



House Talk

Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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From our house, to your house, Don't forget:



Mother's Day and



Memorial 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!

Rick Dwyer... Bright recipient!

Over the past 26 years, the Kiwanis Family House has flourished as a result of the contribution of time, energy and money by many thousands of supporters.

But there have been a few times in its history when the Kiwanis Family House wouldn't have been able to continue its mission without the efforts of certain individuals.

Rick Dwyer is one of these people. As Rick finishes his sixth and final year on the Kiwanis Family House board, four of

those years as president, I want to recognize Rick's above-and-beyond contribution to the Kiwanis Family House.

It was in 2002, during the capital fundraising campaign to build the new facility, that Rick came aboard to lend a hand. Through his expertise and everyday focus on getting our new Family House facility built and operating, many critical aspects of the new build were accomplished.

His contributions included fund raising, securing the construction

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President's Message by Rick Dwyer

Your board is pretty excited about establishing a marketing agreement with a national brand that is expected, over time, to raise significant funds on behalf of **KFH**.

A Kiwanis club member associated with this brand made a presentation to your board and after discussion the board authorized a committee to negotiate an agreement. You will be hearing more about this endeavor shortly.

We are making significant headway in revamping our website to a more user friendly model. The revised structure is nearly completed and we will then begin rewriting and arranging the content. We plan on having this new model active in the next



90 days. Stay tuned for more info.

Our annual election of new officers and board members is **next month on June 11th**.

Email notices with attached nomination letters and proxy statements have already been sent to club Presidents. Snail mail of these notices have been sent to club Presidents. **If you have not received notice contact me (see page 8 for telephone number or email).**

There are a total of six board positions open for candidates. Please give serious consideration to serving on this board. Your leadership is needed to help lead us on the next 27 years of operation 24/7. You will be greatly rewarded for your efforts and satisfied with the results. There is no greater satisfaction and reward than helping your fellow sisters and brothers in their time of distress.

Annual Meeting

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

- 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.

"...We are making significant headway in revamping our website to a more user friendly model...."

KFH personnel in action for April: **Gary Christensen** made a presentations to the Kiwanis Clubs of Davis, East Sacramento-Midtown and Dixon. He was the program of the Special Guest Day at the Kiwanis Club of Tahoe-Sierra.

KFH Ambassador **Bob Isaacs** made a presentation to the Kiwanis Club of Sonora and the Kiwanis Club of Elk Grove Special Guest Day meeting.

By the time you read this message **KFH** will have already benefited from the 51st annual Creelman – Francisco Memorial Gold Tournament held each year at the Davis Municipal Golf Course. Some 120 Kiwanis- (Continued on page 8)

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

May 12

Annual Meeting

June 11th Saturday 11:00 a.m.

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10



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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- ♥ If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 8.

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 April issue the incorrect spelling was listed for those good folks who prepared the meal for 400 Key Clubbers at the Awake-A-Thon.

The correct names are **Cliff** and **Sondra Schulz**.

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.

For more information or a brick order contact editor (page 8).

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 8) 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.

PAVILIONS
GENUARDIS

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 #110

Since October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2011, *(the effective dates of this report)*, **9,070** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC.

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

Our KFH has hosted **694** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **694** 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 (new)**
- Serbia
- Taiwan
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

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

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

Div.	Lt. Gov.	Families	%
39	Mower	2,419	26.67%
14	Johl	1,031	11.37%
27	Diaz	705	7.77%
Out of	District	694	7.65%
45	Maxhimer	588	6.48%
46	Smith	572	6.31%
44	Webb	571	6.30%
20	Arimoto	362	3.99%
23	Tout	311	3.43%
8	Lewis	303	3.34%
32	Wheaton	248	2.73%
7	Isaacs	194	2.14%
5	Wayne	132	1.46%
26	Ontis	117	1.29%
36	Coley	100	1.10%
18	Bañuelos	92	1.01%
12	Fukasawa	89	0.98%
34	Stern	89	0.98%
2	Bowerman	78	0.86%
38	Coltin	46	0.51%
28	Dwyer	28	0.31%
43	Woodruff	27	0.30%
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	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.18%
16	Kessler	15	0.17%
31	Mills	14	0.15%
47	Laughlin	13	0.14%
6	Wilkinson	12	0.13%
30	Scheibel	12	0.13%
4	Laub	11	0.12%
10	Peng	11	0.12%
24	Fisher	11	0.12%
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	9,070	100.0%

KFH at King's Game by Pete Arney

The Sacramento Kings lost to the Lakers in an overtime game April 13th.

It was the last game for the 2010-2011 season.



It was a busy night for our concession stand and the 39 of us were up to the challenge. It might have been the last Kings game here in Sacramento.

Recent news release indicates the Sacramento Kings will be in Sacramento for at least one more year.

We made \$1,360 for the Kiwanis Family House and a total of \$6,528 for our shortened six-game season.

Over our 11 seasons at Arco, we worked 144 events to provide over \$160,000 to the Kiwanis Family House.

Thanks to the caring volunteers who gave freely of their time over these years.

Special thanks for this last game to the Greater Sacramento club who provided nine members and UCDHS for four members and to Rancho Murieta who provided four to five members every game.

Ted Hansen, Maloof Sports and Entertainment, now Levy, has been our patron saint. Ted has been with the arena organization for 26 years through three owners and two arenas. He is responsible in large part for our success in being able to operate a concession stand these past years by being our biggest supporter.

For the most part, we worked the West stand under the guidance of stand managers Michelle and Melanie. We can't thank them enough for their patience with us and their support.

We don't know what the future will hold for us. There may be opportunities to work special events at the arena in the near future. If so, we will be asking for volunteers again.

Please stay in touch, and if an email address is changed. Send changes to:

KFHArcoNews@pacbell.net

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

Thanks again to all for your contribution to those in need of the services of our Kiwanis Family House.

Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...



KFH Car Donation Program

"No Worries," said **Calvin Hara**, KFH board member and KFH contact for the donate a vehicle program to the Kiwanis Family House.

Hara said, "When we started the program last year, we had a few donations, then this year it's been on the rise as word spread about the ease of donating a car, running or not."

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

Car Donations, Inc. handles the donation from picking up the vehicle, processing the necessary forms to sending the Kiwanis Family House the proceeds from the vehicle donation.

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.

Hara said, "...using a road service program like AAA and having the car towed to Car Program Inc works well."

Richard Davis, President of the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento West, recently donated his vehicle. Davis said upon contacting Hara and then Car Program Inc., "the donation process was as smooth as could be."

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



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 May 19, 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

Lanelle Rogers had a good idea for a note in House Talk at this time of the year, i.e. "Club President's Gift."

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. Bricks last longer than plaques.



Urgent! by Bill Hooper

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

But with volunteers we can get the job done and use the 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.

The landscape trimming needs are addressed weekly by the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael. But there are so many weeds to be pulled and bushes and trees to be trimmed we need more help.

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.

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 me to volunteer. (916-988-6880

bhoopk1g56@comcast.net)



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



Ask Alan!

Is it important that we "brand" our Kiwanis sponsored event?

"I am often asked as I travel the world, "what is Kiwanis?" I quickly answer with my 30 second elevator speech and hope that the one asking the question will check us out and agree to my invitation to join us.



"But I sometimes am puzzled as to why do we have to keep answering this question. To find the answer I contacted twenty clubs from across the world and asked them, "How do you brand Kiwanis?"

"At first many of them asked what I meant by the word 'brand'. I replied that when I say Coca Cola or IBM or Nike or Apple do you know these brands? Do you know what they mean or represent? The answer is always simple and to the point. They have a recognized brand and product.

"Then shouldn't we have the same type of brand identity as these companies? Shouldn't we as Kiwanis members be just as visible at our events and meeting places to showcase our brand and our product, 'service to our communities'?"

What I found out from these clubs was that the majority do wear their Kiwanis logo wear. They do put up the Kiwanis logo and sign at their events. They emphasize their brand whenever they can.

"They confided in me that showing our Kiwanis brand has helped them attract members, gain community support, and expand their sphere of service.

"So the answer to the question, 'Should we show our Kiwanis Brand?' is quite simple, yes we should.

"We need to wear our logo, put up those Kiwanis signs, brag about our service projects, and get our name out there for others to see us in action as we serve others.

"We have a brand and a product which the world needs.

"Let's not apologize for being in Kiwanis. Let's shout it to the world!

"Kiwanis, the brand of service that far exceeds all others in our commitment to children, families, and our

communities.

"Kiwanis, always there for those in need in our communities and throughout the world.

"Kiwanis, the only service organization with leadership development programs for elementary, middle, high school, university students and adults with special abilities.

"Kiwanis, committed to developing service leaders through our Key Leader program.

"Kiwanis, dedicated to eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in the world."

Kiwanis, because:

(you fill in the blank)

Use your Kiwanis Brand to attract others to our mission. Join me in showing your Kiwanis Brand today!!!!

Editor's Note: Alan Penn, is Kiwanis International's President-elect.

This column is exclusive to Kiwanis Family House's *House Talk* and may be shared with permission (freely given) contact Editor on Page 8.



The Scots reputation for being "careful" with money may have originated from the days when most people were poor and needed to watch their pennies.

Recent surveys show that Scots give to charity more per head than any other part of the UK.

House Director Mauda told the story of someone from Scotland who had a family member in our KFH.

The person did not stay in our KFH because that person said they could afford to stay in a hotel. That person did use our facilities on a temporary basis.

When that person returned to Scotland a gift of \$4,000 was sent to our KFH to use to sponsor families who could not afford the full payment so stay!

Republic of Palau

The Republic of Palau is an island



nation in the Pacific Ocean, some 500 miles east of the Philippines and 2,000 miles south of Tokyo.

Having emerged from United Nations trusteeship in 1994, it is one of the world's youngest and smallest sovereign states.

In the most recent occupancy report, it as noted that we had family guests from Palau.

It is not the first time that our Kiwanis Family House hosted families from outside of the United States.

Previously in our almost 30 year history, we have had families from: Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Serbia, Taiwan, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Wales.

These guests have been exposed to the "Kiwanis Brand". It is the first name of our family house.

Not all of the families who visited us, came from countries with Kiwanis Clubs. Who knows? Maybe a seed would be planned, so share this service to others ideals.

Recycling makes cents!

ITW Rippey, a Division of Illinois Tool Works, Inc., located in El Dorado Hills recently donated over 59 pounds of cartridges.

Ginny Macko, Director of HR, wrote: "My company is quite happy to turn the cartridges into "Money," for a worthwhile cause.

"In fact, we had a representative from KFH, speak at our United Way Kickoff last September. (Editor's note: That was Gary Christensen).

"The employees just automatically bring their empty cartridges to my office."

Ms. Macko knows that these cartridges will not only help our environment but will enable our KFH to complete its mission.

Pastor **Andy Webb**, has his congregation also turn in used cartridges.

Other companies and worship groups are encouraged to do likewise.



Be sure to keep the whole family safe in the sun.

As daylight hours grow lengthier and people spend more time outside, they should keep in mind that skin cancers are the most common of all cancers in the United States.

Fortunately, most grow slowly and are highly curable, according to UC Davis dermatologist **Barbara Burrall**, director of the UC Davis Dermatology Clinic.

"Melanoma is the biggest skin cancer killer, accounting for only 5 percent of skin cancer cases but 75 percent of deaths," said Burrall. *"It is one of the few cancers on the rise in the United States, increasing at a rate of approximately 3 percent annually. As is true for all skin cancers, early detection and treatment offer the best chance of cure."*

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Burrall urges people to be vigilant when it comes to skin cancer. They should take care of their skin and watch out for warning signs of trouble. Here is how to protect yourself:

Tips for reducing harmful exposures

- Use sunscreen. Anytime you go outdoors between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., apply a sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of at least 15. Higher numbers are recommended for more extreme sun conditions. The important thing is to reapply it as often as needed. Protective clothing, such as long sleeves and hats with a wide brim, are also recommended to keep those harmful rays at bay. Don't forget the sun rays you get while driving, which can penetrate glass.
- Stay out of tanning parlors. Don't be fooled by advertising claims that machines that only expose you to UVA light are safe. While it is true that UVB light is more responsible for sunburn, there is evidence that UVA rays may, in fact, also play a role in the development of skin cancer. And who wants the leathery, wrinkled skin that is sure to replace that golden tan down the road? UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and contribute to the development of wrinkles.
- Still want a tan? Try the new lotions. Sunless, self-tanning lotions are a hot new product on the market, which dermatologists don't have a problem recommending. Look for those which contain dihydroxy acetone (DHA), a colorless sugar that interacts with dead cells on the skin's surface, which actually causes the skin to become "stained." Tans produced by DHA-containing lotions are believed to offer some protective effect against UVA rays, and scientists are researching DHA's other possible beneficial uses. However, these artificial tans do not provide adequate protection, and people who use them should continue to use sunscreen and take other precautions against sun exposure. Some of the products do contain sunscreen, but like other sunscreen products, this effect wears off after a few hours.
- Avoid tanning pills or products that contain canthaxanthin, which has been associated with harmful side effects such as hepatitis, yellow deposits on the retina of the eye and possible damage to digestion.
- Both you and your doctor should check your skin. At your annual checkup, ask your doctor to have a look at your skin, especially in areas you can't see. A recent study found that doctors were more than four times likelier than patients to detect early melanoma, which have higher cure rates.
- A fair complexion with a history of burning easily
- African Americans have considerably lower rates of skin cancer than Caucasians, but still must be on the lookout.
- Everyone should know what constitutes an unusual mole. Look out for any new growth or an existing mole that is growing or otherwise changing. Irregular borders, a non-uniform color, asymmetry, and large size are all potential signs of trouble, and moles with any of these characteristics should be examined by a doctor.
- Other types of skin cancer may appear as non-healing, crusted or bleeding areas.



"Over the years"

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

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



A conversation with Past Governor (1982-83) **Harry M. Rowe, Jr.**

He was one of the founders of our first KFH.

He met **Vern Bright** when they were Lt. Governors 1970-71

**Six years ago
Volume V Issue 11
April 2005**



**Old design New Design
New Logo for KFH**

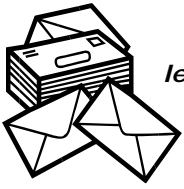
Mary Thomson, designed the new logo. She was asked what she sees when she looks at it. She responded, *"I see a new day starting....think of Cat Stevens song 'Morning Has Broken'"*.

**Three years ago
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May 2008**



Jan Pollock, Manager, Volunteer Services/Clinical Pastoral Services is retiring in June 2008. Her 20 year career began as a Pediatric Development Officer.

She has been selected to receive the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award for 2007-2008 from the Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento- Midtown.



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

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

"Dear 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!"

"Dear Staff,

"We appreciate your kindness and pleasant accommodations.

"Everyone we met was just life 'Family'.

"Enclosed is a check you are welcomed to use for those who may need assistance in paying for their room.

"God Bless

"P.S. You are welcome to our home in Southwest Montana. We are about 70 miles from Yellowstone."

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

"It is too frustrating to have to deal with everyday details when a loved one is in trouble. Thank you forever for your empathy, your logic, and your rational behavior on our part.

"You ROCK!"

"You made my stay there, so much better for me while waiting for my husband's surgery and recovery.

"He was longer than what we thought at the beginning, and you helped me out to stay longer.

"It helped me stay longer and not have to find a place to stay, not knowing the Sacramento area.

"What wonderful people you have there.

"You help lots of people, a help with less stress, now knowing how your loved one will be after surgery.

"Keep up the good work you all do.

"Forever grateful!"

"We didn't know of Kiwanis Family House until we had to come to the M.I.N.D. Institute.

"It was a blessing to stay here.

"It was like having a home away from home. Everyone was very helpful and that is a great for people 3,000 miles from home.

"Thank you so much".

"I loved your rooming home for us lost souls.

"God Bless you and the work you are doing in this city.

"Hope to be back next year."

"Thank you from the (name) family from Redding, California.

"We are grateful.

"God Bless Kiwanis for your generosity" ♥

"Thank you so much for everything. If it wasn't for God to bless this house, people who need help would not get it. But I praise God for this house and the people who take care of it. Thank you again."

"If it weren't for Kiwanis these last 10 years I would not be able to afford to be with my son!

"They are the best!"

"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 the last days of his life.

"It was a most precious gift.

"In our time of need, you provided a clean, comfortable and loving home for us.

"The comforting, caring staff were just what we needed"



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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President's Message

By Rick Dwyer (Cont'd)

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ans and guests had a great time celebrating their service to our communities.

Annual sponsors of this event are the Kiwanis Clubs of Davis, Sacramento-Suburban, Citrus Heights, and East Sacramento Midtown.

Thank you all who work so hard each year to make this event fun and successful and to the players who spend their \$\$\$\$ for golf, lunch, dinner, tee prizes, tee signs and raffle prizes.

May 7th was the official Governors visit for Divisions 7, 27 and 44. Meetings were held in the afternoon at Raley Field followed by a River City Cat's ball game and dinner.

The first pitch was thrown by Cal-Nev-Ha Governor **Tom Millham**.

Some 300 Kiwanians purchased tickets to this official visit and fundraiser benefiting your Kiwanis family House.

Other fun events in May

- ♥ Kiwanis Community Festival hosted by the Rocklin Kiwanis Club May 11 – 15th.
- ♥ The Kiwanis chili Challenge hosted by the East Sac Midtown Kiwanis Club May 22nd at the West Sacramento Moose Lodge.
- ♥ Granite Bay Kiwanis Club annual golf tournament at Sierra Pines Golf Club in Roseville May 15th.

More details on these events can be found at our website: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org. Click on the events tab. Stay tuned next month to a number of events coming your way in June. Many of these events benefit **KFH**. We thank you for your service and participation.

Till next time....

Rick Dwyer Bright Recipient (Contd)

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loan, coordinating the new construction with the lender and contractors, as well as meeting the challenges of operating the Family House by his leadership on the board of directors after the new facility was opened.


He confronted many seemingly insurmountable obstacles as the process proceeded, never giving up and by finding solutions to any problems that arose. The thousands of families who receive a helping hand at our Kiwanis Family House are a legacy to Rick's contribution.

So it was with great pleasure that I was able to present the Bright Award to Rick on April 11, 2011 at the Division 44 Division Council Meeting. My personal contribution of \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Family House purchased the award.

Thank you, Rick, for all that you have done and continue to do!

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