Nola visits our KFH

World Traveler, “Nola”, visited our Kiwanis Family House recently. Nola was accompanied by Kiwanis International President Alan Penn and First Lady Jeri Penn, and Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Richard “Dick” Olmstead and First Lady Cheryl Olmstead.

Nola is quite a story teller. The bear said there were customs problems when travelling internationally because the bear had no name. Finally at the Kiwanis International Convention the name of Nola was bestowed. Probably standing for New Orleans, LA.

Nola told of some first person experiences going through the scanners at airport screenings. The machine produced a tickling effect.

Nola had no troubles making friends at our Kiwanis Family House (K FH), and soon found two distant cousins visiting as a guests.

Halloween

Happy Halloween! See the skeleton on page 7.

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.

It is the source that keeps us in operation! It is that important!

President’s Message by Bill Hooper

As each of our supporting Kiwanis Clubs start their new administrative year I want to again thank the outgoing officers and boards for their support of the House and ask the new club leadership to be sure to keep us as a priority as you plan for the new Kiwanis year.

We continue to read about the amazing things that the medical staffs at UCD Med Center and Shriners’ Hospital are doing and that means we are needed more than ever.

Last month we served 146 families and there is always a waiting list. Call House Director Dan Germain [(916) 736-0116] if your club would like an update on the House.

Dan, House Development Director Gary Christensen or I will visit your club and provide a program on what is happening at Kiwanis Family House.

Special thanks also to all the Circle K and Key Clubs that continue to help us with an abundance of tasks.

They help us with our fund raisers, they help in many different ways around the House, they help us prepare the presentations we make and they sponsor fund raisers of their own for Kiwanis House.

Emily Chirk a member of the Cal State Sacramento Circle K Club and Secretary for the KFH Board of Directors does a terrific job as Board secretary and as outreach coordinator to the Sponsored Leadership Programs (SLP) of Kiwanis International.

Emily coordinates many different activities and fund raisers for us, and provides us with critical technical and social media skills. The new ideas, energy, enthusiasm, and social networking and marketing skills the SLP members bring to each event motivates and reenergizes all of us, especially veteran members like me.

Our KFH is running as well as I have seen it run in my 28 years of involvement because of all of our efforts as a Kiwanis Family Team.

However, the challenge to raise funds and maintain the facility remains constant and requires all of our continued support at the same (Continued on page 5)

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Important Dates

Kiwanis Family House
Board meetings
Kiwanis Family House
2875 50th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817
Second Thursdays 7:00 pm
Oct 11
Nov 8
Dec 13
2013
Jan 10
Feb 13 (Wednesday)
Mar
Apr
May

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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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!

Buy a brick!
The memorial bricks cost $100 each. 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 9.

See us at:
• Feb. 9, 2013 Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference North, Modesto, CA DoubleTree by Hilton, Modesto
• March 2, 2013 Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference South, Burbank, CA Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport

Kiwanis Convention
June 27–30
kiwanis.org/convention

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

**Report #126**

Since October 1, 2001 to August 31, 2012, (the effective dates of this report), **11,289** families have stayed one or more nights at our Kiwanis Family House while being treated at UCDMC and Shriners Hospital for Children®.

This report covers over 11 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted **886** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These **886** 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 South Carolina
Indiana South Dakota
Iowa Tennessee
Kansas Texas
Kentucky Utah
Louisiana Vermont
Maryland Virginia
Massachusetts Washington
Michigan West Virginia
Minnesota Wisconsin
Mississippi Wyoming
Missouri

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 in Sacramento, California?

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**Totals** | **11,289** | **100.0%**

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The column to the left mentions numbers, where are guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions. This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of August 2012.

**Alaska**
- Chugiak

**California**
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- Anderson (4)
- Arnold
- Bangor
- Biggs
- Blairsdent
- Burney
- Canby
- Cantua Creek
- Castella (2)
- Chico
- Coarse Gold (2)
- Cobb
- Colusa
- Corning (3)
- Cottonwood (3)
- Crescent City
- Dublin (2)
- Eureka (4)
- Farmsville
- Forest Ranch (2)
- Fresno (2)
- Grass Valley (3)
- Greenville (2)
- Hayfork
- Hoopa (2)
- Kings Beach
- Klamath
- Lake Almanor
- Lewiston
- Lodi (5)
- Los Molinos
- McKinleyville

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- Montague
- Mountain Ranch
- Napa
- Nevada City
- Oak Run
- Oakland
- Orland
- Palo Cedro
- Penn Valley
- Pittsburg
- Porterville (2)
- Quincy (4)
- Rackerby
- Red Bluff (2)
- Redding (2)
- Ridgecrest
- Rio Dell
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Sebastopol
- Shasta Lake (3)
- Smith River
- South Lake Tahoe
- Stockton (4)
- Tehachapi
- Thousand Oaks
- Turlock
- Vacaville
- Visalia
- Weaverville
- Windsor
- Winton
- Woodland
- Yuba City
- Canada
- Vanderhoof
- Hawaii
- Wailuku
- Idaho
- Minidoka
- Rathdrum
- Massachusetts
- Westfield
- Mexico
- Nogales
- Missouri
- Saint Louis
- New Jersey
- Trenton
- New Mexico
- Ruidoso

**Neighborhoods... not numbers! (Cont’d)**

**Kudos to Division 26**

Kiwanian Lt. Governor Cherice Gilliam of Cal-Nev-Ha District 26, invited our Kiwanis Family House to provide a program at its Division Council Meeting.

KFH was invited to present a program to her division’s club leaders on ways in which they can become Sponsor Clubs and otherwise support KFH.

Division 26’s clubs include:
- Brentwood
- Delta (The), Antioch
- Greater Concord
- Martinez
- Moraga Valley, Moraga
- Oakley
- Pittsburg
- Pleasanton
- San Ramon Valley, Danville, and
- Walnut Creek

House Director Dan Germain and Rita Beall KFH Board Member attended.

The clubs generously looked over our Wish List and made donations.

Above Dan Germain and Rita Beall are seen unloading the donations with the help of KFH Board President, Bill Hooper.

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**21st Annual Red & White Ball**

Karen Borman is reminding everyone to circle February 16, 2013 on their calendars.

That is the date for the 21st Annual Red & White Ball to benefit our Kiwanis Family House.

The date is set, but the price has not been set yet. It depends on the cost for the meal and a few other factors.

It will follow the same successful formula that has been developed over the decades.

Set your GPS for the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825.

It is a dinner dance.

There will be a silent auction to provide you an opportunity to pick up some neat prizes and gifts, know the proceeds go to our Kiwanis Family House.

Stay tuned!
Present to each departing family will include such a listing for their home county. Granted, people can find this contact information on the internet and in local phone directories. But we believe this resource listing will be a valued serve that Kiwanis can provide.

As we put the finishing touches on this proposed new program and prepare to submit it to the board in October, we will discuss other ways to enhance our information-sharing techniques.

As we visit your clubs and divisions, we sense your continuing and enthusiastic support of the Kiwanis Family House. We also sense your growing interest in serving guest families when they return to your communities. All I can tell you is that we are working on it.

Dan Germain
dangermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

President’s Message by Bill Hooper (cont’d)

(Continued from page 1) high level we are currently demonstrating. If you want to become more involved we could use your help.

All of the Board members names, phone numbers, and email addresses are in the newsletter (see page 10).

Just give one of us a call and see how you might make a bigger difference. Rita Beall is coordinating fund raisers, Karen Borman is coordinating and looking for volunteers, Calvin Hara is in charge of Human Relations.

I have House operations, and Bob Isaacs is managing the food closet.

Please contact any of us or House Director Dan Germain if you want to increase your level of involvement in keeping our House running.

Part time bookkeeping, grounds keeping, and help with maintenance and plumbing are current pressing needs.

I wish all of you a most successful and rewarding Kiwanis year and thank you again for your involvement with Kiwanis Family House. We are making a difference!

Till next time,
Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Bill
bhoopklg56@comcast.net

Kiwanis Family House Wish List

By Dan Germain

Our Kiwanis Family House has needs. These items are usually readily available at a convenient store or perhaps you have them at your home. If you feel you can help out with an item, either take it to our Family House or give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange a pick up.

Donate gift cards for Green Acres for our fall landscaping.

www.idiggreenacres.com

Office Supplies:
Yours in Kiwanis Service,
www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Office Supplies:
- Yellow card stock, 8 ½ x 11, 67 lb.

Cleaning Supplies:
- Lysol® blue toilet bowl cleaner
- Swiffer® All-Purpose Cleaning Solution
- Swiffer® pads (dry variety)
- laundry soap (powder)
- liquid dish washing machine soap
- small bottle dish washing soap

Personal Care Items
- facial tissue
- deodorants
- hair brushes
- personal travel-size shampoo, conditioner, and soap
- hand-held hair dryers

Kitchen Supplies
- Paper plates
- Solo 12-ounce hot and cold drink cups
- coffee
- cookies

Other Essentials
- Air Wick air freshener warmers
- Ziploc® Freezer bags – quart/gallon
- room deodorizers (need refills only – Cool, Mountain Breeze, Vanilla)
- individually wrapped candy for the reception desk

Please call the Kiwanis Family House at (916) 736-0116 to coordinate the donation of any of the special Wish List items.

Kiwanis Family House, 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817

www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
There is a plan to redo the walkway in front of the Kiwanis Family House.

**Needed:** A person with experience working with concrete to pour a walkway in front of the house.

Also needed: People to move the bricks currently there and help with framing for the walkway.

Anyone with a green thumb who could help us with the landscape maintenance or upgrading the landscape please call House Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or dangermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

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

Calvin Hara can be reached at (916) 812-5524 cmhara@comcast.net

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**Donate your vehicle! Help a family in need!**

If you have an old car, boat, or Recreation Vehicle (R/V), you can transform it into cash for our Kiwanis Family House.

Our KFH does not turn away any family who cannot pay the full amount to stay!

Our KFH has partnered with [Car Program Inc.](#) to provide an easy-to-use tax deductible process to donate your car, boat, or R/V.

You are able to donate your vehicle, running or not, and it does not have to be registered.

Questions: Call Board Member Calvin Hara at (916) 812-5524 or [Car Program Inc.](#) at (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!

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

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**DONATE A CAR**

(800) 240-0160

(Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524)

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**KFH... visit us!**

If you are in the neighborhood and what to stop by for a visit, please do.

If you want to arrange a special tour in advance, call us at (916) 736-0116.

Hold a club meeting here!

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

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**Join the green team**

Our KFH needs a goat or two. We have been informed that goats graze and would do a wonderful job keeping the grass clipped neat and tidy.

But since our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) is in an urban setting, on the University of California Medical Center Campus, it would be impossible to get the necessary permits.

So we turn to volunteers.

We need teams of volunteers who would come on a timely basis (based on the season) to keep the grass mowed and other similar projects.

Donate a day or two each month on a regular basis.

To join the KFH Green Team or to find more information contact Board Member Karen Borman (916) 489-4476 bormank@aol.com or House Director Dan Germain (916) 736-0116 or dangermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

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**Become a friend!**

Want to feel good about yourself? The become a [Friend of our Kiwanis Family House](#). It takes an annual donation of $100 (or more). Information about memberships and ways to pay, is available at our website: www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Want to feel better about yourself? Consider giving your friends and relatives the “gift” of becoming a [Friend of our Kiwanis Family House](#).

These donations keep our KFH in operation and keeping our commitment of never having to turn anyone away for lack of payment.
Surgeons at UC Davis Medical Center have successfully implanted a new telescope implant in the eye of a patient with end-stage age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the most advanced form of the disease and a leading cause of blindness in older Americans.

The device, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2010, is the only medical/surgical option available that restores a portion of vision lost to the disease. UC Davis Health System's Eye Center, in collaboration with the Society for the Blind, is one of the few in California and the nation to offer the innovative procedure.

"Macular degeneration damages the retina and causes a blind spot in a person’s central field of vision. The telescopic implant restores vision by projecting images onto an undamaged portion of the retina, which makes it possible for patients to again see people's faces and the details of objects located directly in front of them," said Mark Mannis, professor and chair of ophthalmology and vision sciences and director of the Eye Center at UC Davis Health System.

The exact cause of dry macular degeneration is unknown, but the condition develops as the eye ages. The macula is made up of millions of light-sensing cells that provide sharp, detailed central vision. It is the most sensitive part of the retina, which is located at the back of the eye. The retina quickly turns light into electrical signals and then sends these electrical signals to the brain through the optic nerve. The brain translates the electrical signals into images. If the macula is damaged, fine points in these images are not clear.

The implantable telescope technology reduces the impact of the central vision blind spot from advanced macular degeneration. The telescope implant projects the objects the patient is looking at on to the healthy area of the light-sensing retina undamaged by the disease.

In May, UC Davis cornea specialists Mark Mannis and Jennifer Li implanted the miniature telescope, which is smaller than a pea, in the left eye of 89-year-old Pollock Pines resident Virginia Bane, an artist who stopped painting four years ago when macular degeneration took away her central vision. Bane is the first in Northern California and among the first 50 individuals in the nation to receive the implant.

"I can see better than ever now," Bane said. "Colors are more vibrant, beautiful and natural, and I can read large print with my glasses. I haven't been able to read for the past seven years. I look forward to being able to paint again."

UC Davis retina specialists who treat macular degeneration and other back-of-the-eye disorders coordinate the treatment program with optometrists who specialize in caring for patients with low vision. Patients undergo medical, visual and functional evaluations to determine whether they are good candidates for the procedure. A unique aspect of the evaluation is the ability to simulate, prior to surgery, what a person may expect to see once the telescope is implanted. The simulator helps patients determine if the improvement meets their expectations.

Candidates for the procedure include individuals with untreatable end-stage, age-related macular degeneration (dry form) who are 75 or older and whose disease is stable but severely impairs vision. Candidates must have adequate peripheral vision in the eye that will not receive the implant and have no other ocular diseases, such as glaucoma.

Patients and physicians can find more information about the telescope implant and treatment program at UC Davis Health System Eye Center (www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/eyecenter / 916-734-6074), the Society for the Blind (frontdesk@societyfortheblind.org 916- 452-8271) or CentraSight (www.CentraSight.com 1-877-99SIGHT).
After more than 10 years of planning, UC Davis Medical Center is unveiling its new cancer center. The new space allows kids and adults to be treated under one roof.

“This is kind of a new and novel thing, and we’re happy to have that,” said Jeanine Stiles, Associate Director. Now 110,000 square feet are providing care for an estimated 10,000 patients.

“We look after the process of cancer from prevention to patterns to care in between,” said Ralph de Vere White, of the cancer center.

One of the big differences now is who can utilize services in the building, like pediatric patients who were seen in a separate building several blocks away.

“We take care of everyone from 3 months old to 18, when they pass into adulthood,” said Stiles.

Combining these services is expected to improve patient care and make it easier on families.

“If you can get everyone together you are able to look after patients today, but you get the research to help us look after patients tomorrow,” said White.

The new wing boasts an entire floor strictly for pediatrics, a number of exam rooms, infusion chairs for chemo, isolation rooms for privacy, and an indoor play area.

“We’re going to be able to have them transition from pediatrics to the adult population, and be able to manage those populations much better,” said Stiles.

The funding for the expansion was done with help from a number of donations, including a $5 million contribution from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation.

Ralph de Vere White, director of the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, said one impetus for building the new wing was to fulfill the vision set when UC Davis became the nation’s 41st comprehensive cancer center designated by the National Cancer Institute.

“We believe that this expansion will help us streamline operations, improve patient access to clinical trials and enhance collaboration among our clinical and basic research facility,” de Vere White said.

One of the bonuses of the expansion is that it integrates pediatric cancer patients into the main cancer center. Previously, younger patients had to seek treatment in a separate building several blocks away.

Now, the pediatric patients have the entire first floor of the new wing dedicated to them, with 13 infusion chairs, five exam rooms, and two isolation rooms for privacy.

Amanda Pinney, 15, of Carmichael, was one of the first pediatric patients to be treated with fluids on the new first floor.

She was preparing for five days of chemotherapy for a cancer that causes tumors in soft tissue, called rhabdomyosarcoma. Already, Pinney had undergone 12 rounds of chemotherapy and one round of radiation for a disease that showed up as tumors in her body.

Amanda and her mother agreed that the new space was open in a way that “there’s definitely a flow of energy here.”

The high school sophomore at Victory Christian School in Carmichael said the facility should prove to be more efficient than the previous arrangement, with labs and pharmacy all in the same complex.

“One-stop shopping” and the ability to consolidate resources is a big reason why the $33 million new wing was built, officials said.

Ralph de Vere White, the center’s chief administrative officer, said that, “Since our designation as a cancer center by the National Cancer Institute in 2002, space constraints have limited our clinical research capabilities. The expansion changes that.”

Importantly, the expansion will provide added space in the infusion center for so-called Phase 1 clinical trials, in which novel therapies are tested in a small group of patients as a first step to evaluate the treatments’ safety and benefit, officials said.


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