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Governor's Note

Hello WIUM Key Club District!

As I write to you today, we are on the verge of our biggest and best event all year – District Convention! This year, I am proud to say that over 780 Key Clubbers and guests (including Key Club International President Abigail McKamey) will descend upon the Hotel Sierra in Green Bay, WI. The weekend will be jam packed with workshops, friendships, and tons of fun!

DCON also, unfortunately, signals the end of the bulk of the Key Club year. As the year winds down, it is important that you all start looking to next year. I encourage you to start planning your events for next year, setting goals for your club, and most importantly electing your new officers. While we reflect and celebrate one year, it is time to look towards another.

As I write to you today, I also wish to leave you with some parting words and thoughts. I preach religiously to those that talk to me that Key Club has made a difference in my life, and it has. It has given me more than I could ever learn from a textbook; showed me more than if I had watched every History Channel documentary; and allowed me to meet more people than I could have ever imagined. This year has been a fantastic year for me that I will remember for all my life – and it was this organization that made that possible.

As I write to you for my last time, there is also a major thank you in order to all of you. This organization is great and changes the lives of its members because of its members. It is all of you that make Key Club the organization it is. But even beyond that, it is all of you that make the world what it is. Without the service that you do, children in Swaziland would not have been helped through our latest UNICEF initiative and children in Uruguay would not have the hope they do because of Key Club International's UNICEF commitment, premature babies would not have the hope they do because of our support of March of Dimes, and people in our own communities would not have the smiles they have because of the projects you have done. Key Club makes a difference in the world. You make a difference in the world.

Whether you are a senior headed on to college, a freshman prepared for 3 more years of Key Club adventure, or an advisor with the ability to change the lives of those in your club, I thank you and encourage you to keep on serving.

Yours in Key Club forever,
Nick Cornell

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Editor's Note

WIUM,

In just a few days, hundreds of Key Clubbers from all across the district will once again gather in Green Bay, WI for our annual District Convention. This past year on the District Board has affected me in ways that I would never have imagined, and it's been an honor serving as your District Bulletin Editor. I would like to wish everyone who is planning on running for a district level office this upcoming weekend good luck.

In this issue of the KTC, you'll find DCON information galore. If there's anything else that you're wondering about regarding DCON, please email our District Administrator, Kim Riedl, at ksriedl@gmail.com.

Forever yours in Service,
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A Note from your International Trustee

Greetings WI-UM Key Clubbers!

Can you believe District Convention is right around the corner? While the Key Club year is coming to an end, now is the time to start planning what your next year is going to look like. What are some of the problems you faced this year? What kinds of things can you do the upcoming year to change those problems? Now is the time to start setting those goals and planning another great year!

Recently, I returned from Memphis, TN from the International Board's Winter Board Meeting. There were three actions items presented by the Leadership and Voice Committees. The Leadership Committee proposed a new service partner—Boys and Girls Club of America. However, when brought to the International Board, the proposal was voted against. The argument maintained was that Boys and Girls Club is not inclusive enough for our international countries and that Key Club would be competing with this organization for membership. The Leadership Committee also proposed a bylaw change for the video magazine. The bylaw currently states that the magazine must be printed two times year. The board voted to change the bylaw to now read "The official publication shall be published at least two times a year." This will allow for online publication and more issues of the magazine in the future. Last but not least, the Voice committee presented a Key Club Kit with new promotional materials and projects, similar to the state proclamations many districts have made for "Key Club Week" in their states. The International Board was in agreement for this proposal.

While in Memphis, I also got the opportunity to take in the sights! Memphis is quite an exciting city and there's actually a ton of things to do! Please encourage all of your divisions, clubs, and members to attend our 67th Annual Key Club International Convention, held this year from July 7-11, 2010. International Convention is a great way to not only attend interesting workshops, similar to those presented at DCON, but you also have the opportunity of meeting Key Clubbers from all around the world. Last year at the International Convention in Dallas, Texas, Key Clubbers from the US were proud to meet Key Club members from Germany. Along with meeting new friends, the Convention also features live entertainment with Relient K, various activities, an introduction with Clay Aiken, as well as several dances. Visit the Key Club International website today for more information! Should you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me as well!

Yours in caring, service, and friendship,

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Spotlight on Service

Division 18 Service Day

Long meetings, extra meetings, and late nights- it takes a long time to plan an event as huge as our first annual division 18 service day. The idea came up in a brainstorm to find ways to keep our club involved during our "slow months" where we often lose active members. Erin Diamond and Michael Lamers, the Kimberly High School Key Club presidents, put their heads together to form this great opportunity. At an added board meeting our presidents handed out a different project for each board member to be responsible for planning.

After over a month of planning and phone calls, it was time for the event. The day started bright on Saturday November 28, with donuts with milk and coffee to drink (all of which were donated by Kwik Trip in Kimberly and local area grocery stores). Then we started the real party with all Key Clubbers favorite hobby, ice breakers.

After bonding, we broke up into our groups. Our first group was the Kiwanis Dolls. This group was run by Teresa Bath, a member from our local Kiwanis group. For this group we helped cut out, sew, and stuff Kiwanis Dolls. These dolls are plain white dolls that are donated to hospitals for patients. A second group went to the Hallmark Home, a local assistant living home. This group went and vacuumed all three floors of this building. Another group was given stamps and paper and they made holiday cards to give to residents at the Hallmark Home. Through out the week there was a food drive at Kimberly High School, so our next group was in charge of sorting all the donated food items. We also had a few people go a do bell ringing for the salvation army. Last but not least we a group make no-sew-blankets out of fabrics bought with donations made by our high school families. These blankets were then donated to a local hospital.

As an ending to this long day we provided everyone with subs for lunch. We planed for a few more people to show up, so we donated the left over subs to a homeless shelter downtown. Adam Kilgas, a Kimberly High School Key Clubber said, "That was by far my favorite service project this year. It was great to meet people from the other high schools." Hopefully next year we will see more Key Clubbers eager to do some service. It all starts with an idea, but with a lot of planning and a few phone calls it can turn into a memory.

Alesha Malueg
Kimberly High School Key Club Treasurer

DCON Overview

DCON Program at a Glance

Below, you will find the DCON schedule for this weekend. If you haven't yet, please take a look at the schedule as well as the packing list and workshops sessions on the next few pages.

Friday, March 5, 2010

3:00-7:00pm Registration
3:00-5:30pm Delegate Registration
3:30-5:30pm Box Dinner
4:00-6:00pm Meet & Greet/Service Project/Fundraiser
5:00pm Advisor's/Chaperone Meeting
5:00pm Candidates for District Office Meeting
6:30-8:30pm Opening Ceremony
9:00-9:45pm Workshop Session I
9:45pm Talent Night Sign-Up
10:15-11:00pm Advisor's Reception
10:15-11:45pm Where The Wild Things Are Dance
12:00am Curfew

Saturday, March 6, 2010

6:00-9:00am Breakfast
8:00-10:00am Late Registration/Delegate Registration
8:00-10:00am Contest Judging
9:30-10:15am Workshop Session II
10:30-11:15am Workshop Session III
11:45am-1:00pm K-Family Awards Luncheon
1:15-1:30pm Executive & LTG Candidate Meeting
1:45pm Caucus Session (Executive Board and LTG Caucusing)
5:00-6:00pm Delegate Registration Open
5:00-5:45pm Workshop Session IV
5:00-5:45pm Talent Show Winner Meeting
5:15-5:45pm Nominating Conference (if needed)
6:30-9:30pm Formal Dinner
10:00-10:30pm Governors Reception
10:30-11:30pm Advisor's Reception
10:30-11:45 Pajama-Rama Dance
12:00pm Curfew

Sunday, March 7, 2010

7:00-9:00 Breakfast
7:30-8:00am Non-Denominational Service
8:15-10:15am House of Delegates
10:45-12:30pm Closing Ceremony

DCON Workshops

Session 1:

Leading Your Club - How to be a President/Vice President
Interested in taking charge of your club? Newly elected? Then this workshop is for you! All topics Key Club and President/Vice President related will be covered from how to run effective meetings to tips and tricks to what you should actually be doing. Come to this workshop to learn how to become a leader, not just an officer, of your club!

Secretary & Treasurer Workshop
For all upcoming as well as current secretaries and treasurers. We will discuss the duties of both secretaries and treasurers, communication between advisor and S&T, as well as forms and their due dates. Lastly, we will talk about the position of District Secretary and Treasurer and the duties of this person.

We Da BErs
This workshop is for all incoming or current Club Bulletin Editors (BE-ers) who want to learn how to be amazing at what they do. Learn about duties and responsibilities, get tips for putting together fun and interesting club newsletters, and discover creative ways to publicize your club in both the school and community. All Bulletin Editors are strongly encouraged to attend.

Key Club 101
Get your Key Club fix with this workshop for everyone from first year members to last year veterans. Learn all about our service organization, what we stand for, and how you can help.

Yell & Tell
Learn to teach the Yell & Tell program from Jean Davidson. She is truly an inspiration by finding a way to keep the memory of her grandson alive, while saving children by showing them how to stay safe.

Session 2:

"Keys to success with Chris Bowers"
Didn't get enough of the hilarious yet inspiring Chris Bowers last night? Here's your chance for more. Chris Bowers has dedicated that last ten years of his life not only showing students that they have the power to not fear failure, to work together to make their school a positive place, and to not care what people think, but how to use them. He shows students that if they don't let fear of failure or what people think keep them from trying new things, they can be successful.

Going Green
Want to discover new and innovative ideas to Go Green with your club? This workshop will provide service project and fundraiser ideas that will help improve our environment and bring change to the world. It's time to make a difference!

UNICEF: It's More than Trick or Treating
Come to this workshop hosted by Key Club International President Abigail McKamey! It will touch on our new UNICEF initiative of Operation Uruguay as well as what UNICEF does and how you can get involved!

Service: A Kiwanis Family Affair
Get to know the branches of the Kiwanis Family; where they come from, who they are for, where they are and how to build your own. With fun Ice breakers and interactive activities get ready to have a blast in this Kiwanis Family friendly workshop.

Advisers Forum
Faculty and Kiwanis Advisers come to this workshop to share your challenges and triumphs with other WI-UM Advisers so that we can share ideas and learn from one another.

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Children's Miracle Network and March of Dimes
Come experience service that makes the lives of children and babies a little better. CMD and MOD are 2 of Key Club International's Service Partners. Together, let's give children a chance and make an impact on the future.

What to Do About Darfur?
You may have heard about the crisis in Darfur, but do you know how to help? Learn new ways that your Key Club can make a positive impact and improve the inadequate living conditions in the Darfur region of Sudan. Invisible Children, The H2O Project, and other innovative organizations will be discussed. Our help is needed…what are you waiting for?

Public Speaking: An Essential Leadership Skill
It is hard to be a good leader if you have difficulty communicating your idea to people. This workshop will help solve that! Public speaking and presentation skills will be talked about and tips and tricks will be given. Take your leadership potential to the next level and attend!

Building a Great Adviser and President Relationship
This workshop is for advisers and presidents that are interested in what they can do to make this next year phenomenal! Come to learn about how to foster an adviser and president relationship as well as what each role is responsible for.

Session 4:

Fear Facebook: Netiquette and Etiquette
Don't sabotage your future because of one angry Facebook post! In this workshop you'll learn how you can avoid Facebook misfortune, and use this networking site to your advantage. We will also be practicing proper etiquette, perfect to use at Saturday's formal dinner, or at any Kiwanis event!

Service is Rockin' In Memphis!
This summer, International Convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee! Get information about International Key Club Convention 2010. It is definitely going to be one thing you won't want to miss!

"Service Outside the Box".
Sick and tired of the same old service projects? See how others think outside the box! Come to this workshop and explore the amazing ideas your fellow WI-UM Key Clubs have to offer! With a compilation of successful, fun service projects of different clubs, you're sure to leave with great new ideas for your own club to try out this upcoming year. This is service at its finest.

Hit the Road Jack! That is, the Road to Success!
Does your club struggle to put a plan into action? Do your service projects get the job done, but there is always something left unfinished? Would you like your club to achieve stronger member involvement and more service hours, but don't know how to make it happen? Attend this workshop and you'll take home some great ways to get your club on the right track for success!

Reach Out and Fire Up
How do you advertise your club and motivate your members? Come to this workshop to find out the importance of membership relationships, networking within your club and with other clubs in your school, and the relationship your club has with the community.

DCON PACKING LIST

Friday: **Afternoon**
Business Casual or Spirit Wear

Dance
Wear spirit apparel for your divisional animal!

Saturday: **Morning/Afternoon**
Business Casual (Nice pants with Polo, Sweater, Blouse)
* NO JEANS, TENNIS SHOES, FLIP FLOPS

Evening
Formal Wear (Girls: Dresses; Boys: Suits)

Dance
Wear your favorite Key Club appropriate pajamas!

Sunday: **Morning**
Business Casual (Nice pants with Polo, Sweater, Blouse)
NO JEANS, TENNIS SHOES, FLIP FLOPS

In Summary, Please Pack:

- 3 Business Casual Outfits
- Formal Wear
- Underwear, Socks, Shoes
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Toiletries
- Notebook, Pencil/Pen
- Themed Dance Clothes: (Animal costume, appropriate pajamas)
- Camera
- Club Banner
- Signed Code of Conduct/Medical Waiver (if not already handed in)
- Divisional/Club Decorations
- Certificate of Voting Delegates (if you are a club delegate)
- Money for Board Miracle Minute
- Excitement for an AMAZING weekend!

ICON INFORMATION

A Key Club International PDF with ICON information will be inserted here.

NOIS Forms and MRFS

Monthly Report Forms (MRFs)

What is an MRF?: An MRF is a Monthly Report Form that allows clubs to report to the District the number of service hours that were performed during each month. These should be filled out by the 5th of every month.

What are MRFs for?
MRFs are an integral part of our District! At the end of each year, we compile the MRFs from every school in the District and come up with a total number of service hours that were performed.

Are they really that important?
MRFs are EXTREMELY important!!! Without MRFs, service hours that are performed go unnoticed and unrecorded. Even if your club did not complete any service hours, you should still hand in the form.

Who is responsible for filling out the MRF?
Usually, the club secretaries are responsible for filling out the MRF. He or she can contact the LTG of your division if any questions arise.

New Officer Information Sheet (NOIS)

As new officers are being elected all across the District, please make sure to fill in your New Officer Information Sheets. NOIS forms are just as important as MRFs. NOIS forms provide the Lieutenant Governors (LTGs) of each division important contact information for every club. They can use this contact information to distribute their monthly newsletters and to relay other important information. Please make sure to get your NOIS forms filled and turned in as soon as possible so that there is a smooth transition to your club's new board of directors.

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Important Dates

The last major event of this Key Club year is District Convention from March 5th to 7th! Hope to see you there!

District Goals Update

At the beginning of the Key Club year, the 2009-2010 District Board set some goals for the District. Here's how we've done so far!

Goal: Have at least 50% club attendance at Regional Training Conferences.
Actual: While we only had a 37% attendance rate, this was an improvement from last year's attendance of 31%.

Goal: Have 850 people registered for District Convention:
Actual: While we won't know the final numbers until DCON is over, we currently have 770 people registered.

Goal: Have 40% of club Monthly Report Forms turned in:
Actual: _____?