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House Talk

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Around Our House



Above: These donations were made by the Sacramento office of the law firm of King & Spalding, a healthcare law firm headquartered in Atlanta, GA. The firm has a national program called K & S Cares. Each of their offices picks a local healthcare related charity to help out and the Sacramento office chose Kiwanis Family House. Pictured are Kiel Yager, an associate attorney and Marla Sydnor, a staff member, co-chairs of the project. We appreciate the donations!



Above: Members of the Lincoln Foothills Kiwanis Club visited our House to deliver a carload of new underwear and socks for the clothes closet. Thank you!

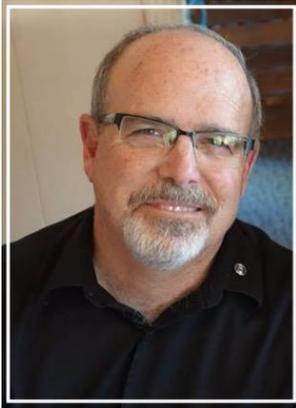


Above: Pictured are Ted Smith, President, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Roseville, on a recent visit to KFV. Roseville Kiwanis recently voted to sponsor a guest room by pledging \$25,000 to our House!

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 so we can feature you in a future issue!

Director's Column | Dan Germain



Like many Kiwanis members who attended the recent International convention in Paris, we were drawn to some of the city's landmarks during our stay - Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Palace at Versailles, the Hotel Ritz, and the River Seine. Each of these beams its own history, its own legacy, and its own significant impact on the lives of many.

I have returned to my desk at Kiwanis Family House (KFH) with these landmarks still fresh in my memory. Far be it from me to associate KFH with the aforementioned wonders of [\(read more...\)](#)

President's Message | Guy Blair

I am optimistic about the things the Board of Directors will accomplish in the coming year. Last year the Board developed a Strategic Plan that established a good foundation from which we have achievable action items in 2017-18. We have already made changes to our Committee structure and we are working on other changes to our process for electing Board Officers.

We lost some very talented people in the retirement of five of our Board members at the end of June, but we also gained some new Board members with gifts and [\(read more...\)](#)



Average? What's That? | Charlie Bussey



The "average" guest stays at Kiwanis Family House for about 3 days, stays only one time and we never see them again because their family medical emergency has been resolved. Other guests stay with us over and over as their medical crisis may take longer and require one or more follow up visits or surgeries. This is the story of two of those families.

SEAN

Sean lives in Texas. In March of 2015, Sean and his wife, Marilyn were visiting their son in Placerville, awaiting the arrival [\(read more...\)](#)

Become a Sponsoring Club!

GREAT NEWS! Kiwanis Club of the North Bay (Div 32) has become the 113th official sponsor of Kiwanis Family House!

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 2017-18 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 and Marketing Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- **Governance and Finance Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Operations and Human Resources Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Board Secretary Rita Germain at ritamgermain@gmail.com or 916.549.1354.

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.

WANTED: Volunteer(s) to work two to three hours per week, mowing, edging, pruning, trimming, weeding and doing what is necessary to keep KFH landscape looking sharp. Contact Charlie if you are interested!

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

CNH District Convention *Aug 3-5*

KFH Committee Meeting *Aug 8*

KFH Committee Meeting *Aug 28*



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

- Individually wrapped candies
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Kleenex (unscented)
- Copy Paper

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/

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