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From our house, to your house:

Happy Thanksgiving
We have much to be thankful for, such as our Family House

President’s Message by Bill Hooper

"...Thanks to each of you for your help, we could not do it without you...."

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 $50@ 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 or call us.

Operations Manager, Charlie Bussey, to keep our Family House’s 25 guest rooms in top condition.
Division 7 Lt. Governor Joe Jaquez and Elk Grove Club President Monica Pompei worked alongside Monterey Trail High School Key Club member Riva and Jesuit High School volunteer Jared, on Saturday, October 19th in Room 101, which is sponsored by Elk Grove Kiwanis. These volunteers prepared the walls, painted both the guest room and the bathroom, and deep cleaned the carpets in order to ensure the room was ready for a new round of guests beginning the following day.

Joe and his team were tired but satisfied with their work at the end of their day. Joe stated, “This was a great project for Monica and me to be able work alongside two young volunteers. As we worked at giving the room that the Elk Grove club sponsors a fresh coat of paint and deep cleaning, we enjoyed the time talking with our helpers and now our room is ready to give back to the families that need it”.

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Deep cleaning by Rita Beall

Kiwanis Club of Elk Grove is the first room sponsor to participate in a new program implemented, by our Family House

Operations Manager, Charlie Bussey, to keep our Family House’s 25 guest rooms in top condition.

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Save the date
These benefit our Family House:
• Feb. 15th Red & White Ball
• Apr. 24th Creelman-Francisco Classic
• Apr. 26th Kiwanis Day at Sacramento River Cats

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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.
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Visit us at:
• Feb. 1st Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Mid-year South Conference Garden Grove/Anaheim California Hyatt Regency Orange County
• Mar. 1st Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District North Conference, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, California
• Aug. 14-16 Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention, San Diego, California Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
I came across a piece the other day which drew a distinction between networking and teamwork.
The central thought was that teamwork is essential for a group of people to achieve a common objective, but that networking is about helping others despite objectives often being only loosely related or even unrelated.

Isn’t it comforting to know that you can turn to your network for support, despite the fact that offering their support may temporarily divert them from pursuing their own immediate goals.

They are happy to do so, however, because they know that you, and others, will be more than happy to help them in return when needed.

I know we ask a lot of you, our sponsoring clubs and individual donors:
- We ask for your time.
- We ask for your financial support.
- We ask for your advocacy.

I sometimes worry that we risk asking too much and too often but your sustained passion for “our house” and the difference it makes in the lives of so many distraught families has always shone.

It is time for me to balance the scales and remind you that you can ask at any time for our help in supporting your local efforts.

If you think a Kiwanis Family House presence at your club’s fundraiser, membership recruitment event, social activity, or service project can add value, we want to be there for you.

Last month, I encouraged you to consider incorporating information about our Family House (along with the Eliminate Project and our Service Leadership Programs) into your special guest days and other recruitment activities.

These programs are not only the source of much pride and reward for so many of us in the organization. They sell Kiwanis to those considering membership.

I’d be disappointed if those who have witnessed our presentation at a local meeting couldn’t sense the impression that a couple of Family House guest stories would leave on a service-oriented person looking for a team to join.

So our offer to come to your support is always there. As long as there is an open spot on our calendars, we will be there for you.

Congratulations to our newly-installed lieutenant governors.

I have met and begun to develop cooperative relationships with some of you.

Over the next couple of months, I hope to reach out to others, particularly those in divisions which are the homes of the 90 or so official sponsor clubs of our Kiwanis Family House. I extend my hand to you. If you think a Kiwanis Family House presence at your division event can add value, please ask us to come.

Have a great month. Happy networking!

Dan Germain (916) 736-0116 dgermain@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

Wall of Fame
By Rita Beall

The next time you visit our Kiwanis Family House, look at the Wall of Fame framed in the lobby.

It lists the names of the Capital Campaign Sponsors who donated to make the new house a reality. Some folks wanted to be anonymous and were not listed.

Subsequent Walls of Fame will contain honorees from the Evening with the Stars, as well as those who may be recognized at future events.

Also to be listed will be the top donors (individuals and clubs) for each year.

President’s Message
by Bill Hooper (Contd.)

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72nd anniversary of Pearl Harbor day, December 7th is a big Kiwanis day this year in Sacramento. The Region 16 Regional Training Conference and Trustee election is scheduled for that morning to be followed by the Cal-Nev-Ha Governors official visit in the afternoon with both events being held at the Dante Club in Sacramento.

Also, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln is doing their 6th annual Holiday Home Tour in Lincoln Hills; and the Greater Sacramento Club is doing their annual Dr. Seuss House lighting at 5:30 p.m. in South Sacramento; and almost everybody is selling See’s Candy. This is a day all the Kiwanis family members in the Sacramento area can and should be involved in at least one Kiwanis activity.

It gets crazy like this every now and then but when you look at all we are accomplishing, the difference we are making in people lives, and the quality people that we work with who become our friends, we should be counting our blessings. Sometimes you just have to sleep in on Sunday to recover from a Kiwanis Saturday and you sleep well because you know you are making a difference.

The Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento Club voted to sponsor the 22nd Annual Red and White Ball on Feb. 15, 2014 at the Dante Club in Sacramento. I will head this project so please call me if you are willing to be on the committee. I am asking each club in Region 16 to appoint a ticket chair for their club for me to contact. On March 22nd KFH Club will also sponsor the annual March in March, which is a Walk-A-Thon around our Family House. Let’s see if we can get some competition going between clubs and SLP’s. Who can bring the most people or get the most pledges as we walk to support our Kiwanis Family House. Watch for flyers on these events.

Each of us at our Family House thank you again for all your efforts to change the world and for the help you give us here at the House. We wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Till Next Time, Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Bill bhoopkig56@comcast.net

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Kiwanis Family House, not in my backyard!

Report #138
Since October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2013, (the effective dates of this report), 13,197 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 12 years. Previous to October 1, 2001 the reports were tabulated in a different format.

Our KFH has hosted 1,003 families from outside Cal-Nev-Ha District (California, Nevada, and Hawaii). These 1,003 families come from:

Alabama, Missouri
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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Neighborhoods...
not numbers!

The column to the left mentions numbers, where our guests are from, codified by Kiwanis Divisions.

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

Arizona
- Tucson
- California
- Alturas (2)
- Anderson (6)
- Arcata (2)
- Arnold
- Berry Creek (3)
- Bieber
- Calistoga
- Calpine
- Camptonville
- Chico (8)
- Clover
- Corning (2)
- Coulterville (2)
- Crescent City
- El Cajon
- Elk Grove
- Etna
- Eureka
- Foresthill
- Fremont
- Fresno
- Gerber
- Groveland
- Hamilton City (2)
- Hoopa
- Ione (3)
- Lemoore
- Lodi
- Los Angeles
- Mariposa
- Marysville
- Maxwell
- Merced
- Modesto (3)
- Moorpark

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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.

Deep Cleaning

In his new role as Operations Manager, Charlie quickly recognized that the guest rooms, which are rented nearly every day of the year, needed to be scheduled for deep-cleaning periodically, in order to ensure the best experience for our guests.

He came up with the idea of asking the room sponsors to take ownership of the process, and was met with an enthusiastic response from all the clubs he approached!

Charlie then put together a schedule which generally takes one room out of service for two nights each week for the next six months.

Once all the rooms have been painted, he will continue the six month rotation for paint touch-up, inspection and repairs, carpet cleaning, and deep cleaning of the guest rooms and bathrooms indefinitely.

Several other clubs are scheduled to deep clean their sponsored rooms over the next several weeks, including the Kiwanis Clubs of Davis; Rancho Murieta; East Sacramento-Midtown; and Greater Sacramento.

If your club sponsors a room and you haven’t yet been contacted by Charlie, please have the person in your club who will coordinate this effort email or call Charlie at (916) 736-0116 or email him at: cbussey@kiwanisfamilyhouse.org

For those clubs who have not sponsored a room, there are also several rooms that are not sponsored, but nonetheless could be adopted for the purpose of being deep cleaned. Contact Charlie if you would like this opportunity for Kiwanis Service.

Thank you to all the room sponsors for participating, in this critical service to our Family House and its guests!
In May of 2013, **Dieynaba** (pronounced Geeyen-ah-bah) **Sarr** came to the United States from Senegal to visit her sister, **Fatou** (Fah-too) who lives in Redding.

Redding is about three hours north of Sacramento. Guests from Redding are not unusual, as there were seven families from there in the last accounting.

At the time of the visit, Dieynaba was five months pregnant.

In the middle of June, she started having difficulties with the pregnancy. Dieynaba and her sister went to a hospital in Redding.

After the examination, the doctors determined that she needed special care that was not available in the Redding hospital.

She was airlifted to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

She checked into our Kiwanis Family House on June 14.

On July 8, Dieynaba delivered three very little girls (yes, triplets): Victoria, Joyce and Prisca.

After she was released from the hospital, Dieynaba came back to stay at our Family House while her daughters remained in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the medical center.

The challenge for our Family House staff, is that Dieynaba speaks French, the language of Senegal, but not English.

Dieynaba is still here. Victoria and Joyce have been released and are with their mom at KFH.

Prisca remains in NICU at the hospital where she has undergone several surgeries to correct an intestinal issue and faces at least one more procedure.

It is very likely that Dieynaba and her daughters will be at Kiwanis Family House for the upcoming holidays.

Dieynaba’s husband is back in Senegal and can only see his wife and daughters via Skype* on Dieynaba’s laptop.

He has yet to hold his daughters. Fatou visits when she can, but she will soon be leaving California to live in Columbus, Ohio where her husband has been transferred.

Senegal officially the Republic of Senegal (République du Sénégal) is a country in West Africa. It owes its name to the Sénégal River that borders it to the east and north.

Senegal is externally bounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Mauritania to the north, Mali to the east, and Guinea and Guinea-Bissau to the south; internally it almost completely surrounds the Gambia, namely on the north, east and south, except for Gambia’s short Atlantic coastline.

Senegal covers a land area of almost 76,000 square miles and has an estimated population of about 13 million.

The climate is tropical with two seasons: the dry season and the rainy season.

Dakar, the capital city of Senegal, is located at the westernmost tip of the country on the Cap-Vert peninsula.

About 300 miles off the coast lie the Cape Verde Islands.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, numerous trading posts belonging to various colonial empires, were established along the coast.

The town of St. Louis became the capital of French West Africa before it was moved to Dakar in 1902. Dakar became its capital in 1960 at the time of independence from France.

Since April 2, 2012, the country’s president has been **Macky Sall**.

The country is part of The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Integrated with the main bodies of the international community, Senegal is also a member of the African Union(AU) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States.

*Skype is a service which allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video by using a webcam, and instant messaging over the Internet.

Phone calls may be placed to recipients on the traditional telephone networks.
Ways to support our Kiwanis Family House...

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: http://www.donateacar.com/affiliate-Kiwanis-Family-House.php

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

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

**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!**

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

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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). Monthly payment options are available. 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**.

You will received a colored metal pin, depending on your level of giving.

These donations keep our Family House in operation and keeping our commitment of never having to turn any one away for lack of payment.

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**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.

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**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 remarkably 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.**

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www.kiwanisfamilyhouse.org
Some months ago, the Associated Press reported:

Sacramento (AP) — Doctors at a California hospital have begun what they say will be months of treatment for three toddlers who were badly injured in a fire that killed 42 infants and toddlers at a Mexican day care center. The center is located at Hermosillo, Mexico.

The children were being treated Monday at Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California, after being flown by Mexican authorities to Sacramento from Hermosillo, where the fire occurred.

Hermosillo, is about 1,100 southeast of Sacramento in Sonora State in Mexico.

Of all the locations to send these victims why was the Shriners Hospital of Northern California chosen? Incidentally, our Kiwanis Family House is a partner with Shriners and provides housing for families of these fire victims.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® have been pioneers in the burn care since it first started treating burn victims in the 1960s.

In fact, some of the most significant advancements in burn care – such as skin grafting and the development of engineered skin – were first made at the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Its patients receive advanced care for burn injuries and related scarring, along with physical rehabilitation and emotional support to help them cope with re-entering their school or community after their injury.

Burn injuries account for nearly 700,000 visits to the emergency room each year. Although most burns are not life threatening, they can cause significant pain. Prompt identification of the type of burn and quick implementation of appropriate treatment can help minimize scarring and pain, and can also minimize the psychological impact of the injury.

There are three types of burns:
- Thermal burns
- Chemical burns
- Radiation burns

Thermal burns are the most common and are caused by contact with flame, heat or scalding liquids. Chemical and radiation burns are less common in children. All types of burns fall into one of three classifications based on severity.
- 1st degree burns – first-degree burns are superficial, involving only the uppermost layer of skin called the epidermis.
- 2nd degree burns – second degree burns may also be called partial-thickness burns because they permeate deeper into the skin, involving both the upper layer – the epidermis – and the second layer – the dermis.
- 3rd degree burns – third degree burns may also be called full thickness burns because they extend completely through the skin to the subcutaneous tissue. These burns may also involve underlying structures like tendons, nerves, muscle or bone.

Causes of Burns

Most burns are preventable using inexpensive safety devices or taking simple steps to put dangerous objects or materials out of reach. Some of the most common causes of burns include:
- contact with open flame by skin or clothing
- contact with a hot object, such as a cigarette, iron, curling iron, etc.
- scalds from a hot liquid – the thicker the liquid and the longer the contact with skin the greater the damage
- steam burns, such as those that occur in industrial accidents or from automobile radiator accidents; steam burns often cause injury to the airways of the lungs
- gas burns from inhalation of hot gas
- electrical burns, including lightning
- flash burns from rapid ignition of a flammable gas or liquid
- tar burns
- chemical burns from alkaline or acid substances

Initial Evaluation of Burns:

Getting a solid overview of the child’s general health and current condition is critical to the timely and effective treatment of burns. In some cases, the burn may not be the only injury the child has sustained. So treatment will most often begin with an initial evaluation that may include a variety of different tests.

Some of these tests may be:
- Laboratory tests –
- Imaging studies –
- CT scan –
- Fiberoptic bronchoscopy

The best treatment is prevention. Be Fire Safe!
“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.

“To Kiwanis Family House:

Thank you so much for your amazing gift of sanctuary, a place where I could get rest and recover from my long vigils with my wonderful fiancée who spent 5 days in the hospital.

Your hospitality was beyond words to describe. We could never have afforded a hotel, and my being able to rest, clean up, and return to the hospital with a smile on my face (and one in my heart) helped her feel secure and at peace.

Thank you always.”

“To Kiwanis Family House,

I would like to say thank you very much!

I had been at U.C. Davis with my fiancé, and when they released him in the middle of the night, we had no where to go...and then you opened your doors and we were home! :)

Your staff was so kind and welcoming.

It was a truly wonderful staying with you!

Thank you so much.

You were a miracle to us both!

With all of my gratitude!”

Staff was incredible in directing us to places we need to go and made us feel so welcomed. Thanks again”

“My stay here has been a blessing.

I come from a small town with limited care for ill pre-mees children when I became in need of major care, UC Davis took me in pregnant as if I were family.

A resource was Kiwanis House and how they can help and they have by letting me stay close to UC Davis care while treatment was being received when my son was being born.

I stayed at Kiwanis to visit my son in his time of need.

God is good

Thank you”

“Kiwanis Staff:

Just a little note that’s being sent your way to let you know you’re in my thoughts each and every day.

Thank you so much for being so nice to me and my cousin.”

“Thank you for all your support and loving kindness during our hard time.

May God be with you all and continue with you”

“Thank you: for all you have done for me and my son!

We will never forget!

Every one that works here at this house is wonderful!

You all will always be in my heart and in my prayers. Thank you again, and love always.”

“Thank you– the people were friendly, the room neat, and the courtyard serene.

Thank you!”

“Dear Kiwanis House, Thank you for providing respite for me during my son’s length stay in PICU.

Your quiet well–appointed, home-away-from-home allowed me to rest, reflect, and refresh. I praise God for your generosity and willingness to see a need and meet it. May the Lord richly bless you. Thank you.”

“Kiwanis House,

We want to thank you for the wonderful peace of mind knowing we had a place to sleep and eat each night as our son struggled in the hospital.

The bus was another added help for our family.”

Thank all of you!”

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“To all who took care of us, We thank you for being there of us when we needed you the most.

Our hearts have grown to a size that only God knows.

“We will keep you all close to our hearts from this day on”

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 week day.
- 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 Operations Manager
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(916) 736-0116.
House Talk: Contact the Editor

1. House Talk is a monthly newsletter published by the Kiwanis Family House, Inc.
2. The editor is solely responsible for the content of House Talk.
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Now you can help support the Kiwanis Family House by using Facebook. If you are on Facebook (or are planning on joining) you should “Like” the Kiwanis Family House page.

You can also click “Share” on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their wall and news feed for Friends to see and spreads the message of Kiwanis Family House!

You can also “Suggest” a page to all your friends via a message. Just click on “Suggest to Friends” (the fourth link down from the logo) and choose the friends to whom you want to send an invitation to the Page.

You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for other Fans to see, and it will also appear on your walls for your Friends to see.

If you want to reference something that is on the website, you should include a link to the Kiwanis Family House page along with your posting.

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.

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.