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Central Valley

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Sacramento

10/17/09 21st Annual San
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Luncheon

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Friendship Knows No Bounds

Giving a Kidney Gives Something Back to the World, Donor Say

Reprint from the Danville Weekly



Who would think that joining a book club could save your life? Almost six years ago, Maxine Moir Furminger e-mailed some friends from Danville inviting them to start a book club. Maxine had suffered from kidney problems since her late teens, but when she began the book group, she had just gotten married to Michael Furminger and her kidney

function was fine. In spring 2006, onemember invited a new neighbor to join - Tanya Lombardi

The meeting of Maxine and Tanya would grow into a friendship unlike few others and have a profound effect on their two lives. Maxine was a 19-year-old college student with no previous health issues when she was admitted to the hospital with extremely high blood pressure. Extensive testing showed that her left kidney had never developed from birth, and her right kidney was functioning at less than 10 percent. "My life changed dramatically—life style, food choices, everything," Maxine, now 38, recalled. "After three years, while pursuing my college career, it came time for a transplant."

To read the rest of this inspiring story, [click here](#),

To read more moving personal stories of triumph, please [click here](#).

[Kidney Walks](#)

Ready? Set. Go!

The Kidney Walks are heading to a town near you



The National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Walks are fun, inspiring, community fundraisers that call

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attention to the prevention of kidney disease and the need for organ donation. They are also an opportunity for patients, family, friends, and businesses to come together to support the 26 million Americans with chronic kidney disease.

May 30, 2009, Central Valley
June 6, 2009, Silicon Valley
June 13, Sacramento



To register to walk, volunteer, or to donate to a participant, [please click here](#). Sponsorships are now available. For more information click on our link below.

[Kidney Walk Sponsorship](#)

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Visit www.kidneyca.org/walk to find a Kidney Walk in your area.

Kids Camp

Kids Camp 2009 is on!



Thanks to generous donations from many friends of the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California and Northern Nevada, Kids Camp will once again be held at **Camp Jones Gulch** this summer, **July 5th through July 11th**. Applications are now available.

2009 NKF Application [click here](#)

2009 NKF Camper Dialysis Information [click here](#)

2009 Camp Jones Gulch Waiver [click here](#)

2009 Camp Jones Gulch Prescription Med Form [click here](#)

2009 Camp Jones Gulch Health History [click here](#)

Kidney Kids Camp offers children with kidney disease the rare opportunity to enjoy a summer camp vacation while continuing to receive necessary medical treatments. In addition, Kids Camp affords campers an opportunity for peer socialization with both regular YMCA summer campers and other Kidney Kids Camp participants with medical needs similar to their own.

For more information about the application process contact Dana at dana@kidneyca.org.

Upcoming Event

NKF Charity Polo Tournament
An Afternoon of Sunshine, Sipping, and Sport

[Purchase Tickets Online](#)



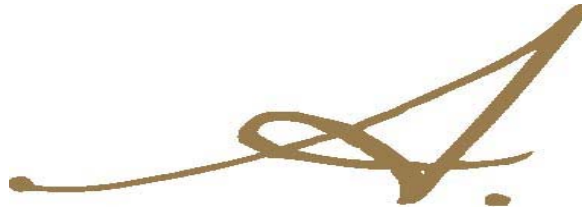
The National Kidney Foundation invites you to the first annual NKF Charity Polo Tournament. The event will be held at the [Wine Country Polo Club](#) in Santa Rosa on **Sunday, August 2nd** and benefits the National Kidney Foundation serving Northern California.

From 11:00 to 3:30, guests of this afternoon of “sunshine, sipping, and sport” will be treated to wine and beer tasting and samples from Napa and Sonoma restaurants and artisan food purveyors. Bring a picnic blanket or purchase a VIP table, then take in the stunning scenery while enjoying the game of polo at its best.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Upcoming Event

Authors Luncheon



**21st Annual San Francisco Authors Luncheon
Benefiting the National Kidney Foundation of Northern
California's outreach efforts to children and adults in the Bay
Area most at risk for kidney disease.**

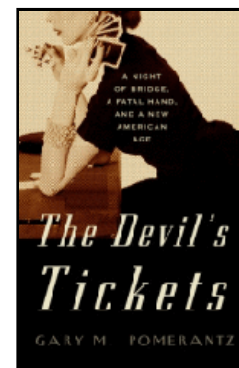
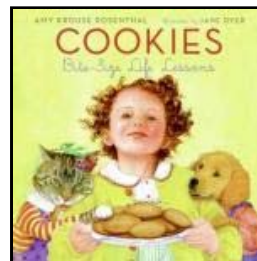
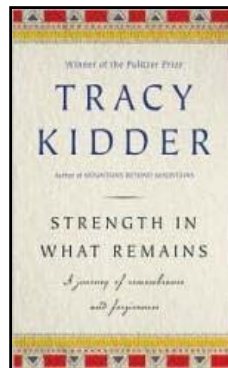
OCTOBER 17, 2009

10am-3pm

Hilton San Francisco

333 O'Farrell Street

To Reserve Tickets or Tables Online, [click here to visit our website.](#)



FEATURED AUTHORS:

E.L. Doctorow; *Homer and Langley*

George Halvorson; *Healthcare Reform Now*

Tracy Kidder; *Strength in What Remains*

Gary Pomerantz; *The Devil's Ticket*

Amy Krouse Rosenthal; *Cookies Bite Size Life Lessons*

For more information call: (916) 798-9022 or authors@kidneynca.org.

Reserved Tables of Ten start at \$1200 Individual Tickets \$125
Sponsorship Opportunities available starting at \$2,000

[Click here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets!

Coffee House Conversations



The National Kidney Foundation is offering a series of **FREE** monthly interactive telephone discussions called Coffee House Conversations. These calls are being held to educate and empower you to become your own best advocate by giving you valuable information on different topics related to chronic kidney disease, donation or transplantation. Here are the topics for our upcoming calls:

"Nutrition and Fitness After Transplantation"

Monday, June 1, 2009

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

[Register online](#)

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