On October 5th Leona Bright will be celebrating her 90th 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 by saying, “Why don’t you Kiwanians do something about this?” That is to say to provide a means of temporary shelter for such parents.

Vern was a member of the Southeast Kiwanis Club. Vern 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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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 Department of Motor Vehicles; UPS; and many others will all hear the stories of the miracles our partner hospitals perform and 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 17th.

We are ready to work at Power Balance Pavilion if

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It is simple as 1-2-3
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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.
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 UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California. The reports were tabulated in a different format.

Previous to October 1, 2001, the families are not in my backyard! Aren't you glad that there is our Kiwanis Family House at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California?

This report covers over ten years. Out of 757 districts, our KFH has hosted 757 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 757 families come from:

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- 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.

Ask Alan

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

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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 Integrated Electronics 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 cooperation 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 volunteers 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."
together from old construction trailers on the corner of 48th and V Streets in Sacramento, on the UCDMC campus.

Support to the project was given by Michael E. Miller, M.D. Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, UCDMC. He mentioned, "The efforts by the Kiwanis Club to establish a family support structure on the UC Davis Medical Center grounds mark one 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 on the inside and out". Esther Williams also turned 90 on August 8th. She was the first recipient of the Bright Award on July 21, 2006

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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).
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 21st 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 2nd and 3rd 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 fundraisers 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 345 miles south of Tucson, Arizona. It is a coastal city in northern Sinaloa, Mexico. The population is 256,613.
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 lessen- ing 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.

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

Bonnie is showing two caps, one black and one blue.
For sale $15.00 post paid for one, or $25.00 for two post paid.
If you are at the KFH, the price is $10.00@.

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

Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...
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 certification 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.

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.

"Over the years"
The current series of House Talk (Volume I Issue 1) is dated May 1, 2001.

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 Calif-Nev-Ha District.

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

Six years ago
Volume VI Issue 4
October 2005

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.

Two years ago
Volume X Issue 4
October 2009

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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.

“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.”

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

On Sept. 8th, 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 20th 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 Zap pettini 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. 11th 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