



# House Talk

Kiwaniis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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July 2011

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From our house,  
to your house:  
Happy Birthday USA



July 4th, 2011  
235 years old!

## 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!**

## Annual Meeting Results



Rick Dwyer (right) congratulating Bill Hooper (left)

The annual meeting of our Kiwanis Family House took place on Saturday June 11, 2011 at our Kiwanis Family House (KFH).

Those eligible to vote are sponsor clubs, who are current with their annual dues of \$100.00. The clubs must be present or have designated as proxy voters of: **Mauda Butte**, KFH House Director; **Gary Christensen**, Development Director; or **Jack Seigal**, House Talk Editor. Gratefully there was a quorum present.

There were six vacancies: Five vacancies for terms ending  
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## President's Message by Bill Hooper



Thanks to every person who took the time to attend the annual meeting and for sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and to all of you who sent in your proxies. Our Kiwanis Family House only functions because all 90 Kiwanis Clubs help us fulfill our mission. Thanks also to retiring Board President **Rick Dwyer** and Secretary **Robin McIver**.

Welcome to new Board members **Karen Borman** Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, **Mathew Wehner** of the Kiwanis Club of Davis, and **Emily Chirk** of the Sacramento State Circle K Club.

I am honored to have been selected to be president of our Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors. I

feel fortunate to have the opportunity to continue to work with other outstanding Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs as we continue to provide service to families from all over the world in their greatest hour of need.

Each of us on the Board of Directors are committed to doing all we can to continue to build on the efforts of the previous Boards and make sure that our KFH continues to fulfill its mission of providing safe temporary housing to the families of critically ill and injured patients at UCD Medical Center

I was so fortunate to have been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights when we were asked to help with this project in 1984 and have been involved in many different capacities for our House ever since.

Besides being the region's most outstanding service pro-

ject it has brought Kiwanians from the entire region together in service. KFH is the most fulfilling part of my exciting 33 year Kiwanis career and I look forward to helping us deal with the ongoing challenges a project of this magnitude presents. I believe in our vision and mission and because it allows me to work with so many dedicated Kiwanians and caring individuals throughout the region.

As Past President Rick said in his message last month it has taken a Kiwanis miracle and the commitment of many very dedicated individuals work-

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*"...I am honored to have been selected to be president of our Kiwanis Family House Board of Directors..."*

**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**

July 14  
August 11  
September 8  
October 13  
November 10  
December 8  
January  
February



## 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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Director.....**Matthew J. Wehner (2014)**

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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. They last longer than plaques.

For more information or a brick order contact editor.

See page:

## 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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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 8).

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 #112

Since October 1, 2001 to May 31, 2011, (the effective dates of this report), 9,300 families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDCM.

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

Our KFH has hosted **718** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **718** 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 UCDCM 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	2,495	26.83%
14	Johl	1,051	11.30%
27	Diaz	721	7.75%
<b>Out of</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>7.72%</b>
45	Maxhimer	604	6.49%
46	Smith	584	6.28%
44	Webb	572	6.15%
20	Arimoto	365	3.92%
23	Tout	328	3.53%
8	Lewis	306	3.29%
32	Wheaton	250	2.69%
7	Isaacs	198	2.13%
5	Wayne	143	1.54%
26	Ontis	120	1.29%
36	Coley	101	1.09%
18	Bañuelos	98	1.05%
34	Stern	91	0.98%
12	Fukasawa	90	0.97%
2	Bowerman	78	0.84%
38	Coltin	47	0.51%
28	Dwyer	32	0.34%
43	Woodruff	29	0.31%
42	Medley	22	0.24%
29	Miller	21	0.23%
33	Orrin	21	0.23%
41	Bonar	21	0.23%
11	Teagle	20	0.22%
15	Cridland	17	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.17%
16	Kessler	15	0.16%
31	Mills	14	0.15%
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%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Old Mother Hubbard



Do you remember the results when *Old Mother Hubbard*, went to the cupboard, to get her little dog a bone?

**The cupboard was bare.**

You have no control over these results. But when House Director Mauda Butte goes to the Food Closet... that is a different story. Our KFH has a food closet and a refrigerator for milk and dairy products.

When **Auntie Mauda** goes to the food closet do you want the results looking like this:



Or like this:



Please donate money to buy the milk, bread, and produce.

Consider donations of canned goods such as canned pasta products, beans, stews, and other ready to heat and eat items.

Juices, jams, and jellies are appreciated.

Gift cards to Sam's Club and Costco fit nicely in an envelope!

Thank you!

## Multi-Tasking



Got homework?



Like to read?



Want community service hours?

Here is the deal:

Our Kiwanis Family House is running at capacity. When a family leaves there is another one ready to move it.

So our employees have to vacuum and clean the room and launder the bed linen and towels to get the room ready in short time.

They can't be in two places at the same time.

So if you have homework to do and/or like to read, do that as you baby sit the washers and dryers while our staff cleans the room.

Easy you bet! But it takes helping hands.... Yours!

## Recycle ink and toner cartridges!

It is good for the environment and good for the bottom line for our KFH!

It makes good "cents" and cents makes money!



## Meet new board members!



**Karen Borman**

Kiwanis Club of Carmichael  
Past Lt. Gov. Division 44  
Retired School Administrator



**Emily Chirk**

Circle K (Sacramento State)  
Criminal Justice B.S. Candidate '13  
As a Circle K member served as  
Kiwanis Family House Chair  
Service Chair  
Capital Divisional Assistant



**Matthew J. Wehner, CPA**

Kiwanis Club of Davis  
CPA with  
Carbahal & Company, An  
accountancy corporation  
in Davis, California

## Annual Meeting Results (Continued)

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in 2014; and one vacancy for a term ending in 2013.

There were five candidates:

- **Karen Borman**, (Kiwanis Club of Carmichael);
- **Emily Chirk** (Circle K of Sacramento State);
- **Calvin Hara** (Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento, Midtown);
- **William "Bill" Hooper** (Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights), and
- **Matthew J. Wehner** Kiwanis Club of Davis).

The candidates were elected to the three year terms expiring in 2014. There is still a vacancy in the board position ending in 2013.

Thanks to the efforts of our Board Liaison with UC Davis Medical Center, **J.P. Eres**, a filling and refreshing lunch was provided.

KFH Treasurer, Joyce Blonskij reported on the financial status. It has a positive balance due to the efforts of our Sponsor Clubs and benefactors.

From time to time there seems to be some divine intervention. Keep in mind that few can afford the payment of \$40@ night, but no one is turned away based on the ability to pay in full.

After the annual meeting, an organizational meeting was held by the newly elected board. The purpose of that meeting was to elect the officers. Elected President: **William "Bill" Hooper**; Vice President: **Calvin Hara**; Secretary: **Emily Chirk**; and Treasurer: **Joyce Blonskij**.

The board meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at our KFH.

## 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

# Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

## You "auto" donate!



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.

### KFH Car Donation Program

*"It's such an easy and worry-free way to donate a vehicle for the benefit of Kiwanis Family House."*

Car Program (800) 240-0160, handles the donation from picking up the vehicle, processing the necessary forms to sending the Kiwanis Family House the proceeds from the vehicle donation. This program covers 50 states, not just California.

**Calvin Hara** can be contacted at (916) 812-5524 for more information.

Hara points out that *"running or not, vehicles have cash value. A tow truck will be sent to your home or business and towed to Car Programs Inc. for liability reasons."*



## 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 July 21, 2011.

## 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 8.

## 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 for 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Neilstrain@sbcglobal.net)



**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@.

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





**"Over the years"**

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

A large, national multi-center study of thousands of children taken to emergency departments with minor blunt head trauma has found that most of those with normal computed tomography (CT) scans do not require hospitalization for further observation.

Of the more than 13,500 children included in the study, less than 1 percent had subsequent abnormal CT scans or MRIs and none required neurosurgical intervention.

*"We now have definitive evidence supporting discharging most neurologically normal children with head trauma after negative CT scans home from the emergency department,"* said **James Holmes**, professor of emergency medicine in the UC Davis School of Medicine and the study's lead author and co-investigator.



*"Sending these patients home with their parents not only provides good, safe care but it also saves costs. It is a win for everyone concerned."*

While blunt head trauma is the leading cause of death in children older than 1 year old, the authors said the finding shows that children with minor blunt head trauma with normal CT scans are at very low risk for subsequent traumatic findings on neuroimaging. More importantly, they are at extremely low risk of needing neurosurgical intervention.

*"One of the goals in the evaluation of children with minor head trauma is to try to avoid CT scan use, if possible. If you do a CT scan and the scan is negative, and the child is well, then for goodness sakes let the child go home,"* said study senior author **Nathan Kuppermann**, professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the UC Davis School of Medicine.

Children often are admitted to the hospital for additional observation after blunt head trauma to allow frequent neurologic examinations. However, studies in adults have found that neurological problems following minor blunt head trauma are rare and

that hospitalization after a normal cranial CT is unnecessary.

Their families also were asked about neurologic complications, including neurosurgical interventions. Nearly 80 percent of the study participants were reached for follow-up either by telephone or mail. Those who were hospitalized were followed during their hospitalization for any deterioration.

Hundreds of the patients who were either hospitalized or discharged were found to have received repeated neuroimaging — either CT scans or MRIs or both — but none of the patients required neurosurgical intervention, indicating that there is a very low risk of deterioration for patients after a normal initial cranial CT scan.

The authors said that the children involved in the study may have been hospitalized for injuries that were not confined to the head, and some also may have been vomiting and so admitted for intravenous fluid administration.

But, of the patients hospitalized, more than half only had blunt head trauma and no other injuries or ailments, and most were likely hospitalized simply for neurologic observation.

Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Research, Training, and Education, and the agency's Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

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).

**Seven years ago  
Volume V Issue 1  
July 2004**



Kiwanian **Ron Abbott** handling the lobster at the *Down East Lobster Feast*. Benefitting our KFH.

**Six years ago  
Volume VI Issue 1  
July 2005**



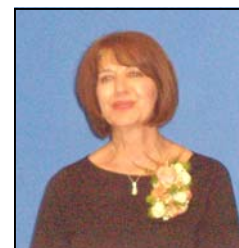
Founded in 1887, Teichert remains one of California's oldest and most established companies. Now at work on our new KFH!

**Five years ago  
Volume Special Edition  
Grand Opening  
July 2006**

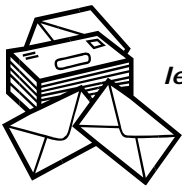


**Lynne Robinson**, who checked in our first family, in 1984, will check in our first family on July 23, 2006

**Three years ago  
Volume IX Issue 1  
July 2008**



On June 19th, 2008 many attended the Retirement Ceremony of **Jan Pollock**, Manager, Volunteer Services at UC Davis Health System.



*"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.

*"Thank you so much for the beautiful system you have here.*

*"I do not know what I would have done without your generosity to me and my family.*

*"My husband is much better although we will still be going to dialysis. We will be back in our own home.*

*"Thank you!"*

*"Dear Kiwanis House*

*"Thank you for inviting us to Kiwanis Family House. This was a great experience.*

*"It was also very interesting to learn how the house operates and how much it helps others.*

*"Thank you so much!"*

*" Staff,*

*"Thanks so much for all the help and care throughout my stay.*

*"It was shorter that we thought it would be.*

*"It made everything easier for us."*

*"My mother (name) and I stayed at Kiwanis and we just wanted to say how grateful we are for this room to stay in at a critical time in UCDavis.*

*"Your facility is truly a blessing for families.*

*"Thank you for setting up our stay!"*

*"Kiwanis Family House:*

*"Thank you so much for all that you have done to make this tragic experience must easier for our family.*

*"We appreciate the Kiwanis Family House and all the staff that made this possible."*

*"Hi there,*

*"Recently my boy friends family was staying there while he was in the hospital.*

*"I just wanted to say thank you for having your place available for people in need during hard times such as that.*

*"It's a true blessing.*

*"Hope God blesses you all in a special way. Thanks again."*

*"Thanks for the beautiful stay."*

*"This was a gift from God!"*

*"Thank you so much!"*

*"The Kiwanis Family House was a combination of a Quality Inn and a dorm.*

*"It was peaceful.*

*"Thank you for being accessible to us as we participated in our Fragile -X autism study at the MIND institute"*

*"You always do the nicest things! You have been a shelter in time of storm. Thanks for providing such a valuable service."*

*"To the volunteers and Goldie, To thank you and to say your thoughtfulness meant so much.*

*"Thank you so very much- We were made to feel @ home while we were there, even though the sadness of (name) passing away- his good days and his bad days.*

*" You have a beautiful place there. Do hope more Kiwanis Houses can be built-the public needs to be aware of the wonderful caring and thoughtfulness you all have."*

*"Thank you so so much and I pray I can give back as much as I received. Thank you."*

*"My beautiful grandchild passed away (date). May he be with the Lord and be forever safe from harm.*

*"Thank you for letting my daughter and I stay here. This house is a blessing to all that stay."*

*"The Kiwanis Family Home was like a God send.*

*"The people were wonderful and accommodations excellent.*

*"I'm appreciative."*

*"Thanks to everyone for offering us a safe and comfortable place to be while accompanying our mom thru rough hospital stuff."*



**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)

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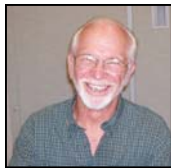
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## President's Message

By Bill Hooper (Cont'd)

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ing together with many different skills that allowed us to build the first seven room house in 1984, and then expand to 14 rooms in 1992, and finally open the beautiful new 32 room facility in 2006.

We have served families from 46 states and 19 countries and the need for our services is greater than ever as UCD has just expanded its emergency room capacity.

Last year 33,169 patients were admitted to UCD Medical Center and that is sure to increase this year.

UC Davis Children's Hospital is also the region's only comprehensive hospital for children with its 110 bed hospital within a hospital including a 49 bed neonatal intensive care unit and a 16 bed pediatric intensive care unit.

The need for our services is greater than ever and I have been impressed with how well clubs, Circle K, Key Clubs, and individuals have stepped up to help as repairs on our five year old house put a real strain on our budget last year.

Currently, we are okay financially but it is very important for everyone to understand that it is expensive to run an operation of this size and we must continually be searching for opportunities to raise funds to make sure we never have to close the doors on this Kiwanis Miracle which is helping so many people.

A major goal this year is to try and develop a reserve account so we have funds available for emergencies or shortfalls on fund raisers. Please contact myself or any Board member, House Director **Maude Butte**, or House Develop Director **Gary Christensen** if you have ideas to improve our operation, questions about what we are doing, or if you want to volunteer to help at the House.

We are now serving over 100 families a month. Many cannot pay even the \$40 a night we ask but we never turn them away. As your club develops its 2011/12 budget please re-



member we must raise almost \$400,000 to keep our Kiwanis Miracle operating and plan a major project that will help the House.

As an individual consider becoming "A Friend of our Kiwanis Family House". Sponsorships begin at only \$100 a year and can be paid monthly if you like. (Sponsorship levels are Copper \$100, Silver \$300, Gold \$500, Platinum \$1000 or higher) Would you help?

Events that involve several clubs can be fun and provide more income for the House. Several are already scheduled and we hope you can attend. If your club has an event to benefit our House let us know so we can add it to the information our web site. Thanks for all you do for the House and for kids.

Till next time...

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill



## House Talk Contact the Editor

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