



March 2016

# House Talk

The official newsletter of Kiwanis Family House

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## 2016 March In March -- Our Most Successful Yet!



This year's **March in March** on Saturday, March 12th, was our most successful **March in March** ever! The event, sponsored by Circle K at Sacramento State, was attended by more than 180 members of the Kiwanis family. The weather was perfect for walking--cool, but no rain until after the **March** had ended. Several clubs came out in large groups, and everywhere you looked, there was a sea of club shirts, KFH shirts, and #IAmKiwaniis shirts around the House!

In addition to the March itself, the day featured a free pancake breakfast (courtesy of East Sacramento Kiwanis), a photo booth, and a carnival. But most anticipated was "Hands Around the House", our 7th attempt at making a human circle around our Kiwanis Family House. And, lucky

seven it was, because WE DID IT! There were big smiles and cheers around our House when Executive Director Dan Germain made the announcement to the crowd.

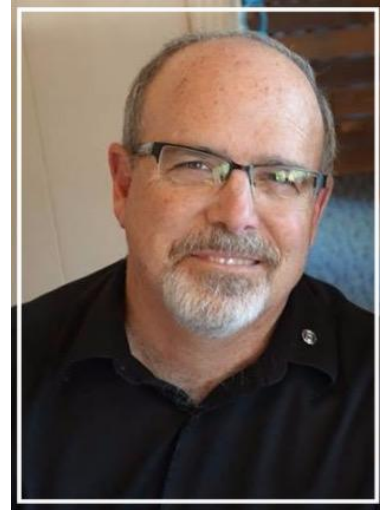
As if that wasn't enough good news, the **March in March** was also the most successful in terms of donations--over \$7,000 was raised for our Kiwanis Family House! There was fierce competition for the individual, club, and division awards, which will be announced at the April DCMs.

Thank you to all who attended, raised funds, or volunteered at this year's **March in March**. And if you missed this year's event, we look forward to seeing you next year!



**Director's Column | Dan Germain**

On March 12, 2016, we achieved a complete, unbroken human circle around Kiwanis Family House. Members of Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club and Kiwanis joined several KFH guests in the "Hands around the House" portion of the annual ***March in March***. It was a visual and symbolic experience in which approximately 180 people said a collective, "We got this! This is our house and we will always be there for families dealing with serious illness or injury." After forming the human circle, participants then marched for two hours earning money pledged for KFH.



While we are at the half-way point in the Kiwanis administrative year, we are in the final three months of the fiscal year for Kiwanis Family House. Our year ends June 30 and we therefore have twelve weeks left to ensure we "make" budget for the year. Frankly, we have significant ground to cover in a couple of categories and we need your help in saying, "We got this!"

**We are behind our year-to-date budget goal for support from our SPONSOR CLUBS.**

We are grateful to those Sponsor Clubs that have paid their annual KFH dues and given us the full amount of their current-year budget allocation. If your club is a Sponsor Club which has not yet donated its pledged support for the current year, YOU will determine whether KFH reaches its revenue target or falls short in this category. By ensuring your club donates what it has budgeted for KFH, YOU will be the difference.

If your club is considering applying to become a new Sponsor Club (and I know of several), I urge you to do so prior to June 30. We need your support during this final push to the end of our fiscal year.

**We are behind our year-to-date budget goal for support from SPONSORING INDIVIDUALS.**

We are grateful to individual donors, including those of you who are Friends of Kiwanis Family House, who have personally and generously supported us in the current year. If you are a Friend of Kiwanis Family House or otherwise a passionate supporter of KFH and have not yet sent us your intended donations this year, YOU will determine whether KFH reaches its budget goal or falls short in this category. If we are going to close the gap in the next three months, we need you. The upcoming Big Day of Giving (May 3), detailed elsewhere in this edition, provides you with the opportunity to help us meet our revenue targets.

If you are not currently a Friend of Kiwanis Family House, I urge you to become one prior to June 30. We need your support during the final push

to the end of our fiscal year. You can find instructions for doing so on the KFH website under How to Help.

So, Sponsor Clubs and Sponsoring Individuals, we reach out to you as our year-end finish line comes into view. Please reach back and be part of the Kiwanis ring that envelopes KFH and says, "We got this!" The families we serve will be forever grateful.

## Attention Save Mart Shoppers - S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards Are No Longer Valid!



**Save Mart Supermarkets** recently announced that it has partnered with eScrip to manage its S.H.A.R.E.S. charitable giving program. The new ***Shares powered by eScrip Program*** continues the company's legacy of giving up to 3% of shoppers' eligible purchases to local, community-based organizations. What this means to you is that the S.H.A.R.E.S. card you now have in your wallet, which allows you to give money back from your purchases to Kiwanis Family House, will no longer be valid beginning April 1, 2016.

But, it's simple to keep giving 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!

The new program will allow FoodMaxx, Lucky, and Save Mart shoppers like you to see online how much you're donating to Kiwanis Family House. The more you shop, the bigger the contribution we receive!

Please don't delay--remember, the old S.H.A.R.E.S. card program ends on April 1st! WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS, which have totaled over \$21,000 in the last four years!

## President's Message | George MacMurphey

Volunteerism. The giving of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE.

The life blood of our Kiwanis Family House.

We are so very fortunate to have so many Kiwanians and friends who give so generously of their TIME, TALENT and TREASURE year in and year



out. We could not operate successfully without all of you.

However, the ultimate in volunteerism might be service on the Board of Directors of our Kiwanis Family House. For the 30 plus years of our existence, the Board has guided the operation and managed the financial aspects of the House, sometimes a daunting responsibility.

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors represents members of the Kiwanis Family House Corporation. Membership is open to any Kiwanis Club or any other group, club, organization, or entity interested in the corporation's objectives.

There are 11 elected directors. Three must be Kiwanis Club members of Division 7 and three must be Kiwanis Club members of Division 44. The other five do not need to be a member of any Kiwanis Club, but over the years almost always have been.

Directors are elected for three years, in staggered terms, so that 3 or 4 terms end each fiscal year on June 30. A Director may serve for a maximum of two consecutive full terms, with a mandatory one-year hiatus following two consecutive terms.

Directors are elected each year at the Annual Meeting in June. Candidates for the Board are selected by a nominating committee appointed by the Board President. Nominations may also come from the membership of the corporation or from the Kiwanis Family House Board.

This June, we have three Directors retiring from the board: Rita Germain, Bob Isaacs, and me. And so we need three or more special candidates to replace these dedicated Kiwanians. Could one of them be you?

Consider talking to me, Rita, Bob, or any member of the Board of Directors to find out how you can make a contribution in this very important way. We want to hear from you.

Until Next Time,

George

**Are YOU Ready? Big Day of Giving is May 3rd!**

# BIG DAY OF GIVING MAY 3

Springtime is here, and for our Kiwanis Family House, that means that the BIG Day of Giving (aka Big DoG) is just around the corner! Starting at midnight on May 3rd, the Sacramento region will come together for one BIG Day of Giving - a 24 hour giving challenge that lifts up lives and makes this the place we call home. In its third year, the BIG Day of Giving has raised nearly \$9 million for nonprofits serving our region, including our Kiwanis Family House. Join us on May 3rd for a celebration of philanthropy and put your money where your heart is.

Last year, our generous donors, all 107 of them, nearly doubled our 2013 giving to **\$32,760**. Now in our third year, we are setting the bar even higher, and making some special plans to involve YOU in the Big Day. Keep your eye out for additional communications in April leading up to the BIG DoG, and don't forget to "Like" and "Share" our posts on social media!

## Sponsor Club #105...WE NEED YOU!

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 105--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 2015/16 Lieutenant Governor, can you help us locate one club in your Division which is not already a KFH sponsor? Let us know!

## KFH Annual Meeting Set For Saturday, June 11, 2016

The annual meeting of the Kiwanis Family House will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. with an update from Executive Director Dan Germain, Treasurer Matthew Wehner, and Board President George MacMurphey. This informational session will be followed by the election of three new board members to replace retiring Directors George MacMurphey, Rita Germain, and Bob Isaacs. Following the election, attendees are invited to stay for lunch and tours of the Kiwanis Family House.

All sponsoring clubs of the Kiwanis Family House are requested to send the Club President or representative to the meeting to hear the updates and vote on the new Directors for the 2016-17 term. If unable to attend, clubs may send a Proxy Form to Board Secretary Rita Germain, c/o Kiwanis Family House. A formal meeting announcement and Proxy Form will be sent to each sponsoring club in April,

## **Kiwanis Family House Board and Committee Schedule**

The Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors has announced a new board meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 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 Rita Germain at [ritangermain@gmail.com](mailto:ritangermain@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. Without these two key groups, our Kiwanis Family House could not continue to***

**fulfill its mission of providing temporary housing and support to ill and injured patients being treated at UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals of Northern California. So, beginning this month, we will use this column to remind you of 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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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](tel:9167360116) 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.

## Upcoming Events

**Join us for the following upcoming events:**

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Kiwanis One Day Workday | <i>April 2</i>  |
| KFH Committee Meetings  | <i>April 12</i> |
| KFH Committee Meetings  | <i>April 18</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

- Toilet paper
- Bottled water
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Multi-use copy paper

### GUEST NEEDS

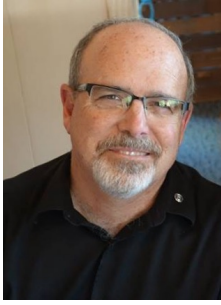
- Hotel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Hand held electric hair dryers
- Alarm clocks
- Bath towels (White 30"x52"), Hand Towels (White 16"x30"), Wash Cloths (White)
- Fitted Twin Bed Sheet Sets (White Cotton only, please)

### OTHER NEEDS

- Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox, Lysol or similar brand)
- Liquid Dish Soap (for hand-washing dishes)
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Unscented liquid Fabric Softener (NO DRYER SHEETS)
- Non-Latex Nitrile Disposable gloves, sizes S, M and L
- Paper Plates, Cups and Bowls

## 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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