



# House Talk

Kiwaniis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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### From our house, to your house:



April 24  
Easter &  
Orthodox Easter

### Sponsor a Family for a Night

Donations pay for those families who cannot afford it, or supplement families who can only make partial payments.

We never turn away deserving families for lack of payment.

Send in your donation. It is \$40@ night. Send check or your credit card number with expiration date (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express only). Mail to Kiwanis Family House, Inc. 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

Gift it to the person who has everything.

**It is the source that keeps us in operation!**

## Mauda... at 75!

What is saint? It is written that a saint must have the following family resemblances:  
1. Exemplary model;  
2. Extraordinary teacher;  
3. Wonder worker; and  
4. Selfless  
If that is so, we have a saint in **Mauda Butte**, our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) House Director.

Let's pay tribute to Mauda as she has reached the milestone, 75 years young. She was born in Kankakee, Illinois to be near her mom who was living there. Her dad was employed in the coal

mines. Kankakee is about 150 miles south of Chicago.

After growing up and starting a family, it was realized that Kankakee is a cold place, so they decided to move to where it was warm, and California here they come. She now lives in West Sacramento.

She has experienced the joys and heartaches of raising a family. She has four children, seven grandchildren and seven

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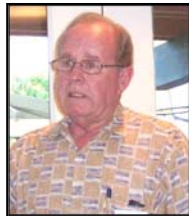


## President's Message by Rick Dwyer

Lt. Gov. **Andy Webb's** Division 44 clubs are in a race to see which club can recruit

the most club members into the "**Friends of KFH**" program (which benefits our **Kiwanis Family House**) before the end of our Kiwanis year on September 30, 2011. (See page 5 for what that program is).

The club with the most donating members will receive a significant blessing. This year's event was officially launched at March's Division Council Meeting by me producing the clubs to take this event seriously. Ongoing donations are needed to continue our House's operation of providing temporary housing to families of seriously ill children and adults.



Our emphasis is requesting recurring donations on an annual and/or monthly basis. A number of club members prefer to contribute a certain amount, \$35.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 monthly in their name, or a designee, with a choice of options for making these payments.



**Lt. Gov. Andy Webb**

We have revised our website, [www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org), to accommodate different payment options with Pay Pal donate buttons through credit/debit or checkbook deductions. We have already had a significant increase in donations using this medium.

*"...We have revised our website, [www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org)..."*

## Annual Meeting Corrected Date

Because of a conflicting date, the annual meeting for our Kiwanis Family House has been scheduled for Saturday June 11th.

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at our KFH. If you don't know how to get there set your GPS or computer mapping program to: 2875 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-2308.

Call (916) 736-0116 if you are lost or want more information.

A light lunch will be served. We need a quorum be there or vote by proxy.



Please check it out. Several donations have come from non-Kiwanian's. Encourage your friends to support us. We will be happy to promote this within your club by giving you a "hands on" demonstration at one of your meetings.

Friday March 19 started another (all night) successful "Awake-A-Thon" production sponsored by the Pleasant Grove High School Key Club. This event raised some \$12,000, \$6,000 each for the **Kiwanis Family House** and **Gaucher Disease Foundation**. Some 400 kids participated in this all night affair. This event produced in one night what 10 to 12 ARCO concession  
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**Our Kiwanis Family House is a United Way Certified Partner Agency!**



[www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org)



## Important Dates

**Kiwanis Family House  
Board meetings  
Kiwanis Family House  
2875 50th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm**

**2011**

**April 14**

**May 12**

**Annual Meeting**

**June 11th Saturday 11:00 a.m.**

**July 14**

**August 11**

**September 8**

**October 13**



## Free money

There are still areas with Albertsons Supermarkets. Keep using your Albertson's Preferred Savings Card.

**Register your card by calling  
(800) 353-9002.**

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- ♥ Aug. 18-20 for 91st Annual District Convention in San Diego - also at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

## Subscription information about House Talk

- ♥ *House Talk* is the official publication of our KFH.
- ♥ Each Sponsor Club is emailed a copy to the designated Kiwanian.
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- ♥ If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

## Kiwanis Family House Mission Statement

*"The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is dedicated to providing housing and support to families of seriously ill children and adults being treated at University of California, Davis, Sacramento."*



## Buy a brick!

The bricks cost \$100@. The lettering grid is 15 spaces across and three rows deep. Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, sponsored organizations, past presidents, honorary members, and more.

For more information or a brick order contact editor (page 10).

## Would you donate 3% of your supermarket shopping to our Kiwanis Family House?

It is simple as 1-2-3

1. Do you shop at Save Mart, Smart, Food Maxx or Lucky Supermarkets?
2. If so scan your S.H.A.R.E.S card and the house gets a percentage. You still get the great sale prices and the rest.



3. If you do not have a card contact editor (page 10) and send your name and USPS mailing address. Editor will send you a S.H.A.R.E.S. card by return mail!

Scan the S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop!

**Read letter from Save-Mart President on page 6.**

**SAFEMART**

**VONS** Giving our best.

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Our Kiwanis Family House earns a portion of your purchases of the above supermarket cards, **if your cards are registered.**

You still get the same bargains and savings that the cards entitle you to.

But our Kiwanis Family House earns a percentage of the sale.

Swipe and we earn. It is as simple as that.

If you need help registering your cards contact the editor (page 10).

The supermarket cards are the shoppers cards. Call (800) 254-5404 or go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

- ♥ **Our Group Number is 51297.**

- ♥ **Our Group Name is: Kiwanis Family House.**

## Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

### Report #109

Since October 1, 2001 to February 28, 2011, (*the effective dates of this report*), **8,960** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC.

This report covers over eight years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted **675** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **675** families come from:

Alabama	Montana
Alaska	Nebraska
Arizona	New Hampshire
Arkansas	New Jersey
Colorado	New Mexico
Connecticut	New York
Delaware	North Carolina
District of Columbia	Ohio
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	Oregon
Idaho	Pennsylvania
Illinois	Rhode Island
Indiana	South Carolina
Iowa	South Dakota
Kansas	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Utah
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming

Also, there have been families from:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- England
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Israel
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the "host" divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDMC are **not** eligible to stay at our KFH.

***Aren't you glad that there is your Kiwanis Family House at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California?***

Div.	Lt. Gov.	Families	%
39	Mower	2,386	26.63%
14	Johl	1,018	11.36%
27	Diaz	704	7.86%
Out of	District	675	7.53%
45	Maxhimer	581	6.48%
44	Webb	568	6.34%
46	Smith	566	6.32%
20	Arimoto	361	4.03%
23	Tout	304	3.39%
8	Lewis	298	3.33%
32	Wheaton	246	2.75%
7	Isaacs	193	2.15%
5	Wayne	129	1.44%
26	Ontis	117	1.31%
36	Coley	100	1.12%
18	Bañuelos	91	1.02%
12	Fukasawa	88	0.98%
34	Stern	87	0.97%
2	Bowerman	78	0.87%
38	Coltin	45	0.50%
28	Dwyer	28	0.31%
43	Woodruff	26	0.29%
29	Miller	21	0.23%
33	Orrin	21	0.23%
42	Medley	21	0.23%
41	Bonar	20	0.22%
11	Teagle	19	0.21%
15	Cridland	16	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.18%
16	Kessler	15	0.17%
31	Mills	14	0.16%
6	Wilkinson	12	0.13%
30	Scheibel	12	0.13%
4	Laub	11	0.12%
10	Peng	11	0.12%
24	Fisher	11	0.12%
47	Laughlin	11	0.12%
1	Guske	10	0.11%
37	Kerley	10	0.11%
25	Montaño	9	0.10%
13	Smith	6	0.07%
35	Deal	3	0.03%
19	Ackerman	2	0.02%
	Totals	8,960	100.0%

## KFH at King's Game by Pete Arney

February 28<sup>th</sup> was the Kings last night at "Arco" Arena. From now on, the arena will be known as "Power Balance Pavilion". The Arco sign was already gone over the Northeast Entrance. However, it will always be Arco to us.



A full house with SRO tickets sold provided the **largest single Kings game earnings for us ever**: \$1,422 (\$5,167 for the five games to date)...and the Kings won against the LA Clippers. It was a busy night with long lines and great volunteers that made it all possible.



Our next and last game is still scheduled for Wednesday, April 13.

- ◆ It's a Lakers game
- ◆ It's the last Kings home game of the season, and
- ◆ It may be the last Kings game in Sacramento. We anticipate large crowds again. We need your help. Please volunteer one more time for this game. Thanks to those that have already committed.

KFH ARCO volunteer contact:

**Pete Arney**, (916) 956-2870

KFHArcoNews@pacbell.net

KFH ARCO Leader: **Rich Kocher**, (916) 804-2238.

Please respond to **Pete Arney** if you are volunteering using the phone number and email address listed above.



**Sponsor Clubs Banner Patch**



## Mauda at 75 (Continued)

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great grandchildren.

One grandson died when he was 23 after serving in the military. One great grandchild died when he was but 70 days old.

"Two granddaughters live in upper New York with my oldest daughter. Four live in the Sacramento area. Five of my great grandchildren live in Southern Calif., near my second oldest daughter. One grandson and two of my great grandchildren live in Rio Linda with my oldest granddaughter.



"I was named after my grandmother on my dad's side but my mom didn't want me to be named after a horse so my mother drop the 'e' and added the 'a'."

"As for my first job, I went to school and worked in my folk's restaurant when my mother was sick. After graduating I went into the business.

"I have worked in all parts of the business from waitress, cook, manger and owner.

"I have been a cook/manager for Zim's in San Francisco; Area Manager for Zim's; Clerk for a car company; Drill inspector for Shell Oil; and owner of own restaurant for 20 years in Sacramento."



Mauda was hired as House Director about ten years ago, by **Gary Christensen**.

"Here is what I like best about this position. I can help people find a place to gather their wits in a stressful time. I enjoy the people that I meet, the members from clubs that volunteer here, and best of all the children that we help. I also suffer the pain for those that don't make it."

"There are stories that have touched my heart and I will never forget. Such as little Brittany (9 years old) with cancer, to watch her fade away, to see a smile on her face was worth more than anyone can know, When she passed it was painful but knowing she wouldn't be in any more pain, then just recently we found out her Father was killed in a car accident.

"The young man from Iceland that lost both legs and one hand, how he showed us all the strength that we have with our families and having a positive attitude makes it all worthwhile.

"The families that had babies born here December 2009 (there were three born on December 15th). One was almost a year old and after many stays and surgery he passed on."



**House Talk:** "If you were named Queen of the world, what would be the first thing that you would decree?"

**Mauda Butte:** "If that came about, I would decree that our KFH would have all of the funds and space to take care of all the families that come to us.

**HT:** "If you could send one directive to all of our sponsor clubs, what would that be?"

**MB:** "Do one fund raiser per year, to reach in your hearts, and help to volunteer to keep this place looking as good as new."



**HT:** "You have and excellent staff. What are your secrets?"

**MB:** A. Never ask anyone to do anything that I wouldn't do. B. Listen, work with each one as an individual. C. Be available for help and guidance when needed. D. Work side by side when needed and E. Be understanding but not gullible.

**HT:** "I know that you are a member of the Kiwanis Clubs in West Sacramento and the KFH Sacramento. You have also

are involved with Moose International. I understand it has about 1.5 million members and your involvement is with West Sacramento Lodge #1762. Tell us about that:

**MB:** "I have been a Moose member for 35 years and helping in the community, family ties with members, helping the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven by what we do."

This article shows that our House Director: **Mauda Butte** has all of the family resemblances to call her a Saint!



## Speaking of Moose Mauda at 75



Speaking of Moose... Picture above are **Gayle Bivert** and **Donna Recker**. They are aboard Amtrak's California Zephyr bound for the Moose Convention in Reno. They are members of the Grass Valley Lodge.

They know **Mauda Butte**, and are reading a draft copy of his House Talk edition.

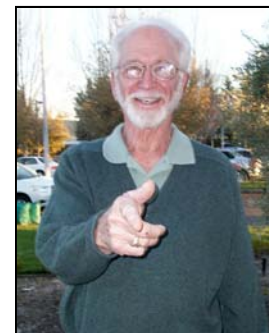
For the past three years that Grass Valley Lodge has cut out, stitched, and sewn over 300 Kiwanis Trauma Dolls for the Kiwanis Club of Gold Country-Grass Valley.



**Uncle Sam** may have needed you back in 1918... but "**Uncle Neil Strain**" needs you in 2011.

The annual meeting June 11, 2011 needs a quorum to complete business and hold elections.

Neil is sending out notices to Sponsor Clubs. Sponsor Clubs may send delegates or pick a proxy voter naming: **Mauda Butte, Gary Christensen, or Jack Seigal**



## Wake up! Its Awake-A-Thon time

There are many ways to financially support our Kiwanis Family House. Each issue of *House Talk* offers suggestions as to ways to accomplish this.



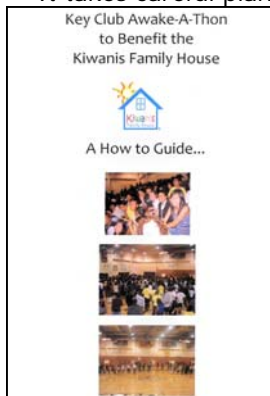
In addition, Sponsor Clubs have the requirement to have an annual fund raiser.

The Awake-A-Thon project is being offered as a FUN fund raising event. It is carried out by a Key Club or two.

It is a one night event, which provides a fun outing for the Key Clubbers and financial support for our KFH. It could produce more in one night greater than an entire crab feed, more than a half dozen nights at the King's game.

Each KFH Ambassador has a "How to" manual. It offers forms and requirements to pull it off.

It takes careful planning.



**A How to Guide is available!**

The prime mover of the Awake-A-Thon project is educator **Robert Tabares**.

Here is an inside story of how it began.

**Where did you get the idea?** I got the idea from a news report of students staying awake all night to raise funds for their fundraiser.



Ten years ago we started the Awake-A-Thon because the Key Clubbers at Florin High School wanted to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

After the first two Awake-A-Thons, our Vice Principal Mr. **Mark Macres** told me about another needy group: the Children's Gaucher Research Fund. He knew of this group, because his nephew died from the



Gaucher disease at the age of four. **Mark Macres'** brother **Greg Macres** (who spoke at the Awake-A-Thon) started gathering funds to support research to find a cure for the Gaucher disease. \* So I suggested that our Key Clubbers at Florin High take on the Awake-A-Thon that would allow kids to help kids.



After completing five Awake-A-Thons at Florin High School, I also added the Awake-A-Thon to Pleasant Grove High School for the past five years. About four years ago **Gary Christensen** from the Kiwanis House suggested that one Awake-A-Thon would be for Kiwanis Family House and the other for the Children's Gaucher Research Fund.



\*Gaucher disease is a rare genetic disorder in which a person lacks an enzyme called glucocerebrosidase.

The lack of the glucocerebrosidase enzyme causes harmful substances to build up in the liver, spleen, bones, and bone marrow. The substances prevent cells and organs from working properly.

Florin High School has kept the Awake-A-Thon going for the past ten years.

**Why do you do it?** I organize the Awake-A-Thons because it allows students to help two important worthwhile groups: The Kiwanis Family House and the Children's Gaucher Research Fund. By completing the Awake-A-Thons it shows that teenagers can do positive acts in this world while we hear negative acts by other teenagers.

**How much money do you think was raised over the 10 or so events?** Florin High holds their Awake-A-Thons each November: The first Awake-A-Thon raised was \$3,600 and the most was \$18,500. Our Pleasant Grove High School Key Clubbers hold our Awake-A-Thons each March: Pleasant Grove has raised from \$8,600-\$12,700 each year.

**As an educator, do you get feedback from the students after the event? What do they say?** The students like staying up with their high school friends, but they also get to know other Key Clubbers from other Key Clubs. The students also get 12 hours of community service, but they really like raising money for two worthy groups.

**Anything else?** These events would not be able to succeed without the volunteers: Key Clubbers, Kiwanians from East Sacramento and Rancho Murieta and the staff at Pleasant Grove. We average about 400 Key Clubbers at each Awake-A-Thon.

**Looking elsewhere:** Gary Christensen reports: "Florin High had one in November that resulted in a \$1,000 donation to the KFH and Burbank High did one in January that resulted in \$2,300 to the KFH."



# Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

## Got a used vehicle? Donate it to our Kiwanis Family House



You will sleep better knowing you did the right thing. Other families will sleep better in our KFH.

Our KFH is able to accept non-running vehicles and they don't have to be registered.

As a charitable contribution your donation can make a big difference.

Donations may be made country-wide. Call Car Program, Inc. at (800) 240-0160.

You may wish to contact KFH board member: **Calvin Hara** at (916) 812-5524 or cmhara@comcast.net

## Friends of KFH

The easiest way to feel a part of the Kiwanis Family House is to become a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House.

Even at the entry level of membership, you can reflect that every week you have contributed a couple dollars toward the operation of the house.

Our KFH invites you to join Friends of The Kiwanis Family House to show your support for the House and its services to patients and families in need of residential facilities. Cost: \$100 for the initial membership fee. Annual dues thereafter are \$100.

There are various levels of recognition.

♥ Copper: \$100.00 (entry level)  
However if you upgrade your annual level of giving you know that your donation would in part support our Kiwanis Family House and partially fill the void caused by the lost of ARCO funding.

♥ Silver: \$300.00

♥ Gold: \$500.00

♥ Platinum: \$1,000.00 or higher

Contact Editor (page 10) for more details.



**Urgent!  
Must read!  
Suck it up!  
by Bill Hooper**

Our Kiwanis Family House has urgent needs. *Money is one of them.* Money is needed to spend for the expenses of maintaining our KFH to complete its mission.

We have many carpeted areas which requires lots of vacuuming. We need commercial grade vacuum machines. We need a source for donations or a special discounted prices. **Second plea! Help!**

We all do not have the expertise that we need, but clubs (especially Sponsor Clubs) could have the **talent** that is needed.

**Right now we need advice on how to deal with problems we are having with our H-VAC system.**

If you can refer someone to solve or help with our maintenance concerns of the House please have them contact me.

**Bill Hooper at 916-988-6880 or bhooptlg56@comcast.net**

## Would you donate 3% of your supermarket shopping to our Kiwanis Family House?

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Thank you once again for allowing us to serve you and the causes that make a difference in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

**Steve Junquero**  
President and COO  
Save Mart Supermarkets



## 51<sup>st</sup> Creelman-Francisco Memorial Golf Classic



**Oldest charitable golf  
tournament in Kiwanis!**

- ♥ Last Thursday in April 28th
- ♥ 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- ♥ Dinner and Awards at 5:30.
- ♥ Davis Municipal Golf Course Davis California
- ♥ Holding the same price again this year, \$75 for Golf, Cart and Dinner. \$16 for BBQ Steak dinner only.
- ♥ Planning to raise over \$6,000 again this year for KFH.
- ♥ Need every club's help as usual.
- ♥ Send your Golfers.
- ♥ Provide at least 1 Tee sponsorship sign.

**Details: Chris Creelman  
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## Mauda... a jewel



KFH Board and others wished Mauda Butte a Happy 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. **George MacMurphey** rightly compared her to a jewel. A jewel reflects the lights in many ways from its facets. Read on...

*"Happy Birthday, Mauda! What would we do without you? I hope you have an amazing year"* **Robin McIver**

*"You're doing a great job, may you live forever."* **Rick Dwyer**

*Mauda, Happy 75th Birthday! And thank you for your dedication to keeping the Kiwanis Family House operating smoothly!* **Mary Thomson**

*"Mauda I am sorry I was unable to make it to your birthday celebration but I want to wish you all the best*

*and thank you for all you do for others. You not only make a positive difference in many lives but your leadership helps the rest of us do a better job too. Thank You and Happy Birthday!"* **Bill Hooper**

*"Happy birthday, Mauda For the past 10 years you have been the heart and soul of the Kiwanis Family House. Best wishes for many more years of your guiding hand."* **Gary Christensen**

*"You are Dedicated, Hardworking, and Inspirational. I am so proud to have you as a friend!"* **Neil Strain**

*"A wonderful birthday wish to a wonderful, dedicated and compassionate lady. Happy Birthday Mauda!"* **Calvin Hara**



**Our Kiwanis Family House is on Facebook!**

**By Mary Thomson**

Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should **"Like"** the Kiwanis Family House page.

You can also click **"Share"** on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their

wall and news feed for Friends to see and spreads the message of Kiwanis Family House!

You can also **"Suggest"** a page to all your friends via a message. Just click on **"Suggest to Friends"** (the fourth link down from the logo) and choose the friends to whom you want to send an invitation to the Page.

You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for other Fans to see, and it will also appear on your walls for your Friends to see.

If you want to reference something that is on the website, you should include a link to the Kiwanis Family House page along with your posting.





**"Over the years"**

The current series of **House Talk** (Volume I Issue 1) is dated May 1, 2001.

*U.S. News & World Report* has ranked UC Davis School of Medicine among America's best medical schools. The weekly news magazine's annual listing appeared today on the publication's website and will be published in its guidebook, America's Best Graduate Schools 2012.

*U.S. News & World Report* assessed medical schools across the country for both the quality of their research training and primary-care training. This year's rankings place UC Davis School of Medicine at 42nd for research and 41st for primary care.

The 126 medical schools fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, plus the 20 schools of osteopathic medicine fully accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, were surveyed for the ranking of research medical schools; 123 schools provided the data needed to calculate the research rankings based on the indicators used in the research model.

The same medical and osteopathic schools were surveyed for the primary-care ranking; 123 schools provided the data needed to calculate the primary-care ranking.

Both rankings are based on a weighted average of indicators, four of them common to both models. The research model accounts for research activity; the primary-care model adds a measure of the proportion of graduates entering primary-care specialties. The rankings were based on measures of quality as determined by:

- A peer assessment score derived from ratings by medical and osteopathic school deans;
- Deans of academic affairs, and heads of internal medicine or the directors of admissions;
- An assessment score by residency program directors;
- Total dollar amount of National Institutes of Health research grants;
- Average research activity per clinical faculty;
- Primary-care rate -- the percentage of medical or osteopathic school graduates entering primary-care residencies in the fields of family practice, pediatrics and internal medicine averaged over the 2008, 2009 and 2010 graduating classes;

- Student selectivity, as measured by mean Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score, mean undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and acceptance rate;
- Faculty resources;
- Overall rank; and
- Specialty rankings based solely on ratings by medical school deans and senior faculty from the list of schools surveyed. They each identified up to 10 schools offering the best programs in each specialty area.

The UC Davis School of Medicine is among five medical schools in the University of California system, including the schools in San Diego, Irvine, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The UC Davis School of Medicine is among the nation's leading medical schools, recognized for its research and primary-care programs.

The school offers fully accredited master's degree programs in public health and in informatics, and its combined M.D.-Ph.D. program is training the next generation of physician-scientists to conduct high-impact research and translate discoveries into better clinical care.

Along with being a recognized leader in medical research, the school is committed to serving underserved communities and advancing rural health. For more information, visit UC Davis School of Medicine at [med-school.ucdavis.edu](http://med-school.ucdavis.edu).

**UC Davis Employees  
Assisting KFH at King's Game**



Assisting our KFH at King's Game were **Mary Newton** (from ICU) and **Sirgute Morgan** (from Internal Medicine). What a dynamic duo!

**Six years ago  
Volume III Issue 10  
April 2003**



**Nancy Yeffa** with her "Kiwaniis Children Around the World" quilt that raised \$2,650 in a drawing with the benefits to Pediatric Trauma Prevention!

**Six years ago  
Volume V Issue 10  
April 2005**



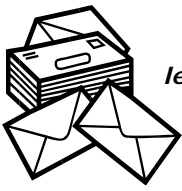
Workers pouring foundation for parking lot lights so parking lot can be moved. Old parking lot will be the site of our new KFH.

**Two years ago  
Volume IX Issue 10  
April 2009**



Kiwanian **David Hemstreet** was presented with the Bright Award recently at the Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-Year Conference (South) in San Diego.





*"Letters, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters..."*

**These letters are left at our KFH addressed to you.** They are published to show our readers of the impact made by the staff and services of our Kiwanis Family House and UC Davis Medical Center. The letters are published as originally written and punctuated. This is to preserve the sincerity and spontaneity of the writer.

Dear Editor: Here is a correspondence forwarded to be from **Dyann Branch** and **Gail Cirata** from the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln. **Bill Hooper**  
*Hi Bill: "Gail Cirata and I stopped you tonight after the meeting to give you some info on donations from various cards that we use everyday to go to the KFH.... here is the link to eScrip, and how to sign up all your cards. <http://www.escrip.com/program/welcome.jsp> I signed up my Safeway card, my Visa, MasterCard, and anything else that I could. It is not connected to the SHARES card program, however, it is the same idea, just not a single card that you present at certain stores. it is fairly simple, in addition to the SHARES cards, and all you have to do is register your cards and designate the KFH as the recipient, and spend money! eScrip does the rest!" Dyann Branch.*



This is an excellent idea. The Safeway program of eScrip has been promoted on page 2 of House Talk for some time. Our KFH has earned \$1,625.38 from the Safeway signups.

To sign up Call (800) 254-5404 or go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) **Our Group Number is 51297. Our Group Name is: Kiwanis Family House.**

To find merchants in your area go to: [http://www.escrip.com/merchant\\_s/search/index.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/merchant_s/search/index.jsp)

The benefits coming to our KFH range from 1% to 20% of the transaction.

**Sign Up Now!**

eScrip is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card

purchases to the school, group or organization of your choice. Go to:

**Here is how it works:**

You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

**About ESI**

Electronic Scrip Incorporated (ESI) is a California-based corporation dedicated to establishing relationships between commerce and community -- to provide resources to organizations and projects that support children. ESI introduced the eScrip program in 1999 and has distributed over \$250 million to schools and youth organizations across the country

*"Please accept these towels in memory of (name) for Room 124. We hope it will bring comfort to more families in need."*

*"Kiwanis,  
Thank you for giving us a home away from home and for being so kind.  
It meant so very much.  
Hugs!"*

*"Thank you from the (name) family from Redding, California.  
We are grateful!  
God Bless Kiwanis for your generosity".*

*"Thank you to the staff of Kiwanis Family House for all the Love, Kindness, and Friendship during my stay.  
I felt safe, warm, and cared for.  
Bless all of you"  
The staff was very caring and helped us any way. A real blessing to us also. Thanks to everyone for their help."*

***Kiwanis Family Open House***  
 Our Kiwanis Family House holds an Open House on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See you April 21, 2011.

*"A tremendous blessing to our family!  
Thank you Kiwanis Family House."*

*"Thank you so much for everything."*


*"Thank you, the beautiful, quiet and relaxing stays."*

*"When stressed by a child's medical needs, and lack of help, it's a wonderful blessing to know the Kiwanis are here to help!"*

*"Crescent City Family"*

*"Thank you so much. My husband and I are both retired firefighters and he has cancer."*

*"There is no cure for it. But thanks to all of you its been a little easier to cope with, for I wouldn't be able to be here with him if not for all of you. I never forget your help"*



**What would happen if each sponsor club covered one day at month? Lend a helping hand!**

- With our larger KFH we need more volunteers.
- If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.
- Flexible hours.
- You can "work the desk and telephones" to free up the staff to do other chores.
- You can do "handyman chores" if that is what you would like to do.
- If you have a green thumb, there are projects to assist.
- "Hands-on" community service hours.
- Wonderful atmosphere.
- Volunteer your time.
- Training is provided.

**Contact House Director Mauda Butte at: (916) 736-0116 or [maudabutte@aol.com](mailto:maudabutte@aol.com)**

## President's Message

By Rick Dwyer (Cont'd)

(Continued from page 1)

stand events would have raised.

A number of chaperones donated over 40 hours of time. Kiwanis Club sponsor for this event appears to be the **Rancho Murieta club** with members **Pamela Haines**, chief organizer, **Sondra** and **Cliff Shulz**, chef's and food preparation; **Jack Seigal**, photographer; **Neil** and **Jackie Strain**; **Bernie Bowes**; and **Herm and Carole Sacre-Kramer**. Some 400 kids feasted, danced, played games and had a great slumber party at this event.

**Gary Christensen** was there and gave his full and moving presentation on our **KFH** and read a letter from a parent describing the miracle of their newborn's survival after 11 days of not breathing on his own. During that incredibly stressful time they stayed at the Kiwanis family House each night, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Placerville. Other Kiwanians in attendance: **Jon Merker**, **Calvin Hara**, **John Brummer**, and Region 16 Trustee: **Rae Whitby-Brummer**.

This event required participation by a number of Key clubbers to run smoothly *above and beyond*: **Michelle** organizing performances, **Alex** and **Stanton**, running the tournaments all night long, **Jordan**, **Aviva**, and **Tracey**, helping serve food and washing pots and pans, **Steve Nguyen**, motivating people and helping clean up, and he is not a Key Clubber, **Kevin Hein**, Creeper Greeter and photographer.

None of this would have likely happened with so much success without **Robert Tabares**, Key Club Advisor. This is his 10<sup>th</sup> Awake-A-Thon between Florin High and Pleasant Grove High. He is there all night with the keys, supplies, the answers, the discipline, the enthusiasm, and support for Kiwanis Family House. Thank you **Robert Tabares** so much for your dedication and support.

Editor's note: Read page 5 for more information.

Awake-A-Thons are very profitable one night fund raisers sponsored by Key Clubbers who love to participate in these "Community Service" events. Please consider this tool when planning a fundraising event for your **KFH** annual commitment. Till next time.....

## Red & White Ball 2012



The 20th annual Red & White Ball is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2012 at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

The favorable response from the 2011 event plus the availability of the Dante Club led the KFH Board of Directors to decide on this date.

**Bob Isaacs** is the chair.

D.J. **Jon Merker** (shown above) will provide the music, as Jon said, "If I am still on my feet, and the water don't rise."

"I feel that this is communal enjoyment and bottom line, it is my pleasure to be there."

## House Talk Contact the Editor

Quick Facts about  
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Kiwanis International President-elect **Alan Penn** visited our KFH. Soon thereafter KFH's **Scott Patterson** opened a box of Spinoza® bears. They were gifts from **Alan Penn**.



A Spinoza® Bear has been presented to and adopted by KFH guest **Dailana**.

