



# House Talk

Kiwani's in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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From our house,  
to your house:  
Happy Halloween



See the skeleton on  
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## 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!**

## Leona at 90

On October 5<sup>th</sup> Leona Bright will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



It was Leona and her late husband **Vern Bright** that established our Kiwanis Family House. You may have seen the orientation video presentation when Leona was interviewed some years ago. She told the story of her involvement with the *Bradley E. Wilson Memorial Foundation* for cystic fibrosis.

Parents would be taking their ill children to the

UCDavis Medical Center for treatment. Leona was trying to find homes for the families to stay while the children in the hospital. Nearby homes were tough to come by.

Then Leona turned to her husband and challenged him



shelter for such parents.

Vern was a member of the Southeast Kiwanis Club. Vern

by saying, "Why don't you Kiwanians do something about this?" That is to say to provide a means of temporary

could not say "No" to Leona and no one else can or could either. Those Kiwanians took the challenge as marching orders. The challenge was held by those who built the new facility that we are in now.

So the first Kiwanis Family House was cobbled to-



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## President's Message by Bill Hooper

Yesterday, as I looked at the picture of the smiling parents holding their healthy 4 pound



baby as they checked out of KFH, realizing that just 4 weeks ago the baby weighed 2 pounds and was fighting to survive, I am again overwhelmed and thankful for how successful we are at our Kiwanis Family House at providing a place for families to gather, rest, and plan as a family member battles for their life.

Over 100 families a month face similar challenges and without the House and the work of all staff, Kiwanis and community volunteers, they would not have a place to go. The House is full and the RV spaces usually are too.

In addition to the wonderful job we do as our primary mission, we also are great ambassadors to our community sharing the message for the outstanding care provided by UCD Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals.

Kiwanis and the Kiwanis clubs that support our KFH also receive positive publicity, as board members and volunteers attend United Way agency fairs.

Currently we are scheduled for 14 fairs, some with as many as 6,000 employees. Employees at AT&T; Campbell Soup; State of California Department of Corporations; State of California Secretary of State office; State of California CalTrans; State of California Franchise Tax Board; State of California Department of Motor Vehicles; UPS; and many others will all hear the stories of the miracles our partner hospitals perform and

**"...we also are great ambassadors to our community sharing the message for the outstanding care provided..."**

the support that KFH provides.

Community groups, Kiwanis sponsored Service Leadership clubs, and Kiwanis clubs constantly use our conference room as a meeting place and we offer tours to each so they can see the work we do.

How fortunate we are to have so many Kiwanians who are willing to work hard so we can provide service to these families in need. **Fun Events**, who we worked for in June in Woodland, has asked us to help them in Rocklin on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are ready to work at Power Balance Pavilion if  
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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

October 13  
November 10  
December 8

### 2012

January 12  
February 9  
March 8  
April 12



## 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."*

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- ♥ If you wish to receive it by US Postal Service contact Editor on page 10.

## Buy a brick!



KFH Board Member, **Neil Strain**, is showing the bricks.

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!

## Correction Getting it straight!

In some of the early editions of the September 2011 issue of *House Talk*, there were listed incorrect Ambassadors of the Sponsor Clubs.



**Matthew Wehner** is the Ambassador for the Kiwanis Club of Davis and the Kiwanis Club of Woodland..



**Calvin Hara** is the Ambassador for the Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced.

The editor apologizes for these egregious errors.

## Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

### Report #115

Since October 1, 2001 to August 31, 2011, (*the effective dates of this report*), **9,674** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners'.

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

Our KFH has hosted **757** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii).

These **757** 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
- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Palau
- 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	2,603	26.91%
14	Johl	1,076	11.12%
Out of	District	757	7.83%
27	Diaz	742	7.67%
45	Maxhimer	626	6.47%
46	Smith	607	6.27%
44	Webb	587	6.07%
20	Arimoto	378	3.91%
23	Tout	351	3.63%
8	Lewis	315	3.26%
32	Wheaton	254	2.63%
7	Isaacs	202	2.09%
5	Wayne	154	1.59%
26	Ontis	128	1.32%
18	Bañuelos	103	1.06%
36	Coley	102	1.05%
12	Fukasawa	93	0.96%
34	Stern	91	0.94%
2	Bowerman	86	0.89%
38	Coltin	55	0.57%
28	Dwyer	34	0.35%
43	Bowen	31	0.32%
29	Miller	26	0.27%
33	Orrin	25	0.26%
42	Medley	24	0.25%
41	Bonar	22	0.23%
11	Teagle	20	0.21%
15	Cridland	17	0.18%
22	Smith	16	0.17%
31	Mills	16	0.17%
6	Wilkinson	15	0.16%
16	Kessler	15	0.16%
47	Laughlin	14	0.14%
10	Peng	12	0.12%
30	Scheibel	12	0.12%
4	Laub	11	0.11%
24	Fisher	11	0.11%
37	Kerley	11	0.11%
1	Guske	10	0.10%
25	Montaño	9	0.09%
13	Smith	6	0.06%
35	Deal	5	0.05%
19	Ackerman	2	0.02%
	Totals	9,674	100.0%

## Ask Alan

**House Talk:**  
**Alan Penn, As President of Kiwanis International** would you share your vision with us at the beginning or the end of the Kiwanis year?



**Alan Penn:**  
Sure!

October is an exciting time for all of us in the Kiwanis world. It is the start of a new Kiwanis year, a new administrative year. A time to begin a new year of service, fun, and fellowship with our club members.

Children look forward to the start of school each year just as we do. They get new clothes, a shiny new pencil, new books, maybe nice crayons.

In Kiwanis we get new officers, have a new budget, a chance to continue our focus on serving children and families in our communities.

A new year brings anticipation, apprehension, and excitement. It is a time of celebration and inspiration.

This year will be our best yet as Kiwanis members. We are not only embarking on a new year of service to our local communities but we have launched our fundraising campaign for the Elimination of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

We have the opportunity to keep the connection between mothers and children in 38 countries.

For just \$1.80 US less than the price of a cup of coffee, we can assure that children are born without having to endure the excruciating death from this terrible disease. As a fellow Kiwanian has said, "We are the game changers".















The Eliminate project will be a major focal point of our 2011-12 year. It is the time to begin to raise the \$110 million we need to save the lives of over 61 million women and their children. What better calling than to be known for helping to raise the funds for this project. 2011-12 is our year dedicated to mothers and children.

**ELIMINATE**

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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## Intel "chips" in

September 8, 2011 was "Out of Office for Others" for Intel.



Intel Corporation is an American multinational technology corporation, headquartered in Santa Clara, California, United States and the world's largest semiconductor chip maker, based on revenue. Intel was founded on July 18, 1968, as **I**ntegrated **E**lectronics Corporation

Intel encouraged all its employees to volunteer provided a list of 20 charities to choose. Our Kiwanis Family House was on the list.

President **Bill Hooper** writes: "On Friday Sept 8th Intel provided 17 of their Folsom based workers to volunteer to help us with tasks around our Kiwanis Family House. The volunteers still received their pay from Intel, provided valuable service to the House, and Intel also paid KFH \$10 an hour for the time each employee spent at the House.

"The friendly and coopera-



tive volunteers were willing to work outside in the 99°+ heat performing much needed cleaning up and trimming of our 2.5 acres. A group of the lady volunteers completely reorganized our clothes closet.

"All the volunteers toured the House and expressed their appreciation for what we do to help families as they support their ill or injured loved ones in the hospital. Thank you Intel and your volunteers for caring about and giving back to your community!"

**Nathan Laskey**, one of the volunteer reported each volunteer worked four hours. "We cut down four trees shredded them, and spread the mulch in the garden."

**House Talk:** "Of the 20 charities on the list, why did you pick our Kiwanis Family House?"

**Nathan Laskey:** "My wife used to

be in Kiwanis and my oldest daughter was a K-kid. I had not been to the KFH before."



**HT:** "Now that you have seen it and become aware of our mission, what do you think?"

**NL:** "Great people and great service. Looking forward to going back to volunteer more. As for the mission, very much needed! Years ago we had a circumstance where my father was at UCLA med center and we had to pay for my mother's housing for a few months with no aid available. Intel pays \$10 for every hour worked to the organization we assisted. Employees are encouraged but not forced to volunteer. It is amazing how many do on a regular basis. Brian, the arborist who gave us direction was fantastic."

## Leona at 90 (continued)

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gether from old construction trailers on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> and V Streets in Sacramento, on the UCDCM campus.

Support to the project was given by **Michael E. Miller, M.D.** Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, UCDCM. He mentioned, *"The efforts by the Kiwanis Club to establish a family support structure on the UC Davis Medical Center grounds mark on of the most innovative and exciting developments in the history of this, or for that matter, most Medical Centers throughout the United States.*

In a recent interview, Leona mentioned there were many obstacles that stood in the way. But at the last minute, a donation was made, a resource was found, or a person was recruited to overcome the obstacle. This tradition continues today. Some might attribute it to *"Divine Intervention"*.

**Leona (Lazarus)** mentioned that when she grew up in Southern California one of her childhood friends was swimmer and movie star **Esther Williams**. Leona mentioned that **Esther Williams** is *"A wonderful person, beautiful on the inside and out"*.



**Esther Williams** also turned 90 on August 8<sup>th</sup>.



At the ground breaking of the new Kiwanis Family House



She was the first recipient of the Bright Award on July 21, 2006

Leona said, *"When House Director Mauda Butte, decides to retire, I hope the KFH board finds someone with Mauda's heart and compassion."*

Looking back over the past 90 years, Leona reminisced about her involvement with the Sacramento County Boys Ranch. (It was closed in 2010 because of budget cut backs).

She gathered up books and other items to support this institution. It was a correction facility located north of Sloughouse, California.

Leona in this interview thought back over her past 90 years, thought back and said: *"Two events stand out tops in my memory, the birth of my first son, and the establishment of the Kiwanis Family House"*. Leona mentioned that at one time someone wanted to take over our KFH and possibly change its name. Leona said Vern stood up straight and said, *"This is Kiwanis and it is meant for families."* No further discussion on that topic ever came up again.

On the occasion of her 88th Birthday, the co-founder of our Kiwanis Family House wrote:

*"Dear Special Friends in Kiwanis, October 5, 2009 will bring Birthdays for our mutual concern of my 88 years.*

*"What a blessing it has been to so many.*

*"Gold stars in heaven for all you angels.*

*"My love to all of you."*

*Leona Bright*

Leona is Mother of 6; Grandmother of 12; and Great-grandmother of 11  
**God Bless our Leona Bright!**

**If you would like to send birthday greetings to Leona Bright, address them to our KFH (address on page 2).**



## Tournament of Roses Extravaganza by Roni Stroud

Riding in the Tournament of Roses and representing the Kiwanis Family House on January 1, 2011, was an amazingly surreal event.

After it was over I wished that all my friends could experience exactly what I experienced. I wanted to make sure that whomever it was that won 1st prize would have an opportunity to share their incredible experience with their spouse, friend, daughter or son, mother or father.

The first prize is for **two seats** on the Kiwanis International Float (valued at \$4,000) plus an additional prize of \$1,000 in cash to assist with expenses.

The second prize is for **two seats** to watch the Rose Bowl game plus \$500 to assist with expenses!!

The third prize is for **two seats** in the grandstands to watch the parade plus \$500 to cover expenses.

I only ask that each person/Kiwanian that reads this article or hears of this fundraiser, purchases two tickets - \$20 total.

I just hope that everyone will see this particular fundraiser as the easy, fun and no-brainer that it is ... the prizes are simply incredible for a \$10 ticket with a party for all those who participated on December 2nd when we draw the lucky winners.

Please purchase at least two, \$10 tickets ... and commit to selling two more. That \$40 commitment you're asked to make, covers one night's stay for a family at our Kiwanis Family House.

Purchase tickets at:  
[www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org](http://www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org)  
call 916.501.0169

## Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Walter C. Tietjen

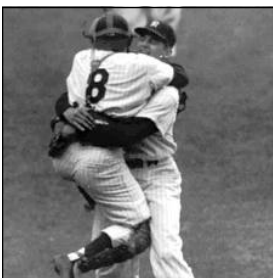


### A Day To Remember

September 11, 2001 was a day to remember. Almost everyone who was 13 years of age or older on that day will remember what they were doing on that 21<sup>st</sup> century day that has gone down in infamy.



We remember days of great significance. No one has to remind former major league pitcher **Don Larson**, what happened during Game #5 of the 1956 World Series. That was the day he pitched the only perfect baseball game in World Series history.



Those of us who love baseball and are old enough to have watched the game on a small black and white T.V. remember the excitement. It happened 55 years ago.

This year only a few will remember the date of June 30, 2011.

On that date two boys, ages seven and ten, sustained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns, caused by an explosion in their home at Los Mochis\*, Mexico.

The need for immediate and long term critical medical care brought

these youngsters to Shriners Hospital and their parents to the Kiwanis Family House. It was during their stay at our Kiwanis Family House I had opportunity to meet the parents. They talked freely about that horrendous day and all of the days that followed.

I regret my inability to speak Spanish and Garcia's limited English made communication a little difficult. (By the way, both Garcia and Irma gave permission to share this through *House Talk*) Specific details of what followed the explosion remain a blur. I listened as they talked about the deep emotions and the searing pain the family experienced. Indescribably fear was an unwelcome companion. And then there was that long painful bus ride from their home to Tucson Arizona, where they boarded a plane for Sacramento, California and Shriners Hospital.

They spoke about the loneliness caused by separation from extended family and friends. But they also expressed great appreciation for the care received during their stay at KFH. The boys have come a long way toward health. They still have a long way to go. Their smiles reveal hope for the days ahead.

The Garcia's and their family will remember that one day in June for the rest of their lives.

Contrast this with all those Kiwanians, and friends of Kiwanis Family House, who can't remember the days they've given and the fund raisers they've participated all done in order to provide temporary accommodations for people who are living through events of that one day (or series of days) they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Thanks for allowing me to share!

\* Los Mochis, Estados Unidos Mexicanos is located about 545 miles south of Tucson, Arizona. It is a coastal city in northern Sinaloa, Mexico. The population is 256,613,



## Top ten!



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

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

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

- #10 **Laundry Soap (powdered)**
- #9 **Scouring powder such as Comet®**
- #8 **Candy (individually wrapped)**
- #7 **Liquid Soap for hand washing**
- #6 **Napkins**
- #5 **Batteries AA and D**
- #4 **Facial Tissues such as Kleenex®**
- #3 **Paper towels**
- #2 **HP 22 Color ink**
- #1 **HP 56 Black Ink**



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# Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...



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

## DONATE A CAR

**(800) 240-0160**

Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

## Recycling makes cents!

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

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

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

Our KFH gets money when we turn them in.

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

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

**Green is the color of money!**



## Become a friend!



Our Kiwanis Family House needs all the friends it can get.

You have heard the expression, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

Board Member **Rita Beall** explains that becoming a friend provides needed donations to our house.

Those donations get the bills paid. The annual budget of our KFH is about \$400,000. The support comes from many ways.

Becoming a friend is a personal commitment to keep our doors open and bills paid. We do not turn away anyway who cannot afford to stay.

If you go to our website you will find ways to make an annual donation. If you find it easier you can make monthly donations from your credit card account.

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.

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 **Rita Beall**, page 4.

# Help Wanted

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



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

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



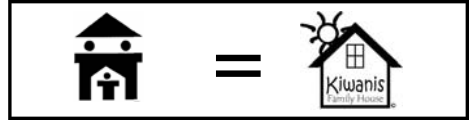
**Bonnie** is showing two caps, one black and one blue.

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.

UC Davis Medical Center has been recertified as an advanced primary stroke center by the Joint Commission, recognizing the medical center's exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes in stroke care.

*"Providing excellent neurovascular care is a high priority at UC Davis and the primary reason why this certification process is important to us,"* said **Ann Madden Rice**, chief executive officer of the medical center. *"We achieved this recognition because of teams throughout the medical center -- from emergency medicine to neurology to physical therapy -- who use their expertise to meet the special needs of stroke patients and reduce their chances of long-term disability."*

A stroke occurs when one of the blood vessels that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot (ischemic stroke) or bursts (hemorrhagic stroke), causing parts of the brain to start to die.

A third type of stroke -- transient ischemic attack -- is caused by a temporary blood clot and is often called a "warning" stroke. Each year, 795,000 Americans suffer a stroke, which is one of the leading causes of serious, long-term disability and the third leading cause of death in the United States.

Earlier this year, UC Davis received a *Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award* from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for its commitment to and success in implementing excellent care for stroke patients.

*"Our goal is to assure that stroke patients immediately receive state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment followed by intensive, thorough support for recovery,"* said **Piero Verro**, professor of neurology and director of the UC Davis Stroke Program. *"This latest achievement proves we are achieving that goal."*



A symbol of quality and high performance standards, stroke center cer-

tification is associated with improved outcomes, decreased costs and reduced recurrences. Sacramento County Office of Emergency Medical Services guidelines direct ambulances to transport patients with stroke symptoms to hospitals certified as primary stroke centers. Stroke also is a key element of cardiovascular disease and neuroscience, which are among the focus areas of the UC Davis Health System Strategic Plan.

UC Davis Medical Center received its first primary stroke center certification in July 2009. For recertification, a surveyor from the Joint Commission visited the medical center on Aug. 15, and the Joint Commission notified the medical center of its recertification on Aug. 16, noting no recommendations for improvement. Such certifications are customarily valid for up to two years.

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification program was developed in 2003 in collaboration with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and is based on Brain Attack Coalition recommendations. More information is available at [www.jointcommission.org/certification/primary\\_stroke\\_centers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/certification/primary_stroke_centers.aspx).

UC Davis Medical Center is a comprehensive academic medical center where clinical practice, teaching and research converge to advance human health. Centers of excellence include the National Cancer Institute-designated UC Davis Cancer Center; the region's only level 1 pediatric and adult trauma centers; the UC Davis MIND Institute, devoted to finding treatments and cures for neurodevelopmental disorders; and the UC Davis Children's Hospital.

The medical center serves a 33-county, 65,000-square-mile area that stretches north to the Oregon border and east to Nevada.

It further extends its reach through the award-winning telemedicine program, which gives remote, medically underserved communities throughout California unprecedented access to specialty and subspecialty care. For more information, visit:

[www.medicalcenter.ucdavis.edu](http://www.medicalcenter.ucdavis.edu).

**Nine years ago  
Volume III Issue 4  
October 2002**



**Mark McDonald**, a member of the Kiwanis Club of San Diego was elected the 83rd Governor of Cal-Nev-Ha District.

**Six years ago  
Volume VI Issue 4  
October 2005**



The "skeleton" of our new KFH, just in time for Halloween.

**Two years ago  
Volume X Issue 4  
October 2009**



Talk about dedication! President **Rick Dwyer**, would not allow a temporary mobility problem keep him from his assigned job at ARCO to support our KFH.



## Think Internationally

We need to think internationally. It is true that our Kiwanis Family House do not take in as guests those who live within 35 miles of us. It is felt those folks could drive home each day.

Further many of our guests come from the rural counties of California to the north which are lacking in large medical facilities. But our guests have come from 20 foreign countries or territories including Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Palau, Serbia, Taiwan, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Wales.

Our guests are coming because UC Davis Medical Center and the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento provide almost unduplicated services. It is at UCDMC that the doctors are trained in pediatric trauma care. Shriners has a top notch burn treatment center.

Our most recent guest came from Nanjing in the People's Republic of China.



Nanjing

(Chinese: 南京) is

the capital of Jiangsu province, China, and has a prominent place in Chinese history and culture. The city's name means "Southern Capital", and was widely Romanized in English as Nanking.

It is located in the lower Yangtze River drainage basin and Yangtze River Delta economic zone, Nanjing has always been one of China's most important cities.

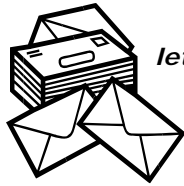
It served as the capital of China during several historical periods and is recognized as one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China. Nanjing was the capital of the Republic of China before the Chinese Civil War in 1949.

Nanjing is also one of the fifteen sub-provincial cities in the People's Republic of China's administrative structure, enjoying jurisdictional and economic autonomy only slightly less than that of a province.

Nanjing has long been a national center of education, research, transport networks, and tourism.

The city will host the 2014 Summer Youth Olympics.

Its population is over five million.



*"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,*

*"I am so grateful for this opportunity to spend some days close to my granddaughter.*

*"Sad of how I had to learn about the Kiwanis Family House, but grateful I will encourage friends to donate money for this to continue to provide for other families"*

*"What a wonderful oasis of peace and love.*

*"We gratefully thank you for being here for us and the many others who have come before us and will in the future."*

*"Earlier this year, our 6-year-old daughter suffered a stroke while we were on vacation in Pinecrest, Californian.*

*"We were quickly airlifted to UCD Children's Hospital where (our daughter) spent the next week in the PICU.*

*"She subsequently was transferred to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose which is much closer to home where she spent an additional three weeks.*

*"She underwent an additional five months of rehab therapy, and is doing miraculously well, and even started back at school.*

*"I am writing to express my family's gratitude to the Kiwanis House, and of course to the people who keep it available and running.*

*"During the first few days, we never left the PICU, and never gave a thought to where we would shower, etc.*

*"When the PICU staff let us know that we had a room available at Kiwanis House, I was quite surprised, yet grateful for the kindness.*

*"The workers at the house were friendly and at the same time seemed sensitive to the enormous strain that we and other families were under."*

*"Thank you for your hospitality and kindness of your hearts to help our family and other families.*

*"This is a place to help ease the burden financially and the burden of where to go just for a night's sleep!"*

*"God has blessed your efforts"*

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*"Enjoy your next building. God has blessed your efforts"*



**What would happen if each Sponsor Club covered one day a month?**

**Lend a helping hand!**

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

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

## President's Message

By Bill Hooper (Cont'd)

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the NBA can solve their contract issues.

A large group attended the Sacramento Mountain Lion football game on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mountain Lions donated 50% of our group's tickets to KFH.

On Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 17 volunteers from Intel in Folsom spent a day working at the House with Kiwanis volunteers to clean, trim, and help us reorganize. See related article on page?

**Roni Stroud** is doing it again. This year she is planning her Rose Bowl Extravaganza to support our KFH. Please be sure to buy a \$10.00 ticket for a chance to ride on the Kiwanis Rose Parade float and see the game. This can be done on line at our Web site.

**Karen Borman** is busy planning the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Red and White Ball on February 11, 2012 at the Dante Club.

Many Kiwanis Clubs are also planning fund raisers so please check our Web site and support as many activities as you can.

At the recent Division 44 DCM and Lt. Governor installation **Paul Zappettini** from the Kiwanis Club of Placerville won the 50/50 raffle and generously donated his winnings to KFH. Thank you Paul!



**Gary Christensen** and I will attend the Division 27 DCM on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> to update them on activities at the House and say thank you for the help their clubs provide to the House.

As you can see we are busy but it is a labor of love! Watch with us and pray for all the families we are helping. Thanks so much for all your help and keep up the good work.

Till next time,

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill

## Kiwanis Family Open House

Our Kiwanis Family House holds an Open House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See you October 20, 2011.

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

## Creelman-Francisco Classic 2012



The Creelman-Francisco Classic is the oldest charity gold tournament in Kiwanis.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual will be held on the last Thursday in April, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Davis Municipal Golf Course in Davis California. Chairman Chris Creelman reports that as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, it is only 209 days away.



Second generation **Chris Creelman** and third generation **Cody Creelman**, are shown above.

All proceeds from that event support our Kiwanis Family House.



For 2012 Kiwanis Governor **Richard "Dick" G. Olmstead Jr.** will be playing in the Creelman-Francisco Classic. Mark your calendars. For details contact: **Chris Creelman** (916) 709-1839.

## Ask Alan (Continued)

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*During this year of service to children and families in your communities, it is also important that we do not forget our local service projects. The Kiwanis Family House is an example of the good that Kiwanis members do for children and families. Your support and contributions to this excellent facility is needed now more than ever.*

*When we do our part to raise the funds needed for our Kiwanis Eliminate project and facilities like the Kiwanis Family House we will all know that we did make a difference in the lives of mothers and children because of such a small investment to save the life of a child.*

*The beginning is always an exciting time full of anticipation. I hope that each of you is ready for this new year of service.*

*I know I am.*

*Alan*

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