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KEY CLUB

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*"Great minds have purposes; others have wishes."- **Washington Irving***

Governor's note

Howdy!

I cannot believe how this summer has slipped through my fingers…it is really quite baffling! However, I am really excited to start another school year of Key Club service. But, I am even more excited for all of your clubs to truly embrace this year's Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Key Club District Board. Throughout the year, you will be meeting some very ambitious, enthusiastic, and eager students that are just waiting to serve alongside your clubs. Please use them to your advantage. Your lieutenant governor's primary job is to help you with whatever you need and to connect you with the district and Key Club international. Don't be afraid to make them work hard! One project that your LTG has been working on lately is the planning of your fall Regional Training Conference (RTC). The RTC that is being designed for you will offer officer training workshops, information on International projects, and of course, lots of fun and food! I urge you to encourage your club members to attend. Everyone is welcome!

This school year is going to be busy, but it is also going to be one of the most worthwhile of your life. Get excited to impact another person! Get excited to make a difference! But, most of all, be excited that you are a member of the oldest and largest student-led service organization in the world- Key Club.

Commit with Passion,

Emily Mulloy
District Governor

DID YOU KNOW?! (weird but true)

(http://www.hightechscience.org/funfacts.htm)

- If the Universe's history were compressed into a year, recorded human history would comprise 13 seconds
- You weigh slightly less with the moon directly overhead
- The earth beneath your feet is spinning at almost 800 mph
- An inch of rain water is equivalent to 15 inches of dry, powdery snow
- The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter "J".
- No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper cannot be folded in half more than 7 times
- According to an old English system of time units, a moment is one and a half minutes.

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Editor's note

Woah!

I cannot believe that summer is over! It's crazy to think that I'm entering my final half of high school! There is no stopping it, all we can do is try our best to enjoy it. That's pretty much what I did my whole summer. I had a blast at Internation Convention (ICON) and I will never forget the memories. I learned how to play tennis, and I love it now, and I also held a part-time job with a local arts center that consisted of helping kids make pirate crafts. It was so much fun. The paying aspect of the job was a plus, but if money wasn't included I probably would have done it anyways. It's always so fun to help kids, and if you're wondering how your Key Club can get involved with them, your in luck! See page 6 for info on the new 08-10 MEP Service Initative "Live 2 Learn". It focuses on youth with the main goals of promoting education and building literary skills.

Another great way to serve is through this year's Governors Project. Page 9 has all the information you need. Besides the unexplainable reward of helping those in need, if you win, you also get front row seating for the formal dinner at DCON, that's pretty awesome!

For questions, comments, concerns, or additions to the mailing list, contact me!

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Hey WIUM!

Well, it is that time of year again, we all get to go back to school and summer officially comes to an end. I hope that you all had a great summer. The beginning of school is not the only thing going on this time of year; it's also the time of year when most clubs start recruiting. Think of ways to get perspective members to come and join the wonderful world of Key Club and service (there's even a page about member recruitment in the last issue of the KTC!). Show them what this truly great organization is all about. Invite them to meetings, events, socials, or anything else that you can think of to capture their interest. Once they decide to join, don't forget dues collection. Early Bird Dues are due by November 1st and you will get a patch for your banner, so start collecting those dues as so as you can. On another note, there are a few forms that are due: Monthly Report Forms (MRFs) are due on the **fifth** of the following month. These just let us know how your club is doing. Also, the New Officer Information Sheet (NOIS) is due on **September 13th**. This gives the contact information that goes into our District Directory that will be coming to you soon. Once again, I hope you all had a good summer and enjoyed the break. This is the beginning of the school year and a chance for you all to make this school year great!

Key Club Week

Day 1 show your "K" in every way

Hang up posters in you school and community. Wear Key Club shirts and pins.

Day 2 Kudos to the key players

Thank your advisors, but don't stop there. Thank your teachers, school janitors, parents, and prominent people in your community, such as the mayor. By branching out, you'll get a chance to introduce Key Club to your community. Use club-made cards and notes, consider treats too.

Day 3 Connect the Ks

Work with other Kiwanis-family clubs in your area on a service project. Attend a meeting and tell them what you've been up to. And don't forget to socialize and network.

Day 4 Bring a friend to Key Club

Hello potential members! Make sure to plan an extra-special meeting. Include food (pizza, ice cream…) do and easy, hands-on service project to get them excited about service, play a fun icebreaker or game.

Day 5 Play Grassroot Soccor

Pump up your soccer balls, call the media and get creative! "We have the opportunity to educate our communities about the power of soccer to provide African youth with the knowledge, skills, and support to live HIV-free. During KC Week, set aside some time to make a difference and impact the lives of African children" – Caroline Nolan 07-08 Trustee

Article taken from KEY CLUB magazine

Early Bird Dues:	Clubs paid by NOV. 1st
ALL Dues:	Clubs Paid by DEC. 1st

What **Do Dues Do**?!

Key Club provides just about unlimited resources for each and every member including: subscription to Key Club Magazine, membership handbook, access to keyclub.org (where any Key Club material desired is). Not to mention Key Club provides scholarships, leadership conferences, and service grants.

Key Club Magazine	31%
Literature and marketing	31%
Administration	19%
Training, Conferences, and District Support	13%
Conventions	6%
Alumni Development	4%
Key Leader Weekend	4%
Awards, Scholarships, and YOF (Youth Opportunities Fund)	2%

international trustee's!

I.T.'s!

Hello Wisconsin-Upper Michigan!

I am your International Trustee for this year, **Frances Bruce**. I am originally from Cape Town, South Africa and oddly moved to the cold winters of Rochester, MN where water can actually freeze before hitting the ground during those long winter months. Talk about a change! This year I am going to be a senior at Mayo High School. Joining Key Club in 9th grade really boosted my high school experience and ever since, this passion has motivated me to stay active and participate in what I love most: KEY CLUB!

I am ecstatic about starting this great year with all of you. I am sure that by working and sharing innovative ideas with each other we will excel in achieving Key Club's mission – "To develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through the vehicle of service". As many of you may realize, the new website has been established, so check it out at keyclub.org.

I especially look forward to meeting all of you individually and attending your board meetings. I am here as a resource for all of you and will remain in touch throughout this year. If I can be of help at any time please give me a shout and I will do my best to assist you.

My vision for this year is to unify our districts, so I encourage you to communicate with me so that I can share your ideas and thoughts with our sister districts. Our new sister districts include, Eastern Canada and Illinois-Eastern Iowa. I want this year to be full of solid networking and growth within clubs and districts.

Yours in friendship and service,

Frances May Bruce
International Trustee
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"And the International Trustees for the 2008-2009 year… from the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, **Adam Joslyn!"** What a relief! After months of preparing for the 2008-2009 International Convention in Denver, Colorado, it seems all my hard work finally paid off. Although I really wanted this position, after giving a total of 12 speeches, answering 55 minutes of questions, and introducing myself to thousands of Key Clubbers, I was honestly just excited to be done with politics. Hello Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Key Clubbers!

As most of you know, my name is Adam Joslyn, and even though I won't be working directly with the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, I am honored to have the opportunity to represent our district on an International level. My work as International Trustee has already started. It began with some extensive training in Indianapolis, Indiana, where I met with the rest of the International Board as well as all of the District Governors. But before I start talking about everything that's coming up, I should probably fill you in on what's already happened.

Like many of you, I joined Key Club as a freshman, attending meetings and projects within my own club. Near the end of the year, I was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Division 3. My experiences over the next year soon led me to run for the office of District Governor. After a close race, it seemed being District Governor just wasn't in the cards for me, but I didn't let that stop me. I knew right away that I wanted to run for the position of International Trustee. In my opinion, it's one of the most rewarding positions out there. Representing and overseeing three districts and being a part of the International Board, what a great experience! And well…you know the rest.

I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for you continuous support and service to your homes, schools, and communities.

Yours in service,

Adam Joslyn

International Convention

Coor's Field Teambuilding Event

By: Angela Toshner, Imm. Past Secretary of Wausau West, Wausau WI (D8)

At International Convention in Denver I experienced many things and met many amazing people that will be my friends forever. My favorite activity from the week however, would have to be the teambuilding event at Coors Field that the WI-UM district did. At the teambuilding event the district was broken into several color-coded groups. The object of the day was to gain as many points as possible by doing various activities. All of the activities were based on getting people that barely knew each other to be fast friends. Being that I was the only person from my club that attended the convention, and was very nervous about meeting everyone it was a noted relief to start with such an activity. First we were to learn everyone's name in the group we were assigned to. For the next activity every group was assigned a song. The yellow group for instance was assigned "YMCA". Each group had to impress the DJ with an on-the-spot dance for their song, without using any well known moves. Other activities included a race to see which group could get a guy with Chap Stick on or a sock with a hole in it to the front table the fastest. All of these activities made me more comfortable with the people that were to be my roommates for the week, as well as the rest of the district.

The most exciting part of the teambuilding event was when the teams had to race around Coors Field and find flags with their groups' colors on them. In order to get all the flags, teams had to work together to decipher clues and find their way around. With the flags came another clue and a tool that would help in the final project, building a bike for a child at the local Boys and Girls Club. The bikes were also judged for creativeness and a card that would accompany the bike to its new owner. At the end the bikes were covered in stickers and balloons, and one even lacked back wheels, only to be more creative of course. A winner was announced at the end, however, the main purpose was still present, we were all Key Clubbers, and we were all at convention to learn about service. What better way to start off the week then with a service project?

Homemade Bicycles we made for charity

The yellow team

How ICON Affects You

By: Jasmine Bauer, President of Edgewood High School, Madison WI (D6)

As I sit and ponder back to my trip to Denver for International Convention, the first things that enter my mind are all of the unforgettable, amazing people that I met! I met some of the nicest people that I have ever met in my life and I still keep in touch with all of them. I also think of the opportunity I had to experience a city that is filled with opportunities; not just this year in Denver, but every convention you are given the chance to explore a city and experience all that city has to offer: from food to history. This was my first time traveling on a place and my first time in Denver so I was a bit worried but the city was amazing and I was able to experience a city that is different from my hometown. Coming to the convention as a president and not having a clue what to expect, I was nervous beyond belief! But everyone welcomed me and my friend Alexandra with open arms into the Key Club family. In the past the Key Club at my school lacked committed leaders and when I was elected president, I knew I wanted to change the past of my club and make it strong and powerful for the future. I had a vision for my club but I wasn't sure completely how to achieve it. At ICON I was informed through numerous workshops on how to achieve my vision. The workshops were very informative on many factors and elements of Key Club. For example, one workshop I attended was for club presidents. It informed me on my responsibilities and helped me to know what to focus on. I came out of each workshop knowing a bit more about Key Club. At ICON I was overwhelmed by the spirit everyone shared to serve others and the international family that Key Club has. The love and joy everyone had opened my eyes to how much Key Club means to me and how I want to go to my school and improve my club so others could gain the love that I have for Key Club! Being welcomed into this huge family was one of the best feelings once could ask for! I am so grateful for this experience and to be part of this family! ICON affected me in a positive way. All of the memories I made, the people I met, and the adventures I had are all things I will never forget. I would never change this experience for the world! I LOVE KEY CLUB!

Key Clubber's at the luau dance

Weird & Wacky Project Workshop

By: Stefanie Hasse, Club Secretary at Portage High School, Portage WI, (D4)

My favorite icon activity would have to be the "Wacky and Weird" project workshop. I liked it so much because in our club we usually do the same service projects. There are never many new ideas. This workshop was a big benefit to me because I get to bring back a lot of new, fun, and exciting ideas to try out. We started off the workshop with an ice breaker, then gave we got an information packet. In it were all different kinds of examples of service projects. Even the packet was wacky by being stapled in the right corner instead of the left. There were so many good ideas. Some include leap frog marathons, making hospital dolls, airplane tosses, dress up your doors, buying paper chains, and dodge for Darfur. My favorite idea would have to be frozen t-shirt contests. I liked this idea because it would help at the beginning of the year to get more members and to meet the incoming freshmen. What you do is you get plain white t-shirts, get them wet, scrunch them up, and put them in the freezer. Have people sign up and pay a small fee to be in the contest. Everyone gets a shirt and you time them to see who can put the frozen t-shirts on the fastest. This was my favorite ICON activity for many reasons. Mostly because I learned a lot from it. I have a lot of new ideas to give to my club for the up coming year.

MI district spirit

A workshop

K Family Convention Schedule

Trying to plan for your next conventions? Great news, we have what you need right here! Those graduating this year might be interested in the Circle K International convention for next year; and you faculty advisors might be interested in the Kiwanis convention schedule. But especially you KEY CLUBBER'S should start the planning process for convention now!

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

	Kiwanis	Key Club	Circle K
2009	June 25-28 (94th) Nashville, TN Nashville Conv. Center Nashville Arena (sessions)	July 1-4 (66th) Dallas, Texas Adam's Mark	August 5-8 (54th) Birmingham, AL Sheraton Airport
2010	June 24-27 (95th) Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas Conv. Ctr.	July 7 – 10 (67th) Memphis, TN Memphis Marriott DT Memphis Cook Conv. Ctr.	TBA

KEY CLUB CONVENTION 2009 DALLAS July 1-4

WIUM ICON tour dates: 6/30/09 - 7/6/09

We will be taking an AMTRAK bus down to Texas!

WIUM Key Club District Conventions

2009	March 13-15 Regency Suites, Green Bay
2010	March 5-7 Regency Suites, Green Bay
2011	March 4-6 Regency Suites, Green Bay
2012	March 2-4 Regency Suites, Green Bay

Kiwanis K-Kids Young Leaders Helping Others

By: Shelby Van Engel, D6 LTG

K – Kids is the elementary branch of Kiwanis and Key Club. There are not many K – Kids in Wisconsin, but we're working on forming more. Key Club works with the K – Kids. It's a program where kids of the elementary school age can do service projects like in Key Club. In many cities, the Key Clubs find service opportunities that they can do with the K – Kids members. The K – Kids look so cute helping their communities. When the Key Club and the K – Kids work together, they get so much accomplished. The K – Kids look up to the Key Clubbers and have lots of fun being able to play with high school kids.

Some of the activities the K – Kids do with the Key Clubbers include; doing food drives, cleaning up parks, and making crafts for different organizations. The Key Clubbers enjoy working with the young kids. They show leadership skills in the community service that they do with the K – Kids. The K – Kids are learning these leadership skills that the Key Clubbers are instilling in them. Can you only imagine, you, a Key Clubber helping to teach the younger youth leadership skills that will be useful to them in the future.

Starting a K – Kids is not that hard. Almost any elementary school can start one as long as they have an advisor willing to run it, and a Kiwanis Sponsor Club. Some Key Clubs, who can raise enough money, can co-sponsor a K – Kids with a Kiwanis Sponsor Club. The K – Kids is a great program for all kids of all ages. When teenagers or high school students work together with students of younger ages, it brings out a personality they probably don't usually see. It's a personality that changes the lives of the younger youth of the world. K – Kids is a great program, and an opportunity of a lifetime for all people of all ages.

DCON 2009

By: Convention Chair, Isabelle Novak

For those of you who have been to District Convention (DCON) in the past, you already know what an incredible and exciting experience it is. For those of you who have not, allow me to fill you in. This is your WI-UM District Board Convention Chair, Isabelle Novak, encouraging all of you to participate in this worthwhile weekend. Key Clubbers from all over Wisconsin and Upper Michigan will come together in service to celebrate DCON 2009. You will have a chance to meet tons of new people, learn even more about Key Club, be a part of electing a new District Board, and make some awesome memories. Also, I am pleased to say that we will be having an amazing and inspirational guest speaker this year, Devon Harris! Devon is a 3-time Olympian and original member of the 1988 Jamaican bobsled team. The uplifting story of his bobsled team is so captivating that it was the inspiration for the hit Disney movie "Cool Running's." I know that Devon's stories of personal triumphs over adversity will be something you will absolutely not want to miss!

So, for all of you who are passionate about serving others and love having a good time, I suggest you attend WI-UM DCON 2009. It is sure to be the greatest one yet

Youth Opportunities Fund

Deadline is October 15th! Hurry Hurry!

The ***Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF)*** is an endowed fund for Key Club held within the Kiwanis International Foundation. This fund, utilizing the interest earned, helps Key Clubs and Key Club members serve the world through grants for service opportunities. The fund is established through a portion of your Key Club International dues and through the purchase of G. Harold Martin Fellowships.

There is only one funding cycle for the YOF. **The postmark deadline is October 15th**. The application must be submitted to the Youth Funds Specialist at Kiwanis International, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

In any one funding cycle, the Grant Review Committee may award up to, but no more than ten percent of the balance of the YOF Account available at the convening of the committee. Clubs may request funding assistance from US$200 to US$2,000. The committee typically funds those clubs who are asking for a portion of the total cost of the project, and clubs who are working with other organizations to fund and complete the project.

A few suggestions are:

- The committee judging your application does not live in your community, so the better you clarify the project, the better the committee can understand the project
- Write legibly, or enter the application on a computer utilizing the application format in the Guidebook.
- Follow the directions. The only attachment can be the budget.
- The timeline should be accurate and well-prepared.

The postmark deadline is Oct. 15. The application can be found on www.keyclub.org

We would like to congratulate **Eau Claire Memorial** on receiving a $420 Youth Opportunity Fund Grant from Key Club International from the latest judging. Way to go!

Examples of YOF funded Projects

California-Nevada-Hawaii District

assisted the Tijuana Project: three orphanages in Baja, Mexico. The club would take basic necessities such as shampoo, undergarments, soap, and other necessities for the orphans in three orphanages. They would also purchase toys and school supplies for the orphans and put them inside of backpacks and deliver them to the approximately 150 children in the three orphanages.

Carolinas District

purchased the book "Love You Forever" for first grade students who learned to read the book and then took the books to an area nursing home and read the books to residents there. Many of the children did not have grandparents so the program allowed them to adopt a grandparent for the day. The Key Club helped with teaching the children to read the book and helped with the interaction at the nursing home.

New England District

Built a playground for children at Keith School. The Key Club worked with the Keith School Improvement Council and the Brockton Kiwanis Club for over two years to raise the money and support for the project in order to have it started by June 2006, the 100th Birthday of the school building. So far, the three organizations have raised over $10,000 and the Key Club portion of the grant has purchased and installed its portion of playground equipment.

Major Emphasis Program (MEP)

Every two years, a new MEP **Service Initiative** is chosen and introduced at International Convention. Through the Major Emphasis Program, Key Clubbers are united by working hard toward a goal that will make an impact not only in their home, school, and community, but internationally as well. "Live 2 Learn" is the 08-10 service initiative. This program focuses on the development of children, especially in the 5-9 year olds. Though one of the main motivations for implementing this program was to promote education and improve literary skills, it does not stop there. Live 2 Learn is meant to encourage the development of children in many ways, socially, academically, and creatively.

This creates many options when Key Clubbers want to serve under the Major Emphasis Program such as mentoring, reading to children, doing art projects, and many others. In simple terms, if it involves children, it is highly probable that it is encompassed by the new Major Emphasis Program. Now that you know about the new Major Emphasis Program, feel free to get out there and serve our youth. So, get your hands dirty (with finger paints, of course), read a story, or even help them to build something (a kite perhaps?). With our new Major Emphasis Program, the possibilities are endless, just like the future of a young child.

Service Partners (Replaces Seasons of Service)

During 07/08, Key Club International changed the Seasons of Service to the new Service Partner Program. Since some of our Key Club International Districts are south of the Equator, there are no definitive seasons; so the need to change the name was requested.

March of Dimes - January through April
Children's Miracle Network - May through August
UNICEF - September through December

Read & Lead has been taken off the list of Service Partners as this program is a way to give service only.

March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, and UNICEF are considered Service Partners because they offer advertising on their websites and other benefits.

Regional Training Conferences

Key Clubber's ARE YOU READY! RTC's are only a month away! Make sure you put your socks on extra tight, because they just might get rocked off! If you're wondering what to expect, just imagine a miniature DCON including:

- Great new friends
- Officer Training
- Key Club knowledge
- Opportunity to help at a service project
- Meeting district officers
- Food, Drink, and Fun
- Part of criteria for officer awards at DCON
- Lifelong memories
- Strengthening your home club
- Becoming a bigger part of an amazing organization
- Did we mention FUN?!

You should be getting more information about RTC's from your lieutenant governor soon. See you soon!

RTC Date's and Locations

- D10, D11: Sept. 27-28
  overnight Bay Cliff Heath Camp Big Bay, MI. 2 pm
- D4, D6, D17: Oct. 4
  Henry Villas Zoo 1 pm
- D8, D9, D15: Oct. 5
  Masonic Temple. 1 pm
- D3, D5, D7: Oct. 11
  Appleton West HS. 11 am
- D2, D12, D13: Oct. 18
  UW-Waukesha Campus
- D1, D14, D16 Oct. 25
  Burlington HS. 10 am

By the way: You can attend other divisions RTC's as well as your own.

Kiwanis KeyLeader

Camp Wawbeek, WI Dells

Kiwanis International announces Key Leader—a new leadership experience for today's youth leaders. It will focus on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership—leadership comes from helping others succeed.

• Key Leader is designed to begin a process of personal leadership growth and development as opposed to being a weekend event that is forgotten weeks or months later. It will be a life-changing experience.

• Key Leader is designed to open doors to leaders as young as recent eighth grade graduates. Leadership development shouldn't wait.

• Key Leader is 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

For more info and to get registered go to www.key-leader.org

K Family Service Day

It is with great pleasure that I announce an upcoming event that will be sure to enhance Kiwanis Family relations and spirit. On November 8th 2008, the 7th Annual Kiwanis Family Service Day will be kicking off in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kiwanis Family Service Day is a day devoted to serving others in a chosen community while building bonds and relationships with others in the Kiwanis Family such as Kiwanis, Key Club, and Aktion Club. Although service projects at this point are not finalized, I know that helping hands are needed in every community and Milwaukee is no exception. Following the service project, all are welcome to attend a social and enjoy some fellowship with others within the Kiwanis Family.

As many have heard, the inspiring Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells was recently a victim to severe weather. In honor of all that Camp Wawbeek does for others, we ask that attendees to Kiwanis Family Service Day bring some spare change to donate to the camp to assist with repairs from the fire damage. Any donations are welcome and will greatly help this camp get back on its feet and continue to add significant value to the lives of children and adults with disabilities. If you are hoping to attend this event or have any further questions, please feel free to contact Bree Boettcher, District Service Chair for Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K International at service@wumcirclek.org. Also, please keep your ears open for further information regarding Kiwanis Family Service Day.

Bree Boettcher
W-UM District Circle K Service Chair

A Key Club Fourth

By: Kathleen Madigan, Secretary of Munising Key Club, Munising MI (D10)

Spending the day at Munising's Forth of July hotspot, Bayshore Park, was an easy way to promote and fundraise for our local Key Club. For fundraising, our local Kiwanis Club volunteered a tent and tables to use. We decorated with posters about Key Club and sold bottled water. Face painting was another hit. Requests ranged from Pokémon balls to American flags, and luckily every child seemed happy and satisfied. The fireworks in Munising brought a throng of people running to celebrate at the park, which also assisted in our glow bracelet sales. People cheerfully bought glow bracelets as they awaited the fireworks.

Simply promoting Key Club, since it is fairly new to our town, was another goal of Munising's Key Club. The parade is a highlight of Munising's Fourth of July, so Munising's Key Club decided to enter the parade as well. Joining with entries ranging from class reunions to the high school marching band, Key Clubbers decorated a truck with Key Club information and passed out beaded necklaces to parade goers.

All in all, our fundraising and promotion efforts were successful. Lucky for us, we have a strong Kiwanis Club, which has been willing to help us and a Key Club with kids eager to volunteer their time.

Be featured here! Email: editor@wiumkeyclub.com to submit articles. Don't miss this great opportunity to get your club recognized!!!

New Key Club Year, New Ideas

By: Michelle Treganowan, President of Gladstone Key Club, Gladstone MI (D11)

It's a new year for Key Clubbers, veterans and new members. As a result, there will be many opportunities to have a positive impact on the community, all while having a blast!

Starting out the new year are summer and fall projects which is a good way to get the K-Family together. Some of the projects that we are involved in during the summer months are the Fourth of July Dunk Tanks and Highway Clean-up. I know what your thinking, 'How can highway clean-up be fun?' Well it all depends on what you make of it, of course! For example, many people throw cigarette cartons along side the road, so to make it interesting, see who can pick up the most cartons when finished. And plus, who doesn't love wearing bright orange vests?!

For fall projects, we are big into Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF! On Halloween day everyone dresses up in there costumes, and each of the Key Club officers pick a wing of the school and go to classrooms asking students and teachers to donate there loose change. If anyone makes a contribution they are given a piece of candy.

As a new officer, I sometimes feel that no one will be interested in joining Key Club. So as I thought to myself, 'how can I let people know what Key Club is about? I could tell them how much fun we have, or about all the projects we do together, and of course all the amazing people you meet!' But as this went through my mind, I thought, 'why tell them, when I can just show them?' The other officers loved the idea and together we brain stormed. Our main idea was to show how much fun we have and all the wonderful opportunities we have to make a difference in someone's life.

As the year is filled with many challenges, let Key Club be a time filled with bliss!

Pictures courtesy of Michelle

Be featured here! Email: editor@wiumkeyclub.com to submit articles. Don't miss this great opportunity to get your club recognized!!!

In the summer of 2007, I worked at the Easter Seals' Camp Wawbeek. As many of you already know, the two months I spent there had a profound impact on me. Driving away from camp in August, I realized the hidden passion that I had for serving people with disabilities.

When I became your district governor, I was not only excited to serve you all and to lead the district board, but I was excited to start helping others get involved in disability work at a much larger level. I am beyond honored to be given the chance to do this through this year's Governor's Project, which is exemplified through the title of "Service Has No Boundaries." It means that despite our differences and the challenges that others may face, we cannot limit the ways in how we help people. Furthermore, we should also not forget that anyone, at any capacity, could help another.

So, this year, I am not telling you what your club should do, but rather am setting the goal that your club's project should work toward- Disability Awareness. Pick any project that your imagination dreams up, but make sure that the project benefits people with disabilities, and perhaps includes them in the effort as well. The project should have a greater emphasis on service rather than on fundraising. Entries for the Governor's Project competition must be sent to me in video form by March 2, 2009. Even more exciting is the new prize that will be given to the winners of the competition this year! The winning club, scored by a variety of criteria, will win front row seating at the formal dinner on Saturday night at DCON 2009! Your lieutenant governor will have the brochure, PowerPoint, and flyer that I have made for each of your clubs. Please feel free to use them!

No matter how successful your project is or which place it scores, I want to thank you all in advance for supporting this project. I look forward to seeing what you all accomplish!

2008-2009 GOVERNOR'S PROJECT

Service has no boundaries.

a Disability Awareness project

This year's governor's project is dedicated to increasing disability awareness in WI-UM's local communities. The project is designed for your club's creativity and passion to shine through! The project itself, although decided upon by each club, must promote the well-being of those with disabilities.

Project Ideas may include, but are not limited to:

- Group efforts at Camp Wawbeek or Bay Cliff Health Camp
- Work with Special Olympics
- Projects involving an Aktion Club or other people with disabilities
- Disability Awareness presentations to Kiwanis, grade schools, etc…
- Collaboration with your local Goodwill or disability-friendly business

To be eligible for the Governor's Project competition, your club's project must be presented in the form of a video. These entries will not qualify for the other competitions at DCON. The winning club will receive front row seating at the formal dinner on Saturday night!

Entries are due to Emily by March 2, 2009

KEY CLUB

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Governor Emily Mulloy assists members of the newly chartered Aktion Club of the Fox Cities as they work on a service project at Goodwill Industries.

Update: District Committees

Bylaws and Policies; Chair: Nick Cornell

Recently, the committee has been working very hard to revise the Bylaws of the WIUM District to reflect the current combined District Secretary/Treasurer position. We have also given much attention to the Policies, for the first time in many years, and are happy to announce that they soon will be logically readable and up to date. We plan to release a handout to general members and officers soon with the highlights of the policies and bylaws. Internationally, two amendments to the Key Club Bylaws were passed at ICON. The first amendment requires that the Key Club Magazine be printed only twice a year (instead of four times) and the unused money be used for the Youth Opportunities Fund. The second served to ensure that membership is granted to any qualified student regardless of past leadership or service experience.

Strategic Plan; Chair: Chelsea Grabner

Hey all! We currently have 5 people on the committee. We, as a group, try to think of ideas that would help Key Club in the years to come. One of the goals mentioned is a "How To" book. It will be soon presented to the committee, and if they like the idea, we will start on that project right away! If there are any ideas floating around out there, we are willing to take them and make them into reality. Feel free to contact me, Chelsea Grabner at any time. Lketoysoldiers09@hotmail.com

Conferences and Councils Chair: Frank Heaton

Over the past few months we were able to create the Regional Training Conference agenda that you will all see in the upcoming months (page 7). We were also able to come up with guidelines that will help your LTG's better inform you of the things that are going on within our district and international. We are also looking forward to making a club resource disc that will contain officer information, service projects, ways of getting funding and much more.

K-Family & Public Relations Chair: Taylor Cooley

As your K-Family chair I would like to propose a new idea for your clubs. We would like to see, if it isn't in effect already, a "Visitor of the Week" to the Kiwanis meetings. We really want to stress getting closer together with your K-Family counterparts. As general members, presidents, or whatever your title may be, you DO have a counterpart in the K-Family organizations. Contacting your counterpart results a greater level of service Key Club Week is approaching and you can look forward to getting a copy of the finalized list of Key Club Week oriented service project ideas by the end of September. PLEASE keep up your support and get out there with your other clubs. Key Club is an AMAZING way to meet new people, young and old, so I urge you to take advantage of it. It is our job to give you the tools to building relationships, but it is up to you to use them!!!

Recognition and Awards Chair: Emily Condon

In my committee we have been working on making 2 new awards. One of them we will have for sure is to separate the spirit award at DCON from the decorations award. The other is still in the process.

Services and Programs Chair: Taylor Dahlgren

We have been busy at work creating goals and figuring out how to reach them. As a committee, we hope to see Key Leader as a great success this year, improve funds raised by 10% over last year for our Service Partners, have a service project at every Regional Training Conference, create informational fliers for each Service Partner, and put together information for the new Major Emphasis Program (MEP)! Speaking of the MEP-the new MEP was announced in Denver, this year at the ICON! And the new MEP is….Live 2 Learn! This Major Emphasis Program will be in effect for two years and is meant to improve grades, build partnership, and allow young students to give back to the community.

August Board Meeting Recap
By: Nick Cornell, D8 LTG

The WIUM District Board met August 15th through the 17th at the Ramada Inn in Marquette, MI. The main focus of the weekend was to plan the upcoming Regional Training Conferences (RTC) for all the divisions. After much thought, discussion, and hard work, they promise to be an awesome experience this year! Check with your Lieutenant Governor if you want more information about attending your RTC. Of course, planning RTCs wasn't the only work done over the weekend. Ideas for next year's District Convention were tossed around and the work from various committees was reviewed. You can also check with your Lieutenant Governor to learn more about this year's Governor's Project focusing on Disability Awareness. In a nutshell, your club is encouraged to perform a service project that focuses on the theme of Disability Awareness and send in a short (no more than 75 seconds) video to Emily Mulloy to be judged. The winning club will receive the honor of front row seating at the Saturday dinner at this year's DCON.

Since the August Board Meeting was held in conjunction with the Kiwanis District Convention and Circle K Board meeting, K-Family bonding and communication was also a strong focus of the weekend. On Saturday, the WIUM Board received the chance to play some exciting (and often funny) icebreakers and games with the Circle K Board. Later that day, the WIUM Board took a short field trip to the hotel where the Kiwanis District Convention was being held in order to participate in their meet and greet as well as to attend their formal dinner. It was a great chance to chat with the Kiwanians and thank them for their continued support of both our District and Key Club in general. Overall, the weekend showed the continuing ambition, energy, and hard work of the WIUM District Board!

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Important Dates

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September 19-21 – Key Leader Weekend (Camp Wawbeek, WI Dells)
September-October – Regional Training Conferences
(see page 7 for dates/locations)
November 3-7 – Key Club Week! (see page 2)
November 8 – K-Family Service Day (Milwaukee, WI) (page 7)

Fall Project Ideas

Pen Pals

Establish a pen pal project with senior citizens in a nursing home, elementary school kids, or Key Clubbers from a different town, division, or district! Tell them about your club and exchange ideas. (Contact your lieutenant governor for club or division information).

Welcome Sign

Once you get the 'okay' from your city, design large welcome signs to display at the entrances of the city. Advertise all your city has to offer and don't forget the Kiwanis logo!

Bird Feeders

Get together with elementary kids or your Builder's Club and make bird feeders. Hang them up around your park and city.

Yard Work

Leaves will be falling and this is your chance to help local businesses, elderly citizens, your school, etc…

A few members of the District Board at the August Board

Send us your favorite service project or fundraiser! Email: editor@wiumkeyclub.com now!