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House Talk

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Lorraine's Story | Thanh Nguyen



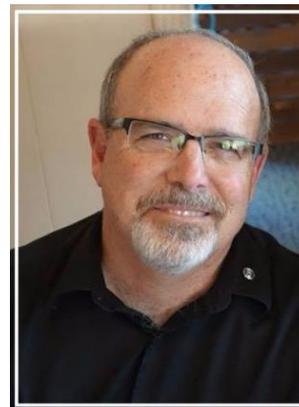
Editor's Note: Thanh Nguyen, a recent graduate of the University of California, Davis, has volunteered her time and talent at Kiwanis Family House, assisting with grant writing and other administrative staff work. We recently gave Thanh the opportunity to interview guest Lorraine Ancic, who has permitted us to share her story.

Nearly three months into my volunteer work at Kiwanis Family House, I had the privilege of meeting one of our our guest patients, Lorraine Ancic. Before coming to Sacramento for treatment, Lorraine had been living in [\(read more...\)](#)

Director's Column | Dan Germain

Those of us in the Kiwanis Family House (KFH) community were still processing the loss of long-time guest Sandra Gantt Baxter when we learned of the turn in fortune for Lorraine Ancic. You have just read Lorraine's story, above. While desired outcomes far outnumber sadder ones, the past month has been one of our tougher to endure.

Even so, with another holiday season approaching, our spirits will rebound as our supporters rally once again to allow grateful families to be close to their hospitalized loved ones. [\(read more...\)](#)



President's Message | Jim Legler



In a recent column I referenced the phrase "doctors save lives but the Kiwanis Family House saves families". To me, these few simple words capture the essence of what the Kiwanis Family House is all about; they bring our Mission Statement and Vision Statement into focus and translate the role served by Kiwanis Family House into action.

Guests of the Kiwanis Family House don't have to worry about daily necessities such as having a safe place to stay, access to kitchen and laundry facilities as needed, and being close to the hospital facility. This frees them to focus on [\(read more...\)](#)

Welcome Sponsor Club #107, American Canyon!

Welcome #107! The Kiwanis Club of American Canyon has become our most recent Kiwanis Family House Sponsor Club! Our team of club sponsors continues to grow around the District and beyond.

Our club commits to...

Supporting families
at Kiwanis Family
House

#KidsNeedKiwanis



We are grateful to American Canyon Kiwanis leaders for their commitment to the care of families dealing with serious illness and injury, particularly those families from Napa County and the surrounding areas who have been - and will be - our guests here at KFH.

We are ready to add sponsoring club number 108--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 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!

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 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!

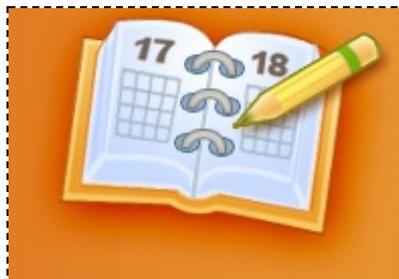
Volunteer opportunities are always available, and Operations Manager Charlie Bussey coordinates these efforts for individuals, clubs, and outside groups. To learn more, or to schedule a time to volunteer, contact Charlie at **(916) 736-0116** or cbussey@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org.

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:

KFH Committee Meetings	<i>December 13</i>
Christmas Dinner at KFH	<i>December 25</i>
January Board Meeting	<i>January 10</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

- Disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Hand held electric hair dryers

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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