



House Talk

Kiwaniis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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Two Bright Award recipients!

The Kiwanis Family House board developed the Bright Award to honor Individuals, Kiwanis Clubs, Divisions, Districts, and Organizations. It is named after the co-founders of the Kiwanis

Family House, the Late **Vernon Bright** and his wife **Leona Bright**.

George Cotter is shown getting his first look at his Bright Award. It was presented to him on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Woodland, California.

The Bright Award recognizes Cotter's seven years he served on the first Kiwanis Family House Board, including three years as President (1986-1988).

The presentation was made at Cotter's residence, by **Gary Christensen** along with 10
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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Kiwanis Family House, Inc. will be at:

- Sat. June 11th, 11:00 a.m.
- 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.



Election of new board members will take place.

Sponsor clubs you need to be represented to make the quorum.

From our house, to your house,



Happy Father's Day

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.

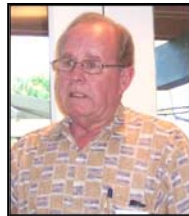
It is the source that keeps us in operation!

President's Message by Rick Dwyer

"Thanks for the *Memories*", a **Bob Hope** quote after a lifetime of entertaining troops all over the world.

As my six year board term ends, after four years as your **KFH Board President**, I too am thankful for many memories.

My memories are focused on having been able to provide, with the help of **Gary Christensen** and many other people, a new modern facility able to house over twice the number of families we used to host each month. Some 8,000 families will have come through our new KFH doors by our 5th anniversary in July this year. We have been able



to provide, through your generous support, the comfort and temporary housing to these families in need while there children are being treated at UCDAVIS Children's Hospital.

My most fond and vivid memory is how this **Kiwanis** miracle came about which allowed us to accomplish our building dream.

Prior to putting together a credible loan package for financing, we needed to have in place a credible hard and soft cost construction budget a bank would accept as part of its underwriting criteria for loan approval. As many of you know, we started construction in early 2005 and started our budgeting process in late 2003 and early 2004.

We were very fortunate to have a West Sacramento man represent us in contractor and sub contractor negotiations by the name of **Rod Lukins**. After numerous negotiations with

Signing off...

"Thanks for the memories"....

General Contractors Rod suggested he become the General Contractor which would save many thousands of dollars in fees.

Rod is a General Contractor (occupation) with a wealth of major contracting experience, contacts and a strong believer in our mission.

Rod was able to negotiate almost \$1,000,000 in contractor donations in cost, profit and overhead in our budget. Rod deserves our most profound gratitude for his services, be sure to thank him should you meet. I started the loan process in early 2004, but by the time we got the construction commitment in the middle
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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
Annual Meeting
June 11th Saturday 11:00 a.m.
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8



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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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."

Getting it straight

In the May issue the author of the Rick Dwyer being presented with the Bright Award was omitted.

The author is **Gary Christensen**. It was Gary who donated the \$1,000 that made the Bright Award possible.

The editor apologizes for this egregious error.

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!



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

- ♥ **Our Group Number is 51297.**
- ♥ **Our Group Name is: Kiwanis Family House.**

Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #111

Since October 1, 2001 to April 30, 2011, (*the effective dates of this report*), **9,194** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDCM.

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

Our KFH has hosted **709** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **709** 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	2,462	26.78%
14	Johl	1,045	11.37%
27	Diaz	710	7.72%
Out of	District	709	7.71%
45	Maxhimer	596	6.48%
46	Smith	576	6.26%
44	Webb	571	6.21%
20	Arimoto	363	3.95%
23	Tout	317	3.45%
8	Lewis	306	3.33%
32	Wheaton	249	2.71%
7	Isaacs	195	2.12%
5	Wayne	139	1.51%
26	Ontis	119	1.29%
36	Coley	101	1.10%
18	Bañuelos	97	1.06%
34	Stern	91	0.99%
12	Fukasawa	90	0.98%
2	Bowerman	78	0.85%
38	Coltin	47	0.51%
28	Dwyer	29	0.32%
43	Woodruff	29	0.32%
42	Medley	22	0.24%
29	Miller	21	0.23%
33	Orrin	21	0.23%
41	Bonar	20	0.22%
11	Teagle	19	0.21%
15	Cridland	16	0.17%
22	Smith	16	0.17%
16	Kessler	15	0.16%
31	Mills	14	0.15%
6	Wilkinson	13	0.14%
47	Laughlin	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	0.07%
35	Deal	3	0.03%
19	Ackerman	2	0.02%
	Totals	9,194	100.0%

KFH at the fair! Please be there!

The Kiwanis Family House in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Woodland has been selected to furnish volunteers to staff a special event for 2,500 employees of the Cache Creek Casino and their families. The main event will run on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds Office, 1125 East Street Woodland, CA 95776. Phone: 530-402-2222.



The Fun Events Company has been contracted by the casino to put on this all day even, who, in turn, will depend on us to provide all of the staffing. We are looking for **Kiwanians, Key Clubbers**, Circle K members, and others who want to have as much fun as a volunteer can have plus helping the Kiwanis Family House earn money. Anyone, who is 14 years and older, can be a volunteer. Please note that our volunteers may not take children younger than 14 to the event under any circumstances. The Kiwanis Family House will receive \$5500 for our participation while we have a blast being a part of this action!

We will staff to operate seven midway games and twenty fun attractions, serve cotton candy, snowcones, churros, and ice cream. Many of us will be cooks and food service volunteers for a large variety of food items as well.

The main event will run on Wednesday, June 29th from 8:45am to 8:15pm to provide coverage time for three casino employee shifts.

A total of 135 volunteer positions are required to be filled for three days. Volunteers may choose to do more than one day:

Tuesday, June 28th, 12noon - 3:00pm: 30 volunteers (5 must be adults over age of 18) to set up events and activities.

Wednesday, June 29th, 7:30am - 8:45am: 15 volunteers (3 must be adults over age of 18) to set up events and activities.

Wednesday, June 29th, 8:45am - 9:00am: Instructional meeting for all run volunteers.

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Two Bright award recipients! (cont'd.)

other Kiwanians.

In the beginning, before there was a Kiwanis Family House, George related that his club visited the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Sacramento, with an inter-club.

(KFH Founder) **Vern Bright** was a member of that SE Sacramento Club. Vern told George that his club was going to take the project on. George told Vern that he thought they would need help from other clubs for such an ambitious undertaking. George was right, and soon after Divisions 7 and 44 got involved. **Gary Christensen** up-dated George by informing him that now there are about 90 Clubs supporting the Family House.

According to George, a contractor that had just finished a construction project, offered them five surplus construction trailers. The asking price for the trailers was \$19,000. A member of the S.E. Sacramento Club advanced the money to purchase them and was later repaid.

The UC Davis Hospital provided a place for the Kiwanis Family House at 48th and V Streets, which at that time was surrounded by vacant land. The trailers were moved to the site at no cost by a then anonymous trailer transporter from Woodland.

A memorable event when he was President of the Board was when he was able to give past District Governor **Frank Souza** and the Governor at that time (**Wayne W. Hoeft O.D.**) a tour of our Family House. Since George was also a docent at the California State Railroad Museum, he gave them a tour of that facility as well.

George has had some health issues dating back to before our new Family House was built in 2006 and has only viewed the outside on a drive-by visit. The Woodland Kiwanis Club hopes to get him and his electric scooter inside to get a look at the rest of the Kiwanis Family House soon.

At a recent Division 44 Council Meeting KFH President **Rick Dwyer** presented a Bright Award to **Chris Creel-**



man.

Rick listed the contributions of Chris. Not only is he a "regular" at the ARCO service project, he chairs the Creelman-Francisco Golf Classic, held on the last Thursday of April. This golf tournament is the oldest continuously operating charity golf tournament in all of Kiwanis International.

A bit of history, the first Division 7 tournament was held in 1960. Chris' dad, **Bob Creelman** took over this tournament in 1962 or 1963. He ran the Tournament until 1977 when he died of Cancer. In 1978, **Wilford "Red" Francisco**, of Davis became the Tournament Director. The event was re-named the Creelman Classic.

Red continued as Tournament Director until approximately 1998. Chris then became the Tournament Director. Sacramento-. Suburban became a Sponsoring Club along with East-Sac Midtown, Davis and Citrus Heights. Red died of Cancer in 2004 and the tournament was re-named the Creelman-Francisco Classic starting in 2005.

The named charities that were beneficiaries varied, but our KFH became one. In all, over the years our KFH received approximately \$55,000. The 2011 event netted approximately \$6,700.

Chris responded: *"It was a hell of a surprise and a great honor, having known the Brights since I was a kid when my father followed Vern through the Lt. Gov. Chairs of Division 7 in the early 70s.*

*"I just wish I could share the award with my great committee of **Tim Reid** of Davis; **Bob Lutz** of Citrus Heights; **Mike Flynn** of East Sacramento-Midtown; and **Tom Fleischman** of my club. The Classic certainly wouldn't run as smoothly and be as successful without all their great help."*

Both well deserved awards!

mmm... *How sweet it is!*

Forrest Mars invented the recipe for M&Ms chocolate during the Spanish Civil War.

Mars saw soldiers eating pieces of chocolate covered with a hard sugary coating. The coating prevented the candy from melting in the hot sun.

Forrest Mars received a patent for his manufacturing process on March 3, 1941. Production began in 1941 in a factory located at.

One **M** was for **Forrest E. Mars Sr.**, and the other **M** one for **Bruce Murrie**, the son of Hershey's Chocolate president **William F. R. Murrie**. The letter "m" is printed on each candy with vegetable dye.

The arrangement allowed the candies to be made with Hershey chocolate which had control of the then rationed chocolate.

The letter "m" is printed on each candy with vegetable dye.

Mars later bought out Murrie



Lt. Governor **Ann Issacs** came up with a sweet plan to raise needed funds for our Kiwanis Family House. She passed out containers of M&M candies and asked that the containers be returned with currency and coin to support our KFH. Rumplestiltskin spun straw into gold, Ann's intent to "spin" candy into currency.

Here is a sweet thought that other Lt. Governors might adopt.



Wide world of quilts!



Our Kiwanis Family House was recently blessed with a visit from Ellen Ashbaugh (Kiwanis Club of Greater Lodi). She came loaded with quilts from the Rag Quilters.

The Rag Quilters have made 92 blankets in the past four weeks after giving 15 to Lodi House, 15 to Touro Medical School in Las Vegas (my future daughter in law is a medical student there), the remaining were donated to our KFH.

As for **Ellen Ashbaugh** in her own words: "I joined Kiwanis in 1996 in Medford, Oregon.....didn't have much of a choice for a service club, since with my father being a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lodi, who also had 55 years perfect attendance when he died in 2008.

"In 2003-2004, I served as president of my club in Oregon, then as Division 82 Lt. Governor, in 2004-2005.

"I was also honored to serve on the Pacific Northwest (PNW) District Fi-

nance committee and the PNW Foundation Board of Directors. One of my greatest Kiwanis memories was serving as a Sergeant Of Arms backstage at the 2005 St. Louis Kiwanis International Convention and having a rather flustered International Trustee, **Lennie Simmons** ask me to 'take care of his brother'.....for those of you attending the convention, you know that his brother is entertainer, **Richard Simmons**.

"Good thing I wore shoes I could run in, because he definitely kept me moving that day.

"Our current International President, **Sylvester Neal** was our PNW Governor that year and an incredible individual to know.

"As for some stuff on the Rag Quilters.....**Diane Nantt**, the owner of Quilters Friend Quilt Shop in Lodi had agreed to let me advertise for a quilting group after seeing the quilts that several of us were making for some foster kids in the local community.

"After seeing that we were hand cutting the fringe on the quilts, she offered her cutting equipment and shop for us to use to make more quilts.....a long story short, we now provide free kits to hand out at the shop, meet six times a year to sew

together, now have group of over 25 quilters that have made over 1,155 blankets for pediatric trauma in our community.

"All of this has happened in the past two years, of which the Kiwanis Club has now sponsored for about a year and a half. The blankets are donated to the local California Highway Patrol, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, Lodi Police and Fire Departments, Kiwanis Family House, Lodi House, the Children's Advocacy Center, and the Women's Center to name a few. The quilters are my heroes!!!!!!"

"After relocating home to Lodi, I immediately joined the Greater Lodi club and the rest is history. I have been married to my husband, Alan (a Lodi Lions Club member) for 38 years and have a married daughter, Kristen and a son, Jonathan, a Captain in the U. S. Army. My Oregon club also honored me with a Hixson Award in October, 1998."

MARCH FOR THE HOUSE



The Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento, has a low overhead fund raiser for our KFH that works.

In March it conducted its 2nd Annual March for the House.

Each participant comes with a minimum of \$15 of pledges to walk. In Sacramento the participants walk around the KFH.

It is held on a Sunday afternoon. For each lap, the walker has a score card marked. The walker with the most laps receives a prize.

There is no age limit and it is a natural for Key Clubbers who want to participate.

All walkers receive trail mix and water.

This year the event raised \$5,300.



Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

We need you car!

A recent car dealer was advertising in the newspaper.

Now is the time!

The advertisement continued. We offer top dollar. The car dealer needed cars allegedly to fill the dealer's inventory.

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.

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."*

But he also points out that if the donor can bring or have it towed to Car Donations Inc., that would maximize the total donation to the Kiwanis Family House. Using a road services like AAA, would maximize the donation.



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 June 23, 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

Buy a brick!

By Gene Rapp

Often a club wants to honor their retiring president with a gift.

The Kiwanis Club of Roseville honors their retiring president with a KFH brick.

Perhaps more clubs might like this suggestion which will bring a few more dollars to the KFH. Refer to page 2.



Uncle Bill needs you!

KFH Vice President, **Bill Hooper**, reminds us that our KFH urgent needs.

Money is one of them. Money is needed to spend for the expenses of maintaining our KFH to complete its mission.

But many are giving the best that they can, but with volunteers we can get the job done and use that money elsewhere.

KFH is still looking for volunteers with special skills who are willing to help us with our ongoing needs for maintenance and repair at the House.

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 maud-abutte@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.

The carpets need constant attention and a good commercial vacuum and/ or carpet cleaner and knowledgeable volunteers to run them would help us a great deal.

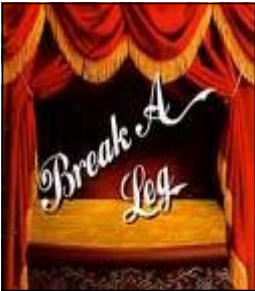


Think about how you might help and call or e-mail **Bill Hooper** to volunteer. (916-988-6880)

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



Editorial:
Go break a leg!



Go break a leg!
When is it said? *"It is said to actors for good luck before they go on stage, especially on opening nights."*

Origin: Theatrical types are well-known for their belief in superstitions, or at least for their willingness to make a show of pretending to believe them. The term 'break a leg' appears to come from the belief that one ought not to utter the words 'good luck' to an actor. By wishing someone bad luck, it is supposed that the opposite will occur. Other superstitions are that it is bad luck to whistle in a theatre, to say the final line of a play during dress rehearsal, or to say the name of 'the Scottish Play' in a theatre's green room.

Was it said to **Vern and Leona Bright** as they embarked on establishing our Kiwanis Family House? There is no record of this.



But the fact remains, that perhaps it would and co-founder **Leona Bright** did exactly that recently. (Something about tripping over her dog).

I am hoping that enough of our readers take time to wish her well and send her greetings.

Here is her name and address. **Leona Bright** Asbury Park Nursing Room 16; 2257 Fair Oaks Boulevard; Sacramento, CA 95825-5501

KFH at the fair!
Please be there! (cont'd)

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Wednesday, June 29th, 9:00am - 8:15pm: 60 volunteers (7 must be adults over age of 18) to run the events and activities.

Thursday, June 30th, 9:00am - 12:30pm: 30 volunteers (5 must be adults over age of 18) to take down and cleanup.

Set up and take down will require a few volunteers that are able to do moderate lifting of inflatables and other attractions.

We will be able to split the Wednesday run day into shifts for those not able to work the entire day. The shifts will overlap to provide training of the new arrival by the outgoing volunteer.

Dress code: shorts are OK but no "cut-offs", no sandals or open-toed shoes. T-shirts will be provided but the quantity will be limited and may have to be shared with other shifts (wear over volunteer's own clothing).

Smoking is prohibited anywhere on site.

Lunch will be served to all volunteers on Wednesday.

Please join us, have fun, and make this event a huge success! Mark your calendars and call or email to let us know you can help out.

KFH volunteer contacts:

Primary: **Gary Christensen**, (916) 215-1460 gjcsmc@aol.com

Backup: **Pete Arney**, (916) 956-2870 KFHArcNews@pacbell.net

KFH volunteer contact only on day of event: **Dick Bellows**, Woodland Kiwanis, 530-908-0681

Also check out our website, www.KFHArcNews.com, for current information.

Chili Cook-Off Champs



"On Sunday (May 22nd), members of the Kiwanis Family House and the International Chili Society brought their best bowls of chili to the Kiwanis Chili Cook-off at The West Sacramento Moose Family Center on Jefferson Blvd." Thus begins the story in The Sacramento Bee. For more details go to this link:

http://www.sacramento.com/headline/51053/Chili_cookoff_raises_money_for_Kiwanis_Family_House

The winner by popular vote was the team fielded by the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento-Suburban. The Chili Chef was **Heather Schlitz** to the right is **Rich Kocher**.

You owe your success in winning to: *"I owe my success to my husband. The first recipe I tried was a disaster. I insisted that it had to be chocolate chili because that's what I had told our club and that's what was being promoted. He did some research on-line and found recipe #2 which turned out wonderful and really was not all that difficult to make...I tried a half batch first just to be safe. The real challenge began once I started multiplying the time. it would take to make 5 gallons. Since I work full-time, it came down to making it all happen in one day, the Saturday before the cook-off. I spent about 10 hours in the kitchen, finally crawling into bed at midnight so that I could be relatively coherent getting up at 5:00 a.m. to make the long drive out to West Sacramento, from Roseville. My wonderful husband actually stayed up until 2:30 a.m. cooling the chili in batches in two coolers filled with ice so that it wouldn't cause a nuclear disaster in our fridge."*

Was chocolate the secret ingredient? *"Yes. Chocolate and beer and lard. The 3 basic food groups."*

Hats off, but which cap on?

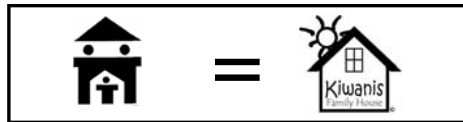


KFH Bonnie is in a quandary. Which hat does she like best? The blue one or the black one? You may purchase either (or both) at our Kiwanis Family House. The cost is \$10.00.

If you would like to order by mail see address on page 2. Send \$15.00 for one hat postpaid.

Or if ordering two at the same time, the cost is \$25.00 post paid.

Checks payable to: *Kiwanis Family House.*



UC Davis Children's Hospital is among the nation's best children's hospitals, according to a ranking released May 17, 2011 by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The publication's pediatrics rankings were published on its website and will appear in the *Best Hospitals* print guide, available on newsstands Aug. 30.

"This recognition is a testament to the quality and compassion of

the UC Davis Children's Hospital staff — the doctors, nurses, technicians and others who provide the very best care for children in the Sacramento region and beyond," said **Ann Madden Rice**, chief executive officer, UC Davis Medical Center.



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This year, U.S. News evaluated 170 pediatric centers and ranked 50 top children's hospitals nationwide in 10 categories: cancer, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, heart and heart surgery, kidney disorders, neonatology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopaedics, pulmonology and urology. UC Davis Children's Hospital is ranked 36th in pediatric urology.

"This honor recognizes the pediatric urology program's reputation for excellence in urogenital reconstructive surgery and our commitment to caring for children throughout Northern California and Nevada," said **Eric Kurzrock M.D.**, associate professor and chief of pediatric urology. Kurzrock also is a member of the medical staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California.

Pediatric urologists care for infants and children with urogenital conditions. In addition to treating patients, Kurzrock is a surgeon-scientist who conducts research using human bladder stem cells to im-



prove treatments for children with bladder disorders and adults with bladder cancer.

For the 2010-11 rankings, U.S. News requested data from 170 pediatric centers and used survey results from thousands of physicians in 10 pediatric specialties who were asked where they would refer the sickest patients. In all, 62 hospitals ranked in at least one specialty.

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UC Davis operates inland Northern California's only level 1 trauma center, for both adult and pediatric emergencies, a distinction that fewer than 20 trauma centers in the nation hold.

Hospital and patient statistics

Licensed beds	645
ER Visits*	54,938
Clinic/office visits*	915,452
Admissions*	33,169

* For year ending June 30, 2010

"Over the years"

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

**Nine years ago
Volume II Issue 12
June 2002**

**In Memorial
Ronald Francis Haas
July 17, 1923-April 4, 2001**

Past president **Ron Haas** memorialized.

**Eight years ago
Volume III Issue 11
June 2003**

**Kiwanis Club of KFH
pledged \$50,000
to build new KFH.**

(Editor's note: and the club paid if off later).

**Seven years ago
Volume IV Issue 12
June 2004**



Kiwanis Family House Board Member **Howard Knost, Jr.** became the KFH's first webmaster for he new website.

**Sixyears ago
Volume V Issue 12
June 2005**

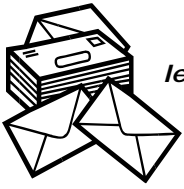
The Community Services Planning Council's *People Helping People Business Awards* recognizes people and programs that inspire us all.

It recognizes the top organizations that serve the Sacramento region's community-based organizations and, as a result, improve the quality of life for all of us.

"Service Club and Association Achievement Award Category recognized the Northern California and Nevada Kiwanis Clubs



for providing our Kiwanis Family House.



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

These letters are left at our KFHH 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 to everyone that I came in contact with during my extensive stay at the Kiwanis House.

"All of your love and support was appreciated and will never be forgotten.

"This is my beautiful son now (pictures enclosed)."

"Thank you so much for giving me a place so comfortable away from home so I can be with my son".

"Thank you so for the hospitality. This was m first time.

"I felt really welcome and it made my stress level decline. Thank you"

"At such a devastating and confusing time of life, this house and you people have been a Godsend!

"It is too frustrating to have a loved one in trouble.

"Thank you forever for your empathy, your logic, and your rational behavior on our part.

"You Rock! "

"To the wonderful staff at the Kiwanis Family House.

"Words can never express our gratitude to you. You made it possible for our family to spend time with our dad in his last days of his life.

"It was a most precious gift.

"Thank you so very much"

"Thank you for taking care of my daughter, her husband, and my granddaughter"

"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 thru the most difficult part of her stand in the hospital.

"I firmly believe that the many prayers that were said for us helped us thru the worse part.

"I shall always remember the many kindnesses that were showed on me.

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

"My daughter recently had a terrible auto accident involving multiple internal injuries and a broken back, shoulder, legs arms, knees, & hands & ankles.

"When we stayed at the Kiwanis Family House, the volunteers and staff created a tremendous atmosphere of love and support.

"As my elderly mother and I visited my daughter, we took that feeling of love and support with us.

"I am sure that helped my daughter gain the will to fight, to live, and to get better.

"My daughter is going to live, and probably walk again.

"Thank you for helping make that possible.

"I hope many people will put the Kiwanis Family House on their list of Favorite Charities for Donation. I know I will.

"Thank you so much!"

"It's hard to put into words, what was felt so strong in our heart.

"Thanks again."

"Kiwanis House-

Thank you greatly for your kindness in our time of need... you've made a great difference in our lives, especially little "name" who released from UCDCM today will benefit from a lifetime from my being able to stay and nurse her thanks to you!

"May God bless you all abundantly."

"To whom it concern:

"Thank you for everything. You all are so nice and wonderful. God Bless."

"Our stay with our son, was Blessed through your hospitality.

"Than God each day for the warmth provided by you.

"Thanks so much".



What would happen if each sponsor club covered one day at month?

Lend a helping hand!

- With our larger KFHH 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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President's Message

By Rick Dwyer (Cont'd)

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of 2005, actual construction costs had escalated almost \$1,000,000. It was a miracle we could stay within our budget because of the donations, contributions, and Rods negotiating skills.

During this budgeting process I had prepared a loan package to submit to lenders in the Sacramento area.

There was not one bank that would entertain a loan for us. We were going to build a single purpose building and we could not provide any personal guarantees for the construction loan. This is a deadly combination for commercial financing. Any of you in the construction financing business know what I mean.

During the early years of my term, Gary and I were on the convention circuit with our KFH booth, getting Kiwanians from all states and clubs exposed to our mission and requesting financial support.

I give credit to prior President, **Loring Turrell** and Secretary **Lanelle Rogers** who initiated and supported the need for KFH to expose its Mission to the Kiwanis world. All I did was to continue and follow their leadership. While at one of these meetings, likely the district convention or a Mid-Year Conference, Gary and I ran into **Patti Barsotti**, a banker from the San Francisco

Bay Area, who was running as a candidate for Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor. We related our need for a lender for construction and permanent financing to build the new KFH House.

She recommended a loan office that had worked for her, **Margaret Lowell**. After convention I talked with and met Margaret and submitted our loan package. After this 18 month long marathon effort and three employer banks later, following many, many meetings with her loan committee's and numerous turn downs, Margaret struck pay dirt.

A new senior banker had been transferred to her branch and he had some \$5,000,000 in loan signing authority and was a Key Club President in high school. He knew about our **Kiwanis Family House**, its Mission, and the Mission of Kiwanis International. He had no trouble signing off on this loan without ever visiting the site until after construction. Another miracle witnessed.

What do you think the odds are of this ever happening again? It goes to show that a lot of Kiwanis perseverance and talent, coupled with prayer and belief in a mission can result in miracles.

I consider this result the most significant in my Kiwanis life. It has been a pleasure for me to represent our **Kiwanis Family House** in our community these past few years, one child at a time.

Thank you all for supporting our mission. It has been a pleasure to know each and everyone of you. After a short break I will be back working with Gary to support and work for the \$\$\$ needed to continue our Mission. Till next time.....



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