



January 2017

# House Talk

The official newsletter of Kiwanis Family House

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## Around Our House



Members of the Lincoln Kiwanis Club attended the January KFH Board Meeting to present a donation for \$8,000 to Executive Director Dan Germain and Board President Jim Legler. This represents proceeds from the Lincoln Holiday Home Tour, which includes tours of homes in Sun City Lincoln decorated for the holidays, as well as sales of decorated holiday trees and handmade scarves. The Kiwanis Family House is grateful for the continued support of Lincoln Kiwanis, sponsors of two guest bedrooms at the Kiwanis Family House.



Several members of the Rancho Murieta Kiwanis Club spent a day updating their sponsored room at KFH, adding new paint, chair rail, curtains, lamps and art work. Thank you to the Rancho Murieta Club, and especially to Claudia, Judy, Bonnie, Patrick, Carole and Lynne for all your hard work to make Room 102 comfortable and inviting for our guests!



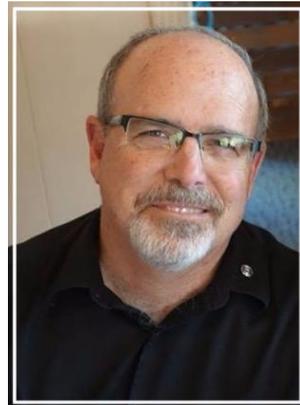
Shown here are members of the Kiwanis Club of San Jose, who visited the House in January with a load of much-needed supplies. Club members took a house tour and interclubbed with the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta while they visited. Read more about some exciting news from this club later in the newsletter!

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

## **Director's Column | Dan Germain**

Each day for several recent months, the campus shuttle picked up Lorraine Ancic at Kiwanis Family House (KFH), delivered her to nearby UC Davis Medical Center for her cancer treatments, and then completed the loop. She became very familiar with that circular route that returned her to the comfort and support of her temporary home. Prior to the recent holidays, Lorraine checked out of KFH for her eventual hospice care. When her son called us to report her passing, he reinforced how much Lorraine valued our services during her stay here.

**[\(read more...\)](#)**



## **Join us for the March in March on Saturday, March 11th!**

The 8th Annual March in March is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017! Sponsored by CIRCLE K AT SACRAMENTO STATE, this year promises to be a fantastic FUN-draising event for the entire Kiwanis

Family! ([read more...](#))

8th Annual  
**MARCH**  
in  
**MARCH**  
Saturday, March 11, 2017  
Where? Kiwanis Family House  
2875 50th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817

**Schedule:**  
8:00 AM-9:00 AM  
Registration and **FREE**  
Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 AM-10:00 AM  
Hold Hands and Circle  
Around the House  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Countdown and MARCH  
\$15 minimum pledge

**Trophies/Prizes:**  
- Individual, Club and Division Prizes for Most Money Raised  
- KFH Memorial Brick for the Kiwanis Club That Donates the Most Money  
- KFH Memorial Brick for the Club That Walks the Most Laps  
- KFH Red Polo Shirt for the Individual That Raises the Most Money  
- Trophy for SLP Division That Walks the Most Laps  
- Trophy for the Kiwanis Division That Donates the Most Money

#MarchforKFH #SacCKIBringIt

Download the flyer and pledge forms [here](#).

## President's Message | Jim Legler

Success is something we all work toward every day but it can sometimes be difficult to define. Although success may be hard to put our hands around, we all know success when we see it in individuals and organizations. Regardless of how we measure success, I believe it is hard to deny that success is largely a matter of attitude and planning.



Successful people and organizations all have a positive and proactive attitude as well as a clear picture of what success looks like. A plan is developed which lays out a map to follow which leads to the obtainment of [\(read more...\)](#)

## Become a Sponsoring Club!

The Kiwanis Club of San Jose has announced that it will become the 110th Sponsoring Club of the Kiwanis Family House! We are so grateful to the leaders and members of this club, which include Past Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Dan Connolly and wife Cheryl, for their continuing support of Kiwanis Family House, which began more than ten years ago when the club sponsored a guest bedroom in the then-newly built House.

### Our club commits to...

Supporting families  
at Kiwanis Family  
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



We are ready to add sponsoring club number 111--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

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](mailto: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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and designate Kiwanis Family House as your charity, and start shopping today-it's that easy!

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**SAVE MART  
SUPERMARKETS**

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](http://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!

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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](mailto: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:

Committee Meetings	<i>February 15</i>
Committee Meetings	<i>February 27</i>
March in March	<i>March 11</i>
KFH Board Meeting	<i>March 14</i>
Kiwanis One Day	<i>April 1</i>



## 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

- Bleach
- White bath towels
- White fitted sheets - twin sized

## Who We Are



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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/](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/how-you-can-help/donate/)

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