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House Talk

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Endings and Beginnings | Rita Germain



Welcome to the final issue of
Kiwaniis Family House's
monthly newsletter,
House Talk.

Over the years, beginning with a paper newsletter that was mailed to subscribers, ***House Talk*** has been a way for supporters and friends to keep up with the news of Kiwanis Family House on a monthly basis. Now, 18 years later, the news cycle has accelerated, and in order to keep pace, we are retiring the monthly newsletter format in favor of a series of short, targeted stories every month. We promise not to overwhelm you with email, but instead, to bring you bite-sized nuggets of information you can use right away. We see this as a mix of guest stories, event announcements, club/supporter news, and "wish list" requests. We hope you will let us know what YOU would like to see as well.

As your current ***House Talk*** editor, it has been my pleasure to bring you news of the House I love so much. Thank you all for your continued support as we change the vehicle for our messaging. And while we are

"sun setting" the current **House Talk** format, we remain committed to bringing you timely news and information from our House as it occurs.

Warmest regards,

Rita Germain
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Become a Sponsoring Club!

Kiwanis Club of the North Bay (Div 32) recently became 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 2017/18 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.
- **Operations and Human Resources Committee:**
Every other month (even months) on the fourth Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Governance and Finance 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.

Upcoming Events

Join us for the following upcoming events:

- KFH Committee Meeting *Oct 10*
- KFH Committee Meeting *Oct 23*



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 Bowl Cleaner
- Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, etc.)
- Bottled Water

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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