as close a match between the donor and recipient as bone marrow. Cord blood is used to treat a variety of diseases, ranging from sickle cell anemia to cancers of the blood, such as leukemia and lymphoma. Researchers say umbilical cord blood also holds promise as an important source of stem cells that could be used for potential medical therapies and treatments.

Typically, only a small number of parents choose to save cord blood when their children are born. Private cord blood banks often charge several thousand dollars for their collection services, plus a yearly storage fee. Those stored cord blood units are available only to the donor families.

Expanding the nation’s cord blood registry is particularly important for ethnic minorities. Currently, African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians face extra challenges to finding a cord blood match because their populations are individually smaller and have made fewer donations into the public-banked system. In general, minorities are more likely to find a suitable match from donors within their own ethnic groups, which is important because, unlike bone marrow transplantation, a partial cord blood match can be perfectly acceptable and viable as a life-saving transplant resource.

Cord blood units collected at UC Davis Medical Center are sent to the San Diego Blood Bank, where they are screened for genetic characterization and infectious disease before being stored and entered into the National Registry. Other hospitals participating in the new collection program are located in the Bay Area and Southern California: White Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles; Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles Medical Center; Memorial Care Center for Women at Miller Children’s Hospital, Long Beach; Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns, San Diego; Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego; Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, Palo Alto.

To expand the collection program’s reach, plans call for certifying additional hospitals and collection specialists in the Central Valley, Bay Area and Southern California in the coming year. The collection team is encouraging donations from patients and hospitals, educating the public about the value of cord blood, and training health professionals on how to collect cord blood to ensure quality control for each donated unit.

“With California’s highly diverse population, having a public collection program will truly enhance our nation’s supply of cord blood,” said Jon Walker, who serves as co-director of the project. “For far too long, cord blood has been considered medical waste. We’re creating the ultimate recycling project that can help save lives.”
Delicious food and delectable wine and spirits await at An Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House. 30th Anniversary Gala. Celebrate with the Board and Staff of the Kiwanis Family House and officials from UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospital as we honor those who have made our mission possible for the past 30 years!

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4000 J Street, Sacramento |
| **Time:** | 6:00 pm Social Hour/Champagne Reception  
7:30 pm Program  
9:00 pm Silent Auction Reveal  
10:00 pm Close of Event |
| **Attire:** | Semi-Formal or Formal |
| **Cost:** | $60 per ticket or 2 for $100 |

For tickets or information, go to:  
www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org  
Contact: Rita Germain  | 916.549.1354  
or ritagermain@gmail.com
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.

Our Kiwanis Family House has an Ambassador Program. The dictionary defines “ambassador as an official envoy; an authorized representative or messenger."

To be a Sponsor Club is one thing, but communication is a two way street.

Because Ambassadors serve several clubs, they know the latest, and perhaps the best in fund-raising programs.

Because Ambassadors meet with other Ambassadors, they can find solutions and best ways to solve problems.

Ambassadors are here to inform.

Ambassadors are here to listen.

Ambassadors are here to remind.

Ambassadors are here to answer any questions.

Ambassadors are here to offer suggestions.

To confirm your Ambassador, email Rita Germain, see above.

House Talk: Contact the Editor

Quick Facts about House Talk

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