



House Talk

Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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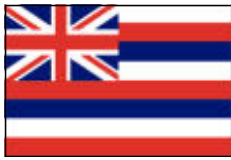
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From our house, to your house:

Happy Birthday State of Hawai'i August 21, 1959 It is one third of Cal-Nev-Ha District



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!

Total K Day... revisited

"Total K"...

Think back to 1999-2000, when **Terri A. Neumann**, was our Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor. She instituted a program that was labeled "Total K".

It would be a one day of service uniting all the programs in the K-Family (of Cal-Nev-Ha District): K-Kids, Builders Club; Aktion Club; Key Club; Kiwins; Circle K; and Kiwanis Clubs. This united day of service would show the general public what we do and what we are all about.

Since that time the Total K

concept has been adapted by Kiwanis International and re-named "Total K Day".

Earlier this year, **Dick Belows**, president of Kiwanis Club of Woodland, California heard about an event being staged by the Fun Events company in Woodland, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. Fun Events was hired by Cache Creek Casino to stage an employee appreciation day.



Word was passed to **Pete Arney** and **Gary Christensen** of our Kiwanis Family House.

The event requires a day to set up: the day of activity; and a day to take down. It would take tons of folks who would work hard, be dependable, and serve others.

So with a Total K concept Pete and Gary put out the word to the crew that worked the Sacramento Kings games at the old Arco Arena, and Circle K and Key Club members.

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President's Message by Bill Hooper

"...Last month we hosted a new high as we served 132 families at KFH..."

First, I would like to thank all the Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis members who, along with other volunteers, worked for three days at the Cache Creek employee's picnic and earned \$5,500 for our Kiwanis Family House.



I worked the cotton candy machine and I cannot remember laughing any harder as we had sugar floating all over the place as we learned how to do it correctly.



Many of us drove a long way to get there but the fellowship and laughter was worth it as the K Family came together to provide a nice event for the Cache

Creek families and earn funds for KFH. Thank you Woodland Kiwanis for inviting us to help with this project.

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of KFH for sponsoring a spaghetti feed on July 30 at KFH, and the Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights for sponsoring a golf tournament on Aug 29th in Roseville at Sierra View Country Club. (Contact **Bill Hooper** at 916-988-6880 for information).

Support for these fund raisers from all our local clubs is what allows us to keep the doors of KFH open as our Kiwanis miracle continues to serve the families of seriously injured or ill children at UCD Medical center.

Last month we hosted a new high as we served 132 families at KFH.

Again, thank you to the 90 Kiwanis Clubs, the Key clubs, the Circle K Clubs and the

volunteers that work to support this major project.

On July 16, the House hosted Division 7 & 44 Club Leadership Education (CLE) training. This was a great way for all the new club leaders to start their year at the House their clubs help build and continue to support.

We conducted several tours of the House following the training and had the opportunity to ask for club help on many of the small projects that always need to be done.

New Board member **Karen Borman** will be helping House Director

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Our Kiwanis Family House is a United Way Certified Partner Agency!



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Important Dates

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

2011

August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8
January 12
February 9
March 8



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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. They last longer than plaques.

For more information or a brick order contact editor.

See 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!

SAFEMART

VONS Giving our best.

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To our loyal supporters of the eScrip program with the above mentioned supermarkets... **THANK YOU.**

Our Kiwanis Family House earned a portion of your purchases of the above supermarket cards.

eScrip has notified us that this program will be focused on school group.

Our Kiwanis Family House does not meet the new criteria.

It has been a good ride over the past years, but we have reached the end of the line.



Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #113

Since October 1, 2001 to June 30, 2011, *(the effective dates of this report)*, **9,432** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDCMC.

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

Our KFH has hosted **733** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **733** 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
- Republic of Palau
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

Division 7 and Division 44 are considered the "host" divisions. Families living within 35 miles of UCDCMC 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	2,527	26.79%
14	Johl	1,061	11.25%
27	Diaz	733	7.77%
Out of	District	733	7.77%
45	Maxhimer	611	6.48%
46	Smith	592	6.28%
44	Webb	578	6.13%
20	Arimoto	370	3.92%
23	Tout	334	3.54%
8	Lewis	311	3.30%
32	Wheaton	251	2.66%
7	Isaacs	201	2.13%
5	Wayne	146	1.55%
26	Ontis	124	1.31%
36	Coley	101	1.07%
18	Bañuelos	98	1.04%
12	Fukasawa	92	0.98%
34	Stern	91	0.96%
2	Bowerman	83	0.88%
38	Coltin	49	0.52%
28	Dwyer	32	0.34%
43	Woodruff	30	0.32%
33	Orrin	23	0.24%
42	Medley	23	0.24%
29	Miller	22	0.23%
41	Bonar	21	0.22%
11	Teagle	20	0.21%
15	Cridland	17	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.17%
16	Kessler	15	0.16%
31	Mills	15	0.16%
47	Laughlin	14	0.15%
6	Wilkinson	13	0.14%
30	Scheibel	12	0.13%
4	Laub	11	0.12%
10	Peng	11	0.12%
24	Fisher	11	0.12%
1	Guske	10	0.11%
37	Kerley	10	0.11%
25	Montaño	9	0.10%
13	Smith	6	0.06%
35	Deal	3	0.03%
19	Ackerman	2	0.02%
	Totals	9,432	100.0%

Total K revisited.. (continued)

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It all came together June 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Gary writes: *"Congratulations and an enormous thank you to the 150+ Kiwanis family volunteers who helped staff the Cache Creek event on June 28, 29 and 30th."*

"At least 20 Kiwanis clubs, two Circle K clubs and about six key clubs, were represented, with some of the volunteers traveling from as far away as Santa Rosa, Brentwood and South Lake Tahoe."

*"Our volunteer force ranged in age from 15 to 90 years old (**Sarge Wright**, you are amazing!)."*

"With an over-capacity crowd of Cache Creek employees and their families on hand to enjoy the food and entertainment, everyone gave their all to make this event a great success."

"The Kiwanis volunteers who helped set up on Tuesday, braved a nonstop rain downpour for three hours to get all of the cooking equipment and large blowup games unloaded from the trucks and set up."



"On Wednesday, the day of the picnic event, the day was split into two six-hour shifts, with many volunteers working all twelve hours. What a supreme turnout of support for the Kiwanis Family House."

"The Fun Events company who hired the Kiwanis volunteers, were most impressed with our turnout, with everyone arriving on time and especially with the hard work everyone put in. Thanks to all."

*"After the takedown on Thursday, we were presented with a check issued to the Kiwanis Family House for \$5,500. **Kevin Rice**, owner of Fun Events, praised us for a job well done and promised that we will be at the top of the list to be invited to future events. Stay tuned for announcements of future events."*

Total K...Totally Kommitted!

Visions

Editor: Now that you have been elected as a KFH board member what is your vision?



Emily Chirk

Circle K (Sacramento State)

"As former member of Key Club and current Circle K member, I hope that in my time as a director of the Kiwanis Family House Board I will be able to utilize the skills of the Student Leadership programs to further the mission of the Kiwanis Family House. I am hoping to draw on the innovate fundraising ideas from the Key Clubs ensure every patient at the UC Davis Medical Center will never have to be without their family for long.

"I hope to use the progressive marketing tools discovered by various Circle K clubs to expose more people to the true impact that the Kiwanis Family House has on so many people. Ultimately, my goal as a director of the Kiwanis Family House is to combine all branches of the Kiwanis International organization to make the Kiwanis Family House a project full supported by the entire Kiwanis Family."



Karen Borman

Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

"First, I think it is an honor to be on the Kiwanis Family House Board. The Family House provides an unbelievable service.

"My goal is to use my skills to support that service."



Matthew J. Wehner, CPA

Kiwanis Club of Davis

"I am thrilled to be on the Kiwanis Family House board and am looking forward to serving.

"I would like to help establish or reestablish the connection between the clubs and the Kiwanis Family House through volunteering, providing financial support or both."



Rita Beall

Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento

"A primary reason why I became a Kiwanian was the Kiwanis Family House.

"I look forward to joining my fellow board members in enhancing the fundraising efforts of the Board as well as those of our supporting clubs, so that the House can continue to do what it does so well for families in times of crisis".



**Watch out for kids!
Our KFH is at capacity!**

Honor Roll List of Presidents

Lloyd V. "Vern" Bright

1983-1984

1984-1985

1985-1986

George Cotter

1986-1987

1987-1988

Max Strawser

1988-1989

George Cotter

1989-1990

1990-1991

1991-1992

Leroy H. "Lee" Downs

1992-1993

1993-1994

1994-1995 (until his death)

Ron Haas

1995 (remaining term)

1995-1996

1996-1997

Bob Willie

1997-1998 (until resignation)

Gary Wright

1998 (remaining term)

1998-1999

1999-2000

Richard "Dick" Bogart

2000-2001

Gary Christensen

2001-2002

2002-2003

2003-2004

2004-2005

Loring Turrell

2005-2006

2006-2007

William "Rick" Dwyer

2007-2011

William "Bill" Hooper

2011-current

NFL Football To be or not to be?



We will leave that question to be answer

by others in the future.

But if you like football, join us at the Sacramento Mountain Lion's game on September 10, 2011 at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento. The opponents are the Virginia Destroyers. Tickets are \$20@ and our KFH keeps \$10.00.

For details contact Bill Hooper at (916) 870-2179 or bhookklg56@comcast.net



Find us on
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Our Kiwanis Family House is now 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.

Board member **Emily Chirk** is managing the Face Book Program for our KFH. Contact her if you have any questions.



by **Kristin Hanes** FOX40 News

United Way California and FOX40 collected 115,786 rolls of toilet paper for the 3rd annual LIVE UNITED Toilet Paper Drive.

The goal this year was to collect 60,000 rolls. Last year 50,000 were donated.

Sac-Val (janitorial supply) came on board as a matching sponsor, so for every two rolls we collected, they'll donate a roll!

The Toilet Paper Drive benefits many of United Way's 142 certified non-profit partners who spend thousands of dollars on toilet paper each year.

The drive was held Thursday, June 16th at Cal-Expo.

Last year's KFH share was 473 rolls.

Board member **Bob Isaacs**, who picked up this year's share reports the picked up 936 rolls, a 100%+ increase.

Top ten!



If you want to watch **David Letterman's "Top Ten"**, you have to stay up late and watch TV.

If you want to see KFH House Director's **Mauda Butte's "Top Ten"** from the KFH Wish List, all you have to do is read it here!

- #10 **Personal size toiletries especially shampoo**
- # 9 **Individually wrapped candy**
- # 8 **Coffee**
- # 7 **Paper plates**
- # 6 **Napkins**
- # 5 **Air Wick Fresheners plug-ins**
- # 4 **Liquid soap for hand washing**
- # 3 **Business Card Stock Avery #8871**
- # 2 **Ink for HP 5610 Printer #22 Color & #56 Black**
- # 1 **Paper towels**

If you cannot fit them in an envelope to mail, then gift cards from Sam's Club and Costco work just fine also.



Kiwanis Governor presents Bright Award



Kiwanis Governor **Tom Millham** presented the **Bright Award** to Kiwanian **Marv Hale**. **Rick Dwyer** (right) is looking on.

Marv Hale is a 37 year veteran of Kiwanis. He was Lt. Gov. for Division 7 during 2001-02.

He and his wife Peggy, attended the KI convention in Geneva. He is a member of the Kiwanis Clubs of KFH and Woodland.

Good Scouts!



The Girl Scouts of the USA literature reads: "Have you ever looked around your neighborhood or school and wondered how you could make a change for the better? Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—gives you the chance to show that you are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to."

Girls must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade (or equivalent) and a registered Girl Scout Cadette, and complete a Cadette Journey.

Board member, **Rita Beall**, was manning a table representing the KFH at Macy's for their charity coupon day when **Kaili Ortiz's** Girl Scout troop leader stopped by and heard about the KFH.

She then told Kaili that doing something for the KFH could be a good way to earn her Silver Award. So Kaili planned a troop meeting at the KFH where about 30 Girl Scouts from two troops along with about 20 troop leaders and parents attended.

Gary Christensen gave the KFH program and gave everyone tours. The group that night brought a truck load of donations and money.

She is only 15 years old. Her father has had a kidney transplant in San Francisco in the past so they know the value of having a place like the KFH.

Kaili Ortiz writes: "I worked with the Kiwanis Family House to earn my Silver Award in Girl Scouts. I attend C.K. McClatchy High School, and I am a member of the Key Club there. I collected the items and money from my California Scholarship Foundation (CSF) club".



Message from **Robert J. Mazzuca**, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, to a Scout obtaining Life Scout: "In attaining the rank of Life Scout, you have had the opportunity to learn and master many skills. You've hiked and camped in good and not-so-good weather. You've learned to take care of yourself and others in the out-of-doors, and well as in your home community.

"Before you now is the opportunity to master yet another set of skills (in obtaining the Eagle Scout rank). One of these requirements is your demonstration of leadership skills. You do so by planning and carrying out an Eagle Scout leadership service project."

Anthony Ramos, Life Scout is a member of Troop 55 chartered to the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael. He is working on his Eagle Scout leadership service project. He explained this to **Bill Hooper**.

"My project is that I am building two six foot benches and laying a 10 X 10 brick pad at the front of the Kiwanis Family House.

"The bench frames will be made out of metal and the seats and backs out of Veranda recycled material.

"I chose the Kiwanis Family House for my project because it was recommended to me by Mr. Chima from the Carmichael Kiwanis Club. When I came and visited the house for the first time I realized how much it helps our community and that I would like to be a part of that."



KFH extends a helping hand!



House Director, **Mauda Butte**, received a call from the Cancer Center. It had a patient who lived in Antelope, California

who needed transportation to the UCDMC for his cancer treatment. His dad had to work and needed the family car to make that happen.

Mauda organized a car pool of a few Kiwanians and others to make it happen.

The patient's name is Isaac. Isaac was provided with a coat and an additional shirt from the clothes closet to wear. He even picked out something for his little brother.

His treatments at the medical center could run as long as four hours.

A home nurse stops by Isaac's home on a periodic basis to check his blood count. If it is low, then Isaac must be transported to the medical center, right then.

This transportation is a team effort. KFH staff member, Bonnie, took him home one time after her shift had ended at our KFH.

Isaac recently celebrated his 16th birthday.



To celebrate his 16th birthday, the Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown, invited him and his family to dinner and presented a cake.

Shown in the picture are Isaac and President **Leslie Merker**.

Our Kiwanis Family House is more than an organization, it is more than a charity, it is a family!



Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

You "auto" donate! Trucks too....



- ✓ Next day pick-up
- ✓ Non-runner ok
- ✓ No smog ok
- ✓ 100% tax deductible

DONATE A CAR

(800) 240-0160

Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

Our Kiwanis House needs your car, to turn them into a place for families to rest, while family members are in UC Davis Medical Center or Shriners Hospital for Children® - Northern California.

Recycling makes cents!

Donate ink cartridges, LASER cartridges, toner cartridges etc. to our KFH.

It helps the environment, lessens the impact on land fills, and makes cents.

If you work for a company, ask it if it will cooperated in giving you the items to take and donate.



Our KFH gets money when we turn them in.

Besides the above there is a receptacle for plastic shopping bags.

Recycling money is "green" and spends the same way with a lessening on the KFH budget.

Green is the color of money!

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

- ♥ Silver \$300.00
- ♥ Gold: \$500.00
- ♥ Platinum: \$1,000.00 or higher

For more information contact editor: Page .

HELP WANTED

Anyone with a green thumb who could help us with the landscape maintenance or upgrading the landscape please call House Director **Mauda Butte at (916) 736-0116** or maudabutte@aol.com



KFH Board member **Neil Strain** takes care of most of our maintenance needs at the House, but he could use some help from a Handyman.

Neil Strain can be reached at **(916) 354-8895** or Neilstrain@sbcglobal.net



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 August 18, 2011.

Also, if you are looking for a meeting place for your club or organization, check out our Kiwanis Family House.

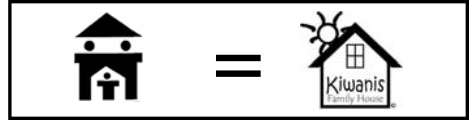
Get your SHARES Card (on page2) so we get our "share".



Bonnie is showing two caps, one black and one blue.

For sale \$15.00 **post paid** for one, or \$25.00 for two **post paid**.

If you are at the KFH, the price is \$10.00@.



UC Davis Health System has been designated one of Health Care's Most Wired institutions for 2011 according to the results of this year's Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study.

The Sacramento-based academic health system is one of only six institutions in California designated "Most Wired" in this year's assessment, which considered responses encompassing nearly 1,400 hospitals around the country. This is the first time the UC Davis Health System has earned the Most Wired designation.

The annual survey examines how hospitals use information technology to address and enhance patient safety and quality of care, public health, administrative processes and workforce decisions. Clinicians at UC Davis Medical Center update patient information in the electronic medical record system.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our accomplishments and commitment to integrating information technology throughout UC Davis Health System," said **Michael Minear**, chief information officer for the health system. *"We have made significant investments in modern information technology because it supports UC Davis' clinicians in providing safe and high-quality care."*

The health system transitioned to a fully paperless, computerized environment over the course of several years. Today, its electronic information system includes digital clinical results and images, computerized physician order entry, sophisticated pharmacy systems and online documentation and care plans.

The health system's complex array of electronic content and functionality recently earned it an Adoption Model Stage 6 Award from HIMSS Analytics (part of the nonprofit Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society) in 2010; a designation only 3.2 percent of the nation's hospitals have achieved by fully implementing a variety of health information technologies.

UC Davis' digital environment also encompasses MyChart, an advanced tethered personal health record (PHR) for patients that allows individuals to review a wide range of information about their health-care

status, including test results, clinical appointments and medications, and to exchange secure messages with their physicians and care teams.

"Achieving Health Care's Most Wired status for 2011 reflects a determination to optimize the use of new technologies within our health-care system to support clinicians and



patients in the most effective manner possible," said Minear, who noted that UC

Davis is internationally known for its expertise in telemedicine to bridge geographic gaps in access to health care through high-speed telecommunications connections.

"This accomplishment required the full commitment of UC Davis leadership, as well as the hard work and collaboration of the health system's dedicated IT and clinical teams. One of the unique strengths of the health system is how successfully UC Davis clinicians have adopted modern clinical technology."

Hospitals & Health Networks magazine, a publication of the American Hospital Association, compiles its "Most Wired" list annually using survey results from hospitals and health systems throughout the United States.

UC Davis Health System is advancing the health of patients everywhere by providing excellent patient care, conducting groundbreaking research, fostering innovative, inter-professional education, and creating dynamic, productive partnerships with the community.

The academic health system includes one of the country's best medical schools, a 645-bed acute-care teaching hospital, an 800-member physician's practice group and the new Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing.

It is home to a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center, an international neurodevelopmental institute, a stem cell institute and a comprehensive children's hospital.

Other centers focus on advancing telemedicine, improving vascular care, eliminating health disparities and translating research findings into new treatments for patients.

"Over the years"

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

**Nine years ago
Volume III Issue 2
August 2002**



The winner of the Doll House Donated by the Kiwanis Club of Gold Country was **Charles Coleman**.

**Eight years ago
Volume IV Issue 2
August 2003**



E. Parker Smith with his 60-year Legion of Honor Award on July 23, 2003. Shown with wife Blendine.

**Five years ago
Volume VII Issue 2
August 2006**

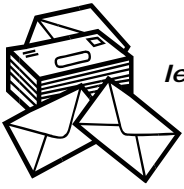


Pictured above is Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee, **Dan Connolly** presenting the Tablet of Honor to **Gary Christensen** on grand opening day of July 22, 2006.

**Two years ago
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Kiwanis International President **Donald R. Canaday** was presented with a Bright Award at the 94th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.



"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.

"I'm here to be with a young man who was almost killed in a car accident- he has survived. but is waiting for his foot to heal.

An infection has been threatening to cause amputations. It has been a great blessing to be able to stay here. Thank you, very much!

"My uncle is dying of liver cancer at UC Davis Hospital. I visited and was desperately looking for shelter. Kiwanis was the best place next to home. Thanks."

"My husband just went through open heart surgery (3 way By-Pass). I was so upset, as we are seniors and the hardships of traveling to and from (xxx) County would have been unquestionable. I had no vehicle and depend on friends.

"Thank you so very much for your hospitality, Everyone here was so very kind to say the least God Bless You All and my prayers are with you now and always."

"Dear people of the Kiwanis House, thank you so very much for my stay here. We came down from (200 miles away) for a one day, treatment and it turned into a triple by-pass and 9 or 10 days longer.

"We never could afford to have rented a room for so long. Everyone has been wonderful. Than you from the bottom of my heart!"

" Thank you for everything. It was great staying close to my son."

" May God bless you richly for all your love and support. We can never thank you enough. You lending your family home was truly a very special blessing to us..."

"Thank you for the opportunity to stay with our daughter..."

"To all the wonderful friends here: I can never find the words to express how much I appreciate all you have done for me.

"You made it possible for me to stay here for three weeks to see my daughter through the most difficult part of her stay in the hospital.

"I firmly believe that the many prayers that were said for us helped us through the worse part. I shall always remember the many kindnesses that were showered on me.

"My prayers will always be for all those who will come to stay"

"I met a very special friend while I was here. Her name is xxxxx. She left the day before I did and left a note to tell me good bye..."

"I would like to thank every wonderful person here for helping us through a hard period ni our 3-year old son's life. He is pulling through fine..."

"To the Kiwanis Family House and employees..."

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support that you guys & gals have given me & my family. I don't know how to thank all of you, but I'll thing of something.

"My son and my wife are still It U.D. Davis but doing real good.

"it's people like you that help people like us that rally need it.

"I'll pray for all you and that people you help each day and years to come."

"Thank you so much for your kindness, your ministry is a great blessing.

"May God bless you abundantly..."

"It has been a true blessing to be here. Thank you to all the many people that make this house possible.

"Love (name)"

"I just want to say God Bless you all for having us and you've all been so nice to us. Sharing your home, we couldn't ask for better...."

"It has been an absolute pleasure to stay here.

Thank you all for all the help and support you provided us within this difficult time.

"Much love"



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.

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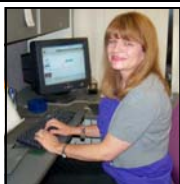
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President's Message

By Bill Hooper (Cont'd)

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Mauda Butte coordinating volunteers, so contact one of them if your club or you as an individual would like to help us out at the House.

At the July Board meeting we were happy to fill our last position as **Rita Beall**, a banker, and member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento, was voted onto the Board.

She has a great deal of energy, experience in fund raising, and is a great addition to our board.

We also agreed that the Club Ambassador Program should continue and clubs can look forward to hearing from their Ambassador quarterly via *Constant Contact*®, and we urge clubs to call or e-mail him/her if you have any questions about our KFH or want a speaker for your club.

Board members are starting our yearly presentations to United Way members and would welcome anyone who would like to join us as we make our presentations.

We are also planning a Strategic Planning Conference for board members in the fall as we plan for the future. We will continue to work to eliminate our outstanding debt and build a prudent reserve for emergencies.

We also need to develop a deep cleaning schedule and begin to do the repairs a five year old building requires. So much to be done, thank goodness we have so many outstanding K Family members to do it.

We look forward to having a booth at the District Convention in San Diego and hope many of you will stop by and see us. Thanks again to each of you who help us serve at our KFH.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Bill



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