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House Talk

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Around Our House



Our Kiwanis One Day spring workday was a big success! Thank you to all who joined us for a great day of service at our House. Our next workday will be in September--date will be announced soon!



Kiwanis Family House "Bright Awards" were presented by the Kiwanis Family House Board to three recipients for their contributions to KFHH: House Talk Editor Rita Germain, Executive Director Dan Germain, and KFHH Chaplain, Rev. Ron Beams. Presentations were made at the Region 16 Governor's Visit on Saturday, April 29th by KFHH Board President Jim Legler.



Is your club planning a project, workday, or fundraiser for the House? If so, send photos and details to editor Rita Germain at ritangermain@gmail.com so we can feature you in a future issue!

It's Almost Here...Big Day of Giving is Thursday, May 4th!



For the 4th year, Kiwanis Family House is participating in the Sacramento region's Big Day of Giving. Our goal for this year is \$75,000, and we need

YOUR help to reach it. Please give on May 4th beginning at midnight at <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/kiwanisfamilyhouse>

Kiwanis Family House

THE BIG DAY OF GIVING, MAY 4, 2017

#KFHALLDAYALLNIGHT #BDOG2017 | www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

JOIN US MORNING, NOON, & NIGHT...

MORNING | 7 TO 11 AM | BROADWAY COFFEE
3200 BROADWAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95817

- PICK UP A WARM DRINK, PASTRY (OR TWO)
- HAVE BREAKFAST WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAN GERMAIN
- YOU MIGHT BE FEATURED ON OUR FACEBOOK LIVE POSTS!
- GET THE BIG DAY OFF TO A GREAT START BY MAKING YOUR DONATION TO KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE WHILE YOU'RE THERE
- A PERCENTAGE OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO KFH!



NOON | 12 TO 3 PM | BEACH HUT DELI
6601 FOLSOM BLVD, SACRAMENTO, CA 95819

- ENJOY A SIGNATURE SANDWICH AND LIVE MUSIC
- MAKE YOUR BIG DAY DONATION AND VISIT WITH YOUR FELLOW KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE SUPPORTERS
- PLAY IN OUR ANNUAL ROCHAMBEAU TOURNAMENT ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND TRY TO BEAT LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAN GERMAIN!



NIGHT | 4 TO 8 PM | RUBICON BREWING CO.
2004 CAPITOL AVE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811

- END THE BIG DAY WITH A COLD ONE AND A DELICIOUS MEAL IN MIDTOWN SACRAMENTO WITH KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS, AND FELLOW SUPPORTERS
- JOIN US FOR GAMES AND A TRIVIA CONTEST
- MAKE YOUR BIG DAY DONATION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Big
Day of
Giving
MAY 4

Join us **Morning, Noon, and Night** for fun, games, great food, drinks, music, and prizes, and make your donation while you're there!

Three great events--come to one, or attend them all:

7 am to 11 am at **BROADWAY COFFEE** (listen to us on Mix 96 - The Dan and Michelle Show from 7 to 10)

12 pm to 3 pm at **BEACH HUT DELI**

4 pm to 8 pm at **RUBICON BREWING COMPANY**

For more details, download the flyer [here](#).

Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting is June 3, 2017

The Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017, beginning at 11 a.m. All sponsor clubs are requested to attend to hear an update on our House and to cast their votes for our open Board Director positions. Additional details and proxy forms were mailed to sponsor clubs in April.

We are voting on 5 Director positions at the meeting, and we are currently recruiting for candidates. Click [here](#) for a position description, application, and copies of the letter to clubs and proxy letter.

Lorrie's Story | Charlie Bussey

As I write this, it is Thursday. Earlier this week, on Monday morning, one of our guests stuck her head inside the office door, handed Dan and me some bookmarks she had made from beads and me and said, " I just want you to know what a wonderful place this is. Your staff is so understanding and kind. I don't know what I would have done without this place." [\(read more...\)](#)



President's Message | Jim Legler



Recently I was privileged to represent the Kiwanis Family House at a reception hosted by the U.C. Davis Medical Center. The reception was to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new and expanded Children's Surgery Center on the Medical Center Campus and also to acknowledge their certification by the American College of Surgeons as a Level 1 Children's Surgery Center. (This designation makes the U.C Davis Medical Center the only Level 1 Children's Surgery Center on the West Coast and only one of five in the nation.) [\(read more...\)](#)

Become a Sponsoring Club!

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 113--will your club be the one?

If your home club is not already a sponsor, please champion our cause with your board of directors. The commitment is as follows:

- A one-time sponsorship fee of \$500
- Annually, thereafter:
 - Dues of \$100 each October
 - At least one additional donation or fundraiser on our behalf

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



If you are a 2016/17 Lieutenant Governor, can you help us locate one club in your Division which is not already a KFH sponsor? Let us know!

Kiwanis Family House Board and Committee Schedule

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has announced a board meeting schedule for the 2016-2017 term. Until further notice, the board shall meet **every other month (odd months: January, March, May, July, September, and November)** as well as in the month of June following the Kiwanis Family House Annual Meeting. Except for June, all meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Family House, unless otherwise announced.

Board committee meeting schedules have been updated as well, as follows:

- **Development Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- **Marketing Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Governance Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Operations Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Human Resources Committee:**
as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD
- **Finance Committee:**
as needed every other month (odd months), date and time TBD

For more information, please contact Board Secretary Rae Whitby-Brummer at raewhitby@aol.com or (209) 712-2099.

How YOU Can Make A Difference | Rita Germain

Donors and volunteers make all the difference in our ability to care for our guest families during times of medical crisis. Below are some ways YOU can make a difference by helping the families who stay in our Kiwanis Family House.



Do you shop at Amazon.com? If so, an easy way to give back to the Kiwanis Family House is through the [AmazonSmile](#) program. You can shop at [AmazonSmile](#) for the same items you purchase on Amazon.com everyday. When you do, .5% of the purchase price of all items you buy will be donated to the Kiwanis Family House.

Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and designate Kiwanis Family House as your charity, and start shopping today-it's that easy!



Do you shop at Save Mart, Lucky's, or other affiliated supermarkets? It's simple to give back to Kiwanis Family House through S.H.A.R.E.S. Just sign up on www.eScrip.com/shares and choose "Kiwanis Family House" as your charity in order to automatically continue your donations every time you shop. You just need to provide your name, phone number, and email address to get started!

Volunteer opportunities are always available, and Operations Manager Charlie Bussey coordinates these efforts for individuals, clubs, and outside groups. To learn more, or to schedule a time to volunteer, contact Charlie at **(916) 736-0116** or cbussey@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org.

In addition, large K-Family workdays are scheduled at least two times a year, typically in April during Kiwanis One Day, and in early September. This is great opportunities for clubs to work side-by-side with their sponsored youth, friends, family members, and membership prospects. Our next workday will be on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

Big Day of Giving *May 4*

May Board Meeting *May 9*

KFH Annual Meeting *June 3*



Kiwanis Family House Wish List

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this month's Wish List.

The Operations Manager always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed by Kiwanis Family House. These items are usually available at a convenience store or perhaps you might have them in your home. If you feel you can help out with an item, either bring it to Kiwanis Family House or give the Family House a call at **(916) 736-0116** to arrange a pick-up of the item(s).

PRIORITIES

- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Kleenex

Who We Are



Dan Germain,
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To View our Board of Directors, click [here](#).

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide temporary housing and support to families of seriously ill or injured children and adults being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California.

Our Vision

Our Vision is to continually provide convenient, restful, secure, and low cost accommodations for the families of patients being treated at the UCD Medical Center or at Shriners Hospital.

Our Values

Our Values are guided by the KIWANIS Service Motto: "Serving the Children of the World".

The KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE encourages the following core values:

- A sense of community
- Dedication to service
- Respect for families
- Augmentation of services provided by other organizations
- Collaboration with community partners
- Foster awareness for those in need
- Generosity

Ways to Help

You can help the Kiwanis Family House by donating or participating in the following programs:

- Sponsor A Family
- Become a Friend of the Kiwanis Family House
- Buy a Brick
- Purchase a Bright Award
- Donate a Vehicle
- Participate in the SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. Card Program
- Donate Wish List Items
- Become a Sponsor Club
- Sponsor a Room
- Volunteer at the Kiwanis Family House
- And much more!

For information on these opportunities, go to:
www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/

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