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Upcoming Events

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

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

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

San Francisco Office:

NKF Briefs State Legislators on Chronic Kidney Disease



On August 18, 19 & 20, the NKF provided members of the Latino Legislative Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and Legislative Black Caucus with briefings on the problem of Chronic Kidney Disease in

California. It is estimated that as many as **six million Californians have some level of CKD**, though most are not aware of their kidney damage and the impact it may be having on their overall health.

By educating legislators on the scope of CKD's impact, the Foundation is seeking to build support for a proposed **Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force**, which would bring together experts to study and provide recommendations for solving the CKD crisis in the state.

"We are extremely grateful to the legislators and staff members who made time for these briefings," said NKF Government Relations Director Robert Griffin, "their interest and commitment to finding solutions to the growing CKD problem is very encouraging."

[Click here](#) for a list of participating legislators and sponsors.

Solving Skin Problems for the Kidney Patient

October 19 Meeting in Palo Alto to Feature Dr. Brian Cho on Solving Skin Problems for the Kidney Patient

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The Bay Area Association of Kidney Patients looks forward to welcoming Bryan Cho, M.D., Ph.D, dermatologist with the Camino Medical Group in Mountain View to our fall kick-off meeting. **Dr. Cho will be discussing kidney patients' skin problems and treatments**, concluding with recent research on skin cancer in transplanted patients

[Click here](#) for event details and sign up!

A Story of Hope for All Who Battle Kidney Disease

by John and Liz Frederickson

I became diabetic in 1972 when I was 20 years old. During the next 30 years I was plagued with numerous low blood sugar episodes which left me occasionally hospitalized. **I developed a number of diabetic complications.** After 30 years of having diabetes and unable to get tight control of



the disease, my doctors decided my only choice was a pancreas transplant. In February 2002 I received a transplant. My new pancreas worked fine but **I was having trouble maintaining my red blood cell count.** After one year my pancreas failed. Because of complications from the pancreas procedure, I received a total of 28 blood transfusions. **Unknown to anyone, my kidneys were much weaker than originally thought.**

[Click here](#) to read the rest of this inspiring and uplifting story.

Don't miss Northern California's Premier Literary Events: NKF's Annual Authors Luncheons

October 11 San Francisco **November 8 Sacramento**

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.

Hurry tickets are limited!

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

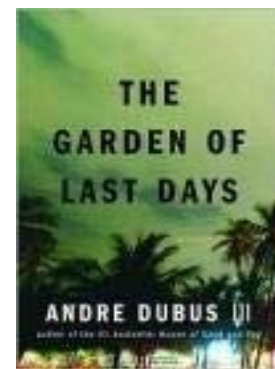
Nancy Snyderman, MD

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

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The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Published

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NKF Golf Classic in Santa Cruz is Ready to Tee Off!



You are invited to join us for the National Kidney Foundation's Golf Classic 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.

NKF Remembers: Eric Penn



Eric Maurice Penn passed away early in the morning of Monday, August 4th. He had fought a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer but ultimately succumbed to it in the end.

'Rick', as those close to him would call

him, was larger than life and reached his zenith of excellence as an artist in the field of photography. He studied at the famed Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara where he received his degree. He accomplished this after completing a tour in the US Air Force where he was an experienced photographer stationed primarily at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan.

[Click here](#) to read more about Eric Penn and his volunteer work for the NKF.

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