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# KidneyChronicles

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### Upcoming Events

**NKF Golf Classic  
Tournament**  
09/15/08 & 10/20/08  
Catta Verdera Country  
Club, Sacramento Area  
Pasatiempo Golf Club,  
Santa Cruz

**20th San Francisco  
Authors Luncheon**  
10/11/08  
Hilton San Francisco

**14th Annual  
Sacramento Authors  
Luncheon**  
11/08/08  
Hyatt Regency  
Sacramento

*Click here for a full  
listing of upcoming  
events*

### We Want to Hear From You!

National Kidney  
Foundation of Northern  
California And  
Northern Nevada

## 2008 Kidney Legislation a Success!



The National Kidney Foundation is very pleased to announce that the final step in enacting our kidney legislation was taken. President Bush vetoed the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, H.R. 6331, but both the House and the Senate over-rode the veto. That means our provisions (notably coverage for Stage 4 Patient Education, an automatic update in the reimbursement rate for dialysis treatments, and a quality assurance program for dialysis patients) have become law. **This is a huge success for the kidney community.** This is a major achievement for NKF, our friends and volunteers and especially for our kidney patients. **Thank you to everyone who helped to make this public policy initiative a success.** [Find out more here.](#)

## Free Kidney Health Testing!

Do you or your family members have high blood pressure, diabetes or both conditions? Then now is the time to get tested for kidney disease. 1 in 8 people have kidney disease or are at risk of developing it, but most people don't know they have it until they need to go on dialysis. Take action before it's too late, it could save your life!



**Kidney Early Evaluation Program  
September 13, 2008, Fresno**

San Francisco Office:  
131 Steuart Street,  
Suite 520  
San Francisco, CA  
94105

Tel: 415/543-3303  
Fax: 415/543-3331

Sacramento Office:  
3001 I Street, Suite 130  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
Tel: 916/448-2200  
Fax: 916/448-2289

[www.kidneyca.org](http://www.kidneyca.org)

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**  
**[5770 N. Maroa Avenue](#)**  
**[Fresno, CA 93704](#)**

**Call Valerie Wong for an appointment at (559) 324-4731**

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**Parenting with a Chronic Illness**  
**Monday, Sept. 8 & Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**  
Stanford Health Library, Stanford Shopping Center To sign  
up, call (650) 498-7826 or email  
[healthlibrary@stanfordmed.org](mailto:healthlibrary@stanfordmed.org)




A free workshop on managing parenting while you manage  
your own chronic illness.

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## **NKF Golf Classics are Ready to Tee Off!**



You are invited to join us for  
the National Kidney  
Foundation's Golf Classic on  
Monday, September 15 at the  
beautiful Catta Verdera  
Country Club in Lincoln or on  
Monday, October 20 at  
Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa  
Cruz. (Pictured left)

Enjoy a golf adventure that includes a complimentary lunch  
and awards banquet with prizes. 

The tournament winning foursome will qualify to play in the NKF Golf Classic National Finals at Pebble Beach Golf Course in January 2009.

For more information [click here](#). See you on the green.

Don't forget - you can donate your used golf clubs, get a tax break and benefit NKF! [Click here](#) to learn more about Kidney Clubs.

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## **Come Hear Your Favorite Authors at our Annual Authors Luncheons**

**Discount Pricing on Readers Tables until August 31!**

NKF is pleased to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our **San Francisco Authors Luncheon** on Saturday, October 11, and our 14th annual **Sacramento Authors Luncheon** Saturday, November 8. Reserve your table today! [Click here](#) for San Francisco or [click here](#) for Sacramento, or visit <http://www.kidneyca.org/> for more information.

### **San Francisco Authors Luncheon**

#### **Authors:**

**Andre Dubus III**  
*The Garden of Last Days*

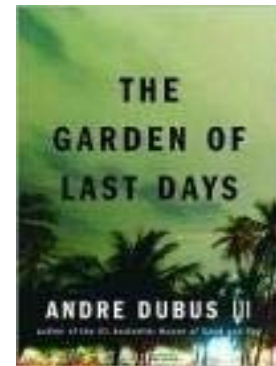
**Diane Johnson**  
*Lulu in Marrakech*

**Jacques Pépin**  
*More Fast Food My Way*

**Curtis Sittenfeld**  
*American Wife*

**Nancy Snyderman, MD**  
*Myths That Can Kill You: And the 101 Truths That Will Save, Extend and Improve Your Life*

**Tobias Wolff**  
*Our Story Begins: New and Selected Stories*



### **Sacramento Authors Luncheon**

#### **Authors:**

**John Grogan**  
*Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*

(now in movie production starring Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson)

**Brian Copeland**

*Not a Genuine Black Man*

**Nick Heil**

*Dark Summit*

**Simon Winchester**

*The Man Who Loved China*

**Katherine Neville**

*The Fire*

(a sequel to *The Eight*)

**David Kamp**

*The United States of Arugula*

**Honorary Author**

**Jennifer Basye Sander**

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Published*



**Don't miss Northern California's premier literary events! Buy your table or individual tickets today.**

[www.kidneynca.org](http://www.kidneynca.org)

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## **A View From the 2008 Transplant Games by Gwenn Silva, Donor Family Advocate**



**Hello everyone!** I am home now, back at work and was

talking to some friends about my week's experience in Pittsburg (at the Transplant Games in July). It has been hard to put some of my experience into words, but I wanted



to write and thank each and all for allowing me the opportunity of sharing with you such an incredible experience! To be present in the midst of so much emotion, joy, sadness, elation, courage, memory....what a gift! Thank you! I am continuously in awe of all donor families...the strength with which life is faced, the courage, the compassion, the love, the generosity, I am humbled and

ever so grateful to share in this part of the journey with you. And recipients.... I am reminded by how you live your lives, with gratefulness of heart (and kidneys, lungs, pancreas, livers!) and soul, to live my life to its fullest each and every day. Thanks to each and every one of you.....I look forward to Wisconsin with great anticipation! Until our next encounter, please take good care.....with joy and love abounding! **Gwenn**

For more information about the Norcal Team [click here](#).  
For more information about the 2008 US Transplant Games, [click here](#).

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## Don't Forget, Your Summer Vacation Can Benefit NKF



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**Happy Travels!**

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