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# House Talk

The official newsletter of Kiwanis Family House

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## Around Our House



Above: Retiring board directors Chris Creelman (Sacramento Suburban), Matthew Wehner (Davis), James Legler (Galt), Duane Paul (Citrus Heights), and Jim Kocsis (Davis).



Above: Newly elected board directors are: Jon Merker (East Sacramento), Lanelle Rogers (Roseville), Terry East (Woodland), and Lydia Olsen (Rocklin). Not pictured is Anthony "Scott" Westphal (Shasta Dam).



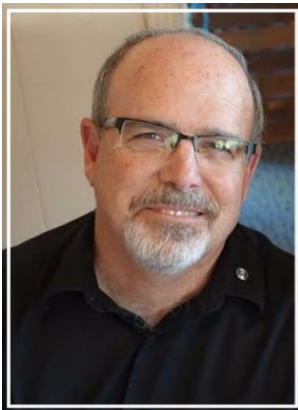
Above: Newly elected board officers for 2017-18 are: President Guy Blair (Amador County), Vice President Kathleen Ross (Rancho Cordova), and Secretary Rita Germain (Greater Sacramento/Laguna-Elk Grove). Not pictured is Treasurer Rae Whitby-Brummer (Greater Lodi).



Above: Under the leadership of President Stephanie Martin, the Aktion Club of El Dorado County recently donated bath towels, kitchen towels, bed sheets, and wash cloths to Kiwanis Family House. Pictured are Sergeant at Arms Michele, Advisor Marie Creasey, Board Member Linda, First Vice President Kenny, and President Stephanie,

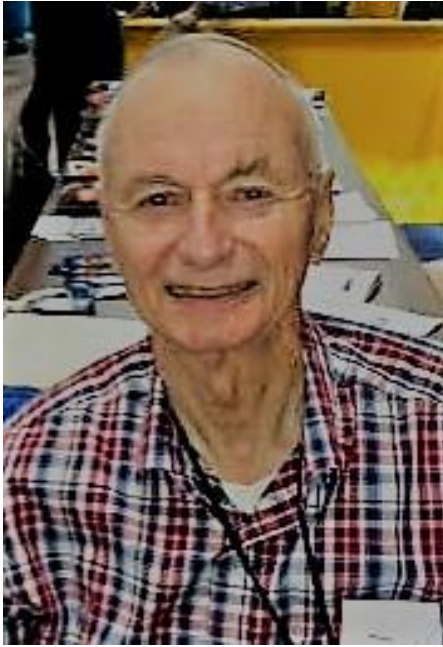
Is your club planning a project, workday, or fundraiser for the House? If so, send photos and details to editor Rita Germain at [ritamgermain@gmail.com](mailto:ritamgermain@gmail.com) so we can feature you in a future issue!

## Director's Column | Dan Germain



***"Everything starts with one step, or one brick, or one word, or one day." ~ Jeremy Gilley***

The brick in the north patio reads, "MYRON AND JUDY HAHN (AND COREY DOG)." Even though few will ever know the story that this particular brick memorializes, it holds a meaningful and personal message to whoever caused it to be there. We can say the same for every one of our more than 1,300 engraved bricks at Kiwanis Family House (KFH). Woven together in our courtyards and patios, these individual cubes of honor ([read more...](#))



## President's Message | Jim Legler

The Kiwanis Family House fiscal year ends June 30th and so does my term as the 16th President of the Board of Directors. How quickly time flies... This has been a memorable year in many ways and much has been accomplished to maintain a consistently high level of customer service. The eleven member Board of Directors was very engaged, worked in harmony, and functioned as a team throughout the year. Focus continued to be placed on the mission, vision, and values of the organization; guiding principles which have served the organization since first opening the doors in July 1984 ([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.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY 2017.**

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](mailto: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](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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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).

**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

- Paper towels
- Bath mats
- White bath towels (30" x 52"), hand towels, and wash cloths

## 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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