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Governor's Letter

Dear Key Clubbers,

It's that time of the year again! After a world-wind of summer and service it's back to alarm clocks, early morning classes, announcements, and best of all, Key Club! School supplies are flying off the shelves, and I'm sure you're already setting new trends. The best trend you've set so far is the Service Trend. All through the lazy days of summer Key Clubbers stayed fashionable by serving their homes, schools, and communities. Many Key Clubbers helped out at local children's carnivals, donated to hospitals for the Summer Season of Service, and attended Officer Council Meetings and International Convention! The board was also hard at work this summer: constantly emailing, sending newsletters, and preparing for upcoming Board Meetings and Regional Training Conferences.

It's been an exciting summer, and it doesn't stop when the first period bell rings. In the upcoming months we have endless service opportunities, The K-Family Service Day, Regional Training Conferences and whatever else you, the Key Clubbers, set your minds to. The WI-UM District has set its mind to 5 major goals for this year. We've already surpassed one, but we need your help in reaching the rest!!

At the first board meeting in April, WI-UM District set its mind to Charter or

reactivate 10 new clubs, this summer alone we've begun! We're in the process of chartering nine new clubs and at least 3 are already chartered! Our next three goals entail attendance, and that's where we need your support!! We want over 50% attendance by clubs at Regional Training Conferences. So please, talk to your Lieutenant Governor, check your Divisional newsletter, or surf onto the calendar on our District webpage! We want to see you there! Next up, WI-UM wants to get 75% of clubs in the District to attend a District-wide K-Family Event—Pop quiz, where do we want to see you? Just to name a few, K-Family Service Day or K-Family Hockey Night! Key Club is the largest student-lead service organization in the world; you all know that service in numbers is KEY, so join us to serve in a big way this November for K-Family Service Day!

The next one's easy, because not only are Key Clubbers up on the service trend, but also they know where it's at—and District Convention is *definitely* where it's at!! We want to see 850 of your beautiful, smiling faces come March; so mark the date, start saving, and get spirited!! The last goal's simple because it's truly what you all do best. You are all enthusiastic and spirited, and regardless of the excitement and chaos, be it summer or be it the new school year, you never forget to serve. And so this is our final District goal: 50,000 service hours performed by WI-UM. Service is what we're all in Key Club to do! So, when the alarm clock wails early Monday morning, let that summer momentum propel you right out of bed. Have a great start to the year and keep up the good work!

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Bulletin's Note

Hello Key Clubbers!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brittini Raygo; and I am the WI-UM

District Bulletin Editor! I hope you have all had excellent summers, because it is time once again to begin a new school year! This year I am going to be a senior at Omro High School. Go Foxes!! I am excited to meet all of you at the events planned for our district this year! You can read about those events in this bulletin! If anyone needs any

The 64th Annual International Convention

By: Brittini Raygo

This is an update of the 2007 International Convention for those Key Clubbers who didn't have an opportunity to attend this amazing event! International Convention (ICON) was held in Orlando, Florida this year. We stayed at the Dolphin hotel, which is right on Disney property! Aside from taking a tour of Disney World, we managed to elect a new International Board, and attend some informational workshops! Our new International President is Grant Lin, the new Vice President is Joe Schibi, and the new International Trustees are, Kia Albertson-Rogers, Chuck Black, Nicole Bohannonm, Sara Bolander, Joe Hartsoe, Sydney Jiang, Katie Lewandowski, Caroline Noland, Hannah Rowell, Joey Russo, and Nakita Sekhon. The International Trustee for our district is Nakita Sekhon. Her introduction is to the right. There were many fun and interesting workshops at ICON this year. The members of the District Board were trained in their designated workshops, and many speakers helped us learn about different opportunities in Key Club and how to make decisions. We also learned how to swing dance! ICON was amazing this year. Our District Convention is going to be just as amazing so I hope to see you all there!

District Convention By: Adam Joslyn

District Convention is always one of the most anticipated events here in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, and although it's not until next year, it's just around the corner for some of us. The date selected for convention this year is March 14-16, and for those of us planning convention it is closer than you can imagine. We've already chosen "Key Club's the name, service is the game" as this year's theme. Each division will receive a different board game for their divisional theme, so you can expect to dress up for anything from Twister to Clue. Watch your Lieutenant Governor's newsletters to find out what your theme will be! We haven't changed everything about convention since last year, there will still be dances, dinners, workshops, and it will even be at the same hotel, the Green Bay Regency Suites. However, some new things are being added to convention. For the first time ever, caucusing sessions will include election of Lieutenant Governors! Now everyone who attends District Convention will know who his or her Lieutenant Governor is, this will make communication much easier. Remember, awards will also be given away at convention to individuals and clubs, so work hard. We will see you in Green Bay.

Our new IT

Hello Key Clubbers I am pleased to announce I am your new International Trustee from Key Club International. If I did not have the opportunity to meet you at International Convention in Orlando, I look forward to meeting you at your district board meetings and district convention this year.

So I'm going to tell you a little about myself.

At the age of 14 I founded my own organization Jamsher Children's village which essentially is an orphanage being built in India to house 30 children in a family environment. To do so, I took a semester off last year and am completing grade 12 over 2 years.

I have been in Key Club since my grade 9 year and am going into my 5th year of Key Club. Some other Key Club positions I have held include Club Bulletin Editor and Lieutenant Governor.

Being on the board of Key Club whether it is at a club level or the district level is an extreme honor. My Key Club years have been the best years of my life so far. The friends I have made are friends for life. The lessons I have learned have served me well. And I hope that your Key Club years are just as amazing. Good Luck this year. Caring- our way of life.

Nakita



Upcoming Events

RTCs By Brittini Raygo

Regional Training Conferences are right around the corner! One of our District goals for this year is to have over 50% of WI-UM attending the RTCs. RTCs are vital to our district strength. For those of you who don't know what an RTC is, it's like a mini-Convention. You meet all the people from your division, and the divisions near you. You can also learn about the different awards available this year and officers will receive advice and training. RTCs are tons of fun and I hope to see many of you attending so I can meet you! Remember attending an RTC will help us achieve our District goal! The RTC dates and locations are as follows:

September 29th

Divisions 4, and 6
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

October 6th

Divisions 3,5,and 7
Appleton Medical Center, Appleton

October 13th and 14th

Divisions 10 and 11
Bay cliff Health Camp, MI

October 20th

Divisions 8, 9, and 15
Action City Entertainment Center, Eau Claire

October 27th

Divisions 1,2, 12,13,14, and 16
UW Waukesha

If you can't make your division's RTC date feel free to attend a different RTC near you! **All** Key Clubbers are welcome at **all** RTCs!

Where it's at!!

Key Leader By: Sarah Lindholm

Most Key Clubbers have probably heard of the event Key Leader, but question what it actually is. Well, Key Leader is a weekend experience, which is designed for any high school/college student to begin a process of personal leadership growth and development. It is also designed to teach what it means to be a youth leader in three different communities: the local community; the state or national community; and the global community. Though it is a weekend set aside for leadership development, there are so many amazing opportunities and activities to take part in! It gives an individual the chance to meet others not just from Key Club, but also from Circle K. With attending last year, I know for a fact that it is an experience you will never forget! Though there were barriers to overcome in certain activities, like the low ropes course, there was support from the other individuals that attended and it really boosted ones confidence. During the weekend, the program focuses on 5 Keys to Excellence: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community, and the Pursuit of Excellence. This year, Key Leader will be held:

September 21st-23rd at Camp Wawbeek in the Dells! If interested in registering for this fantastic event, the cost is \$125 and you can register at www.key-leader.org!

Committee Updates You heard it here first!

Club Reactivation & Building Committee Update By Brittany Springer

One of our district goals this year is to charter and/or activate ten new clubs. The club rebuilding and reactivation committee is working hard to achieve this goal. So far this year, we have eight potential new clubs in current divisions and in regions where we do not currently have a division. Recently, Plymouth in division 3 was chartered in May, and Monona Grove in division 6 was chartered in April. Appleton West and Stoughton are looking to be chartered in September or October. Some other schools that we are keeping a close eye on and ready to assist them at anytime are On-Line Academy, St. Catherine's HS, Franklin, LaCrosse Central HS, Reedsburg HS, DePere HS, and Arrowhead Union HS. If any of these clubs are in your district, please let them know that you are able to help them as they start their club and throughout the entire building process. Our committee is also working on ways to determine how many inactive clubs are in the district. We will be sending out e-mails to each of the LTGs in the near future. We hope that by the September board meeting we can have an accurate list of the inactive clubs and potential clubs. We're very excited to be able to spread our passion to serve others to new areas in the district.

Programs and Services...Is Reinventing!! By Emily Mulloy

Like Key Club International (www.keyclub.org), the WI-UM district has its own website, too! But, after years of looking the same, the Programs and Services committee has decided to revamp it! Already, our website has welcomed the addition of a new district-wide calendar! From this calendar, clubs can add their own service events and see what district events are coming up. Soon you'll also gain access to numerous links. These links will connect you to any form, resource, or registration that you'll need.

Imagine that! Imagine a website where you can find all that you need, at your fingertips. Aside from forms and a calendar, you'll soon be able to find out more information on things like Key Club Week or the Major Emphasis Program, and even download your own copies of the Key to Caring. You'll no longer have to search around aimlessly, or dig in your files. There's already so much going on, so let us help! Let us serve you!

Please visit the district website, www.wiumkeyclub.com, and tell us what you think! You can direct all comments, criticisms, and suggestions to Emily (me) at emulloy@gmail.com, and keep watching!

Committee Report: Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations By: Ethan Erickson

The major emphasis of the Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations Committee has been to review, read, and browse through the Bylaws and Policies of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Key Club District. However, no such amendment to the Bylaws and Policies has been submitted. Nevertheless, the committee will still be looking and searching through the Bylaws and Policies to better change the way this district operates.

Another essential duty of this committee is to update the Bylaws and Policies to any international changes. At the 2007 Key Club International Convention, there was a proposed amendment to reduce the number of KEYNOTER Publications from four to two a year. However, this amendment failed to pass the House of Delegates and the issues of Key to Caring shall stay at four annually.

Awards By:

Dan Waschow

You attend every event possible. You meet other Key Clubbers from your division at OCMs and Key Clubbers from your area at an RTC. By now you are probably thinking you should get an award for that. Well, you are in luck!!! At district convention there are many awards given to members, advisors, and clubs. There are awards given out for an outstanding member in every grade. If you are a club officer, there is an award that you can apply for as well. Your club can win awards too. Your club can design a poster, make a video, and put together a scrapbook of all of the past year's events. If your club has been working on the governor's project or the district fundraising project you are eligible for those awards. If your club is not big on fundraising but is all about the service, there is an outstanding club service award. Class of 2008, do not think that we have forgotten about you. Seniors can apply for the Sandy Nininger Award and the Michael Brukwick Jr. Memorial Leadership Scholarship. If you want to be one of the Key Clubbers called on stage at DCON, you need to start planning accordingly. If you would like more information about the awards and criteria please contact Dan Waschow at div12ltg@wiumkeyclub.com.

Circle K Update

Come to the 6th Annual Kiwanis Family Service Day!

By: Katie Kowalczyk

Join members of the Kiwanis Family from around the district on November 3, 2007, for the 6th Annual Kiwanis Family Service Day! After all, a district-wide service event is the perfect way to celebrate Kiwanis Family Month! All members of the Kiwanis Family, from K-Kids to Golden K, are invited to come together and do what members of the Kiwanis Family do best: SERVICE! It's also a nice opportunity to catch up with members of the Kiwanis Family you haven't seen in a while and to meet new members of Kiwanis Family, too!

This year's Kiwanis Family Service Day will be held in Oshkosh, WI. The day will start with check-in and light brunch items at the First English Lutheran Church. We will then break into smaller groups to complete service projects throughout the Oshkosh area. After the service projects, we will gather again at the church for group photos and a Kiwanis Family Pizza Party! (The cost of the pizza party is \$5 and can be paid at check-in.)

To join in the fun-filled day of community service with the K-Family, register for Kiwanis Family Service Day by October 19th. To register, send your name, organization (Key Club), high school, email address, emergency contact name and phone number, and whether or not you'd like to be a service project leader to Katie Kowalczyk at kfamily@wumcirclek.org. We hope to see you there!

A Kiwanis Family Update

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As Key Clubbers you have had wonderful experiences and met amazing people in Key Club. However, there is a whole family of Kiwanis members that share the same love of service that is the spirit of Key Club. You therefore are strongly encourage to take advantage of this year's district-wide K-Family events. These are an unparalleled opportunity to make connections with other high schoolers, college students, adults and children from all over Wisconsin and Upper Michigan while serving and socializing.

If you can't make it to the service day, or just can't get enough of the K-Family, the following weekend is the *K-Family Extravaganza* on Saturday, November 10th from 5:00pm-Midnight. There will be bowling, a Texas hold 'Em tournament, silent auction, and a buffet dinner. The K-Family Extravaganza is at River City Lanes/ Bruno's Restaurant 730 Cornerstone Crossing, Waterford, WI. For those of you coming from way up north, contact John Kendall from Baymont Inn & Suites at 262-534-4100 for special lodging arrangements. Registration is \$17 and is due by October 20th to Gail Pachucki at chooky2@tds.net. For more information contact Gail at (262) 534-3596.

There will be more information to come on future K-Family events. But remember, even if you cannot make it to one of these fabulously good times, there are plenty of opportunities to get to know your local K-Family members. Attend a Kiwanis Dinner, invite Circle K members to a meeting, or help out at a Builder's Club service project! To find clubs near you visit the WI-UM Kiwanis website at www.wiumkiwanis.org and look under "K-Family and Friends."

The Best Time of...My LIFE

By: Emily Mulloy

As you know, last year's Governor's Project was focused on collecting art supplies to donate to Camp Wawbeek. Camp Wawbeek is a camp in Wisconsin Dells, dedicated to providing a normal camp experience to children and adults with physical disabilities. This summer, I had the pleasure of working as a kitchen aide and the Assistant Office Manager there.

Upon arriving at camp for training, I was beyond nervous. I was the youngest staff member and knew no one. But, within a few hours, I already felt at home, and began moving in the next weekend. As camp started, I began to realize how difficult my job would actually be, and started to feel a little regretful as I saw my summer dwindle away. By the end of the first week though, my outlook changed dramatically as I formed a friendship with a camper by the name of Dan.

Dan has been coming to camp off and on, since 1973. I fixed him coffee every morning (two sugars and one cream), and in return, I was greeted every morning with a smile, a hug, a "good morning, sunshine," and a piece of conversation. In those short five days, I learned that he liked Western movies, Johnny Cash, and that he spoke for Easter Seals. Whatever doubts I had about my purpose at camp, ceased when he talked about me coming back next year and perhaps continuing to work with people with physical disabilities. In my opinion, serving him his coffee wasn't nearly enough in

return.

As the weeks flew by, I grew not only in my work ethic, but also in the way that I viewed people with physical disabilities. I entered camp, thinking that I was doing such a good thing, helping these "poor" people. But, it was I that was being helped. I was amazed as I watched these campers adapt to their surroundings, take care of themselves, and talk about their goals of going to college and buying homes for their new families. Their goals and their lives made me think a lot about excuses that we grant ourselves. "There's no gas in my car," "My computer isn't working," and "I'm tired," are only a few of the inventions that we create. Yet, isn't it ironic, that the people who have minimum vision, are confined to a wheelchair, and/or have zero verbal skills, accomplish what we find so hard to do, everyday.

Don't get me wrong though; camp wasn't all about "learning" and "self-reflection." It was a lot of fun, too! Every once in a while, a camper or counselor got Fire-hosed (where a person basically gets dropped in front of a huge stream of cold water), including the counselor, Thom, who got Fire-hosed thirty-three times throughout the summer! We also went on Dells Boat Trips, got visited by the UW-Madison Marching Band, participated in cookouts/campouts, went swimming, and had movie nights. It was also pretty exciting to see the K-Family Logo on many of the buildings and equipment!

All in all, as our t-shirts say, working at Camp Wawbeek, earned me "the Best Time of My Life." The people I've met will forever impact me and the compassion I've seen might never be surpassed, and in a

way, that's what Key Club is all about. Our organization is not about raising the most money, or having tons of members. It's about helping people and letting others do the same. It's about turning "sacrifice" into something we'd gladly live without. Visit <http://wleasterseals.com> for your chance.

Wauwatosa East Key Club provides service at local festival

By: Ethan Erickson

Every year in Wauwatosa, WI, the Wauwatosa East Towne Association, a neighborhood association, holds the Center Street Festival. This year the festival was held on Saturday, July 21st at Center Street Park in Wauwatosa. This festival features food, games, prizes, face painting, piñatas, and a lot of fun for the kids and adults in the neighborhood. Every year the fantastic volunteers of the Wauwatosa East High School Key Club help make all that fun possible.

Organizing and managing the volunteer effort were Tosa East Secretary, Elise Libbey, and the Division 16 Lieutenant Governor, Ethan Erickson. Libbey was responsible for calling every Tosa East Key Clubber and recruiting volunteers. Among the volunteers was District Governor Brittaney Check, who also attends Wauwatosa East. Erickson was responsible for attaining the food (which included hot dogs, chips, soda, and water), running the concessions, and called Division 16 schools to try to recruit some volunteers.

In all, there were about 10 volunteers from Wauwatosa East. The Key Clubbers managed the games, which ran the gambit from the lollipop tree, throwing the beanbag in the hole, or trying to get the frog on the lily pad. The volunteers painted faces in all sorts of whimsical designs. In addition, two volunteers dressed up as "Pocket Ladies" and handed out prizes to the children. One enthusiastic volunteer even dressed up as McGruff, the crime dog. Also, the Key Clubbers ran the concession stand and the proceeds went to funding the Wauwatosa East Key Club for 2007-2008 year of service so that the club can provide even better service to their home, school, and community.