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President’s Message by Bill Hooper

Past Division 32 Lt. Governor Del Avants of Petaluma was selected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created when Calvin Harra resigned because of employment relocation to Hawaii.

Del is a welcomed addition to the Board with his many varied business connections, Kiwanis experience and his ability to think creatively and communicate the Family House’s assets and needs to many potential friends over a wide area of the state. His home club is the Kiwanis Club of Petaluma, California.

He has already facilitated several new TV sets being donated to rooms in the Family House, as well as a much needed large storage container. He was also an enthusiastic volunteer at our miniature golf course at the District Convention in Reno. He has been a longtime supporter of our House, but now he is on the Board he is becoming one of incoming Governor Rae Whitby-Brummer’s Kiwanis Super Heroes. Welcome Del!

The Kiwanis Family House Miniature Golf Course in the exhibit hall of the Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in Reno was a great hit with many of the convention attendees and provided maximum exposure for our Family House.

The competition between individual Kiwanians, SLP’s, and the various divisions provided a lot of friendly challenges being made during breaks in the Convention and the laughter and camaraderie were contagious. SLP’s and Kiwanis Clubs designed the holes and we all enjoyed playing the course.

Then Circle K members helped our Executive Director and Operation Manager take down the course. The entire operation illustrates once again how a project like Kiwanis Family House brings the whole Kiwanis family together.

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"...Special thanks to all of you who contribute regularly as A Friend of Kiwanis Family House...."

By Rita Beall

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, the stars of our Kiwanis Family House came together, in the Atrium of Shriners Hospital for Children® — Northern California, to celebrate the Sponsoring Clubs and individual donors who support our mission at a new annual celebration, An Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House.

Greeted by a red carpet, VIP guests were treated to professional photographs, a champagne reception, flowers for the ladies, swag bags, and commemorative wine glasses courtesy of our major sponsor, Avalon Hearing Centers, Inc.

Decorated in black and gold, the lobby of the hospital was transformed into a beautiful setting for an elegant cocktail party, where guests sampled gourmet specialty items from eight restaurants/caterers, including Buca di Beppo; Jackson Catering and Events; Lucca; Papa Dale’s Drivin’ Diner; Shortbread Plus; See’s Candy; The Pasta Queen; and Vallejo’s Mexican Restaurant.

Four wineries, Carvalho Family Winery, Cooper Vineyards, Madrona Vineyards, and Three Wine Company, and one brewery, Hoppy Brewing Company, poured a variety of their best (Continued on page 5)

House Talk
Kiwanis in Action at our Kiwanis Family House

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Goals for Next Year:

- Met with stakeholders to develop new Strategic Plan and focus on new Ongoing funding/grant opportunities
- Source additional sources of ongoing recognition to contributors
- Opening See’s Candy Holiday Store
- Opened our first-ever See’s Candy Holiday Store

Accomplishments for 2011:

- Established Kiwanis Super Families
- Revitalize Friends of the Kiwanis Family House Program. Add to website
- Developed new website
- Developed new Kiwanis Family House logo
- Established new Kiwanis Family House logo

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Important Dates

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IN MEMORY OF H.E. GENE REHNER 1916-2010

K-FAMILY WORKDAY

♥ Saturday September 7, 2013
♥ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
♥ At our Kiwanis Family House
♥ Lunch will be provided to all who volunteer.
♥ We are inviting our K-Family: Kiwanians; Circle K members; Key Clubs; Aktion Clubs; Sponsor Clubs; and friends
♥ To R.S.V.P or for more information contact Rita Beall at: rbeall@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

This K-Family Workday is a fall season follow up to the one we had in the spring.

Tasks include: weeding; spreading bark; and landscaping.

Indoor projects include: cleaning carpets; building shelves; vacuuming; dusting; washing windows; and more.

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Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #135
Since October 1, 2001 to July 31, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), **12,909** 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 **976** families from **outside Cal-Nev-Ha District** (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These **989** families come from:

- Alabama: Missouri
- Alaska: Montana
- Arizona: Nebraska
- Arkansas: New Hampshire
- Colorado: New Jersey
- Connecticut: New Mexico
- Delaware: New York
- District of Columbia: North Carolina
- Florida: Ohio
- Georgia: Oklahoma
- Idaho: Oregon
- Illinois: Pennsylvania
- Indiana: South Carolina
- Iowa: South Dakota
- Kansas: Tennessee
- Kentucky: Texas
- Louisiana: Utah
- Maine: Vermont
- Maryland: Virginia
- Massachusetts: Washington
- Michigan: West Virginia
- Minnesota: Wisconsin
- Mississippi: 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 in Sacramento, California?*  

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This article defines our guests from their neighborhoods during the month of **July 2013**. The number in parentheses is the number of families.

**Arizona**
- Chandler (2)
- California
  - Alturas
  - Anderson (3)
  - Arcata (2)
  - Bay Point
  - Benicia
  - Berry Creek
  - Big Bar
  - Bishop
  - Burney
  - Ceres (2)
  - Chico (3)
  - Clearlake (2)
  - Clearlake Oak
  - Corning
  - Delano
  - Dunsmuir
  - Fort Jones
  - Fortuna
  - Fresno (2)
  - Gerber (2)
  - Grass Valley
  - Happy Camp
  - Hayfork
  - Hickman
  - Hoopa (2)
  - King City
  - Lompoc
  - Lone Pine
  - Los Banos
  - Madera
  - Manteca
  - Marina
  - Marysville
  - Mendocino
  - Modesto (2)

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

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- Montague (2)
- Mount Shasta
- Novato
- Oakhurst
- Oakland
- Orland
- Oroville (50
- Pasketa
- Pittsburg
- Placerville
- Quincy
- Red Bluff (5)
- Redding (14)
- Ripon
- Riverside
- Rohnert Park
- Sacramento (3)
- San Francisco
- San Jacinto
- San Jose (3)
- Santa Rosa
- Seiad Valley
- St. Helena
- South Lake Tahoe
- Stockton (6)
- Susanville (2)
- Tracy (2)
- Truckee
- Ukiah
- Canada
- Calgary
- Indiana
- Indianapolis
- Massachusetts
- Groveland
- Mexico
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- Michigan
- Royal Oak
- New Hampshire
- Manchester
- Nevada
- Carson City (3)
- Gardnerville
- Hawthorne
- Henderson
- Las Vegas
- Minden
- Reno (4)
- Sparks
- Wellington
- Ohio
- Spencerville
- Oregon
- Klamath Falls
- Texas
- Fort Worth

Impressions
The monthly column
by Dan Germain
Executive Director

We recently announced the appointment of Charles Busseney to the new position of Operations Manager for our Kiwanis Family House. He has excelled in his first few weeks and is quickly assuming command of the multitude of day-to-day operational responsibilities. As was our primary objective, this important staff addition is favorably positioning me for focused efforts in fund development, marketing, and external relationships.

While I am still contemplating my approach to increasing the profile of our Family House and ultimately drawing new financial support for our gem of a nonprofit program, I am likely to return to the pertinent action items in our existing strategic plan. Then, in partnership with consultant Deanna Fenton, I aim to present a detailed marketing and development plan to our board of directors as we approach calendar year 2014.

Deanna’s company, Compass Strategies, has supported our Family House for the better part of the past decade. As discussed at our August board meeting, I envision a plan with specific and measurable goals, objectives, and target dates for the year ahead.

These goals will cover expanded grant writing, recurring special event planning, additions to our cadre of Sponsor Clubs, an increase in the ranks of our Friends of the Kiwanis Family House, participation with Chambers of Commerce, and promotion of our cause to broader audiences. Deanna and I will be very busy in the year ahead.

Among the services that Deanna provides to us is the ongoing support of our website and I encourage all of you to occasionally revisit the site. We are making a concerted effort to keep the content new and fresh. The newest feature is a video clip of the David Duff family, which you will immediately see on our main page. The Duffs were guests at the KFH following their son’s skiing accident in 2009. With this video, we have added to our library of compelling family stories.

I am ready to write the next chapter in the history of our Family House and I think we are poised to elevate our game “to the next level.” We shall do so with the incredible sustained support of our board of directors, the valued contributions of our sponsoring clubs and members, the ongoing services of partners like Deanna Fenton, and – now – the addition of a new Operations Manager. With its deeper skill set, the team is certain to extend its reach.

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YouTube is a video-sharing website. It was created in 2005 by three former PayPal employees: Chad Hurley, Jawed Karim, and Steve Chen in February 2005.

It has been owned by Google since late 2006.

To find stories about our Kiwanis Family House go to: www.youtube.com

Then in the search window, type in Kiwanis Family House.

You will find out a dozen of video clubs about our Kiwanis Family House.

You will find the David Duff family story mentioned in Dan Germain’s column to the left.
An Evening with the stars (Continued)

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wines and brews for the attendees.

Guests participated in a Crackerjack auction, where clues to the items were given but the items themselves remained unseen until unveiled at the end of the evening. Prizes included a flat screen television, instant wine cellar complete with wine chiller, a Kindle Fire tablet, and a designer handbag and jewelry.

Attendees also were encouraged to visit the Friends of the Kiwanis Family House table, hosted by board member Karen Borman, to hear about how they could become a "Friend" for as little as $10 a month.

Eight supporters took advantage of this offer, and another two upgraded their Friends memberships, all proudly wearing their new Friend of the Kiwanis Family House pins during the remainder of the evening.

The hostess for this elegant evening was Jackie Taylor, television personality and currently a producer for the DIY Network. Jackie and Dan Germain, Executive Director of the Kiwanis Family House, shared hosting duties for the Awards Program, which was held in the adjacent Auditorium.

There, guests heard from Robert Tamblyn, Past Chairman of the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital of Northern California, who spoke about the history of Shriners in Sacramento, and the long-standing partnership between Shriners and our Kiwanis Family House.

Mr. Tamblyn was followed by Jacquelyn Kay-Mills, Director of Development for the Children’s Miracle Network and UC Davis Children’s Hospital, who thanked those in attendance for their continued partnership in supporting families of patients being treated at UC Davis Medical Center.

The awards segment of the program honored 12 Sponsor Clubs and 12 individual donors for their financial contributions since 2010.

Next, Bright Award presentations were made to five individuals for their continued commitment to Kiwanis, their communities, and the Kiwanis Family House.

Throughout the program, honorees and presenters, including a former guest family, the David Duffs, gave moving testimonials as to why they personally support the work of the Kiwanis Family House.

The evening’s program was closed by Bill Hooper, KFH Board President, and Dan Germain, Executive Director.

Bill emphasized once again the terrific partnership between the two hospitals and our Kiwanis Family House, and Dan thanked our sponsoring clubs, donors, volunteers, and supporters, who are critical to the continued operations of the Kiwanis Family House.

Dan also introduced the new Wall of Fame, which will be displayed at Kiwanis Family House. The first Wall of Fame lists the names of contributors to the Capital Campaign, funds which were used to construct the current Family House.

Future walls will list the names of clubs and individuals honored at this and subsequent Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House events.

An Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House would not have been possible without a number of amazing volunteers. The Committee included Rita Beall (chair), Lorie Deering, Sam Maley, Yoli Manzo, Ann Isaacs, Bob Isaacs, Gary Christensen, Dan Germain, Bill Hooper, George MacMurphy, Roni Stroud, and Emily Chirk.

At the event, Board Members, Kiwanians, spouses, and Sacramento State and UC Davis Circle K Club members were on hand to help with registration, serving, the Crackerjack auction, valet service, and cleanup.

And a very special recognition must be paid to Mr. Frank Hashorva of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta, who came prepared with tickets and bucket to run an impromptu "50/50 Raffle" which netted the KFH another $770 that evening!!

All in all, the event was a huge success, and the Family House Board and planning committee are planning more surprises for the 2nd Annual Evening with the Stars of the Kiwanis Family House, scheduled for next July to coincide with our Kiwanis Family House’s 30th Anniversary. You won’t want to miss it!

Complete List of Award Winner

Clubs:
- Kiwanis Club of Auburn
- Kiwanis Club of Carmichael
- Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights-the top donor
- Kiwanis Club of Davis
- Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake
- Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento
- Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento
- Kiwanis Club of La Cañada AM
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- Kiwanis Club of Woodland

Individual Honorees:
- Gary Christensen
- David Duff Family - David, Sherry, and Howie Duff
- Gloria Macias
- George MacMurphy
- Jim Putnam
- Gene Rapp
- Larry and Norma Montna
- Jean Souza Cramer - Daughter of former Governor Frank and Pearl Souza
- Nancy O’Rourke - Daughter of former Governor Frank and Pearl Souza
- Lucia Rothgeb - Daughter of former Governor Frank and Pearl Souza
- Dale Stewart
- Carole Steele

Bright Award Honorees
- Dyann Branch
- David Canady
- Lorie Deering
- Mike Flynn
- Guy Blair

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Become a Friend....
It’s easy by Rita Beall

If you’re reading this newsletter, then we know that you are a supporter of our Kiwanis Family House.

But, are you a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House? Did you know that you can become a Friend for as little as $10 a month?

The Friends of the Kiwanis Family House program is a simple way for you to pledge your ongoing support of the House. There are four levels to choose from, so that you can pick the one that works best for you. And, you can pay once a year, or monthly, whatever fits your budget. Your options are:

- **Copper:** $100 annually or $10 per month
- **Silver:** $300 annually or $25 per month
- **Gold:** $500 annually or $50 per month
- **Platinum:** $1,000 annually or $100 per month

As a Friend of our Kiwanis Family House, all the news of happenings and special events at our House will be emailed directly to you.

You will also receive an exclusive Friends pin that you can wear proudly to show others that you are a Friend.

**it’s easy to enroll**—just our Family House or online, or signup directly on our website.

Your annual or monthly payment can be made by cash or check, or debited from your credit or debit card, whichever you choose.

Thanks to our Friends, the Kiwanis Family House has been able to fulfill its mission for over 29 years.

Won’t you become a Friend today and proudly show the world your support as we enter our 30th year of providing temporary housing and support to families in crisis?

Questions regarding our Friends of the Kiwanis Family House program should be directly to Rita Beall at rbeall@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org or (916) 549-1354.

**President’s Message by Bill Hooper (Contd.)**

(Continued from page 1) and while having fun at fund raisers the results of our efforts are providing a terrific service to about 1,600 families each year.

With the addition of the Operations Manager Charlie Bussey taking over much of the day to day activity at the House, Executive Director Dan Germain is moving forward quickly on implementing the rest of our Strategic Plan.

Expect to see new community outreach programs, quarterly goals, improved communications and use of technology and more grant applications as the next steps in our ongoing effort to keep improving our services to our clients. If you would like to hear more about the Family House and hear stories from our clients contact Dan, he will be glad to visit your club and provide a program.

Finally I want to say thank you once again to all of you who help us in any way to make this Kiwanis Project so successful.

Special thanks to all of you who contribute regularly as A Friend of Kiwanis Family House and the many clubs who have become members and do at least one project a year for the House. This consistent support that can be counted on each month means we will never have to turn a family in need of our help away. If you are not a regular contributor to the House please consider it, 150 families each month count on us being there for them.

Thank you!

Till Next Time, Yours in Kiwanis Service, Bill bhoopklg56@comcast.net

**Aloha!**

Calvin Hara, former VP of our Family House, has relocated in Hawaii.

Here is shown with Governor Gary Jander, in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

**Kiwanis Family House**

**September 2013 Wish List**

Our Kiwanis Family House always has a ready Wish List of items that are needed. Perhaps you might want to add an item for our KFH when you are shopping. You might find it more convenient to mail us Sam’s Club or Costco gift cards and let us do the shopping. (The cards fit into mailing envelopes easily.

Mail to:

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

If you would rather deliver them to our KFH or give us a call give us a call at (916) 736-0116 to arrange a pick up.

**September Priorities**

**Shop Needs:**
- Tool storage cabinet
- Cordless Power drill
- Cordless Power screwdriver
- Work gloves

**For Guest Rooms and Kitchens:**
- Cereal bowls
- Drinking glasses
- Dish sponges
- Liquid dish soap
- Unscented Kleenex® or comparable tissues

**Cleaning supplies**
- Clorox® (or Lysol®) disinfecting wipes
- Comet® (or similar scouring powder)
- Lysol® toilet bowl cleaner or similar
- Windex® (or similar window cleaning solution)

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Our Kiwanis Family House (KFH) guests watch TV in their rooms. But the TV's in their rooms are wearing out.

Donate $300 so our KFH may purchase replacements. We are targeting Best Buy Store’s Insignia model which has a DVD player.

Families need diversions while worrying about family members. Televisions allow them to catch up on the news.

Recycling makes cents!

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

We even have a container for used plastic bags to be recycled. It helps the environment, lessens the impact on land fills, and makes cents.

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

Our KFH gets money when we turn them in for recycling. Recycling money is “green” and spends the same way with a lessening on the KFH budget.

Get your SHARES Card (on page 2) so we get our “share”.

Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

Vehicle donations needed!

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

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.

Go to:

Questions: Call Executive Director Dan Germain at (916) 736-0116 or Car Program Inc. (800) 240-0160. This agency can accept donations from most of our 50 states to benefit our KFH!

DONATE A CAR
(800) 240-0160
Kiwanian contact: Calvin Hara (916) 812-5524

KFH... visit us!

If you are in the neighborhood and want 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!

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

If you have marketable securities that have grown substantially in value, the tax laws make it possible for you to make an important gift at a remarkable low after-tax cost.

A gift of appreciated securities generally qualifies you for an income tax charitable deduction equal to the value of the gifted securities, and it may also avoid the long-term capital gain tax on your unrealized capital gain.

You can deduct up to 30% of your adjusted gross income in the year of your gift. Any amount given in excess of 30% can be carried over and deducted for up to five subsequent years.

Usually a sale of appreciated securities results in a tax on your full gain – in other words, you keep only part of the profit. But if you donate those same appreciated securities to our Kiwanis Family House, there is no tax on your gain, even though your “profit” is counted as part of your charitable deduction.

Check with your Tax Advisor or IRS.

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 any one away for lack of payment.

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The UC Davis Hospice Program and UC Davis Children’s Hospital Bereavement Program will offer an eight-week Young Adult Bereavement Art Group for individuals 17 to 24 who are coping with the recent loss of a loved one.

**Merriam-Webster:** the state or fact of being bereaved or deprived of something or someone especially the loss of a loved one by death.

The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 16 through Nov. 4. Each session will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UC Davis Home Care Services Building, 3630 Business Drive, Suite F, Sacramento, Calif.

The discussions will address such topics as acknowledging and understanding grief, expressing and accepting one’s feelings, changing roles, coping with stress and developing supportive relationships.

There is no cost for participation. The facilitators will be Don Lewis, bereavement and volunteer coordinator for the hospice program, and Hannah Hunter, art therapist for the Child Life and Creative Arts Therapies Department at UC Davis Children’s Hospital.

Don Lewis is the bereavement and volunteer coordinator and fundraising chairperson for UC Davis Health System’s hospice program.

For the many hats he wears and the lives he touches, he was awarded the Excellence in Diversity award at the health system’s 2011 Employee Excellence Awards and Diversity Celebration.

Under Don Lewis’ guidance, the UC Davis Hospice Program has received national recognition. As a member of the UC Davis Hospice Program and the Children’s Hospital Bereavement Committee, Lewis constantly explores methods to improve services.

“He is extremely dedicated to the provision of exemplary end-of-life care,” says Stacey Magee, Home Health and Hospice program manager. “His passion not only includes participating in the care planning of hospice patients and families but extends to the support of families through bereavement.”

Those interested in participating should register before Sept. 13. For further information, please email Hannah Hunter (hannah.hunter@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).

The group is offered every spring and fall. Hunter may be contacted at any time for information about the program. The group is made possible by a continuing grant from the Children’s Miracle Network.

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"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.

"In life things happen and sometimes we can make it on our own, and sometimes we need help...

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Become a KFH Team Member!

- We need more volunteers.
- Training is provided.
- Like to work by yourself? We have such chores.
- Like to take some fellow club members along, we can handle that.
- If you are a Sponsor Club consider having your members adopt one day each month and cover all of the shifts.
- Adopt an odd day to work, such as the 5th Saturday or weekday.
- Work for a shift or two each month.
- 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.

Contact Executive Director Dan Germain at: (916) 736-0116.

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**Eliminate**

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to **eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus**. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

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**House Talk: Contact the Editor**

**Our KFH Ambassador Program has been launched.** The dictionary defines “ambassador as an official envoy; an authorized representative or messenger.”

To be a Sponsor Club is one thing, but communication is a two way street.

Because Ambassadors serve several clubs, they know the latest, and perhaps the best in fund-raising programs.

Because Ambassadors meet with other Ambassadors, they can find solutions and best ways to solve problems.

Ambassadors are here to inform.

Ambassadors are here to listen.

Ambassadors are here to remind.

Ambassadors are here to answer any questions.

Ambassadors are here to offer suggestions.

To confirm your KFH Ambassador, email **Rita Beall**, see above.

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