

Stand Up for Service

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Welcome to another fantastic year of service!

Have You ... ?

- Heard from your new Lieutenant Governor?
- Elected and trained new club officers?
- Taken the time to get to know your local Kiwanis Club?
- Thought about attending International Convention?
- Visited out our district website?

Hello Mighty Illinois-Eastern Iowa District!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 60th annual I-I District Convention! I hope you had a wonderful time; I know I did! With the election of our 2010-2011 district officers, we begin yet another exciting year as Key Clubbers.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your 2010-2011 District Governor. Thank you so much for placing your trust in the district board this year; I plan to focus on building and strengthening clubs in our mighty district, increasing bonds within our Kiwanis Family, improving Regional Training Conferences, and working a lot with each Lieutenant Governor so that those individuals may serve the clubs and members more adequately and efficiently. This year is another fabulous opportunity to improve our homes, school, and communities, and I cannot wait to get started!

Tell me about it!

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Find me on Facebook!

Tell me about your club's success, suggest new ideas that could help our district, or ask questions. Good or bad, send it my way!

I hope you—members and advisors alike—are adjusting as you elect new officers, fill out new reports and rosters, and perhaps even prepare to attend Key Club International Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Please feel welcome to contact me any time you may have questions, comments, or concerns. Good and bad, send it my way!

Serving with encouragement,
Tori Albarracin



International Convention

Join us for the 67th annual Key Club International Convention (ICON)! This year, International Convention will take place in Memphis, Tennessee at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts and the Memphis Cook Convention Center. Thousands of Key Clubbers will gather July 7-11, 2010 to attend ICON, and our district, as with every year, is hosting a district tour.

Our tour will begin July 5 and end July 11. Besides an upgraded convention format with more action, special guests, and exciting entertainment than ever before, the I-I District is doing every thing possible to make the trip both enjoyable and memorable, taking advantage of all that Memphis has to offer. In efforts to make the convention both practical and cost effective, the district has again prepared a district tour!



For more information on International Convention itself, please visit www.keyclub.org and search "International Convention." For more information on the district tour, contact me as soon as possible!

This year, I want YOU to meet YOUR district board!

Throughout the year, please be sure you are in constant contact with your respective Lieutenant Governor. Not sure which one is yours? No problem! Check out our district website—www.iikeyclub.org—and click on "Directory," then "I-I Club Websites." Find your school and division! Then, click on "Directory," then "Lt. Governors," and find the Lt. Governor for your division! Our board exists to help YOU. Please take advantage of us! We are full of fun ideas!

I'll tell you a little about me, and, in return, I'd love it if you would tell me a little about you! Tell me about your club, your service projects, your future plans—will you join Circle K? What has been your favorite part of Key Club? What do you think are some issues within our district?

I attend Chatham-Glenwood High School in Chatham, Illinois. I joined Key Club as a freshman and have loved it since the very beginning! I served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 27/28 as a sophomore, then served as District Secretary my junior year, and now I am proud to serve as District Governor as a senior. My favorite service project changes from year to year, but, my all-time favorite was volunteering at the United Cerebral Palsy center. I worked with kids who deal with cerebral palsy on a daily basis, saw them smile as I played with them, asked them questions about their lives, and was truly inspired by their optimistic attitudes. I plan to join Circle K (hopefully at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana!) and continue to serve within the Kiwanis Family. I have a small, loving family with two dogs named Ginger and Buddy. My favorite activity outside of Key Club is working with my school newspaper, and I love meeting new people. Okay ... Your turn! Tell me about YOU.

Check out the I-I Online!

Please visit our district website, www.iikeyclub.org! We are very proud of our district, and we want YOU to see it, too! You will find links to our district history, club monthly reports, executive officers, Lieutenant Governors, and adult committee members. You will also find information about Spastic Paralysis, Regional Training Conferences, awards, scholarships, and SO much more. Take advantage!

You can also find us on Facebook! Become a fan of the "Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Key Club International" on Facebook. Lacking a Facebook? Not a problem! Find us on Twitter! Become a fan of "I-I Key Club" on Twitter. Look out for updates and encouragement within our main forms of social communication.

Putting the focus on Spastic Paralysis and the Kiwanis Family!

Spastic Paralysis: Our district's finest project!

The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Key Club has worked with the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation since 1980. 2010 marks the 30th year we have partnered with this program! The I-I District of Key Club International also works with the I-I District of Kiwanis and Circle K International as we strive to assist researchers, fundraise money to promote new tools and research materials, and essentially make life better for those who deal with Spastic Paralysis on a day-to-day basis.

Spastic Paralysis is a condition that affects the central nervous system. Four major diseases under the general term "Spastic Paralysis" include cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, and Fragile X Syndrome. Everyone is at risk for these conditions. We fundraise for the Spastic Paralysis Research foundation because it is important and beneficial to help those in need, and also because it is a phenomenal way to bond with other branches of our Kiwanis Family. The I-I Districts of Kiwanis and Circle K fundraise with us! We work TOGETHER.

YOU can support Spastic Paralysis in a variety of ways. Join us at Regional Training Conferences in the fall to learn more about Spastic Paralysis and fundraise with your very own district board, learn more about the research foundation by visiting our district website, and conduct your own fundraisers! Host a penny war, bake sale, candy sale, or dance marathon. You can even join Kiwanis for the annual Kiwanis Bowl-a-Thons held each spring! Are you ready to help our district? Send any and all donations to District Administrator Bob Hall.

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Do you have questions about Spastic Paralysis? Visit our district website, or let me know! I'd love to help!

Think about it ...

"Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

