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Hello Illinois- Eastern Iowa Key Clubbers!

I hope you that all had a great month full of service and fellowship!

I just wanted to thank all of you that came out to the Fall Leadership Rallies! They all were successful, and inspiring. I hope that you all found it helpful and beneficial. If you ever need any of the resources that were given at Fall Leadership Rallies, please reach out to the district board and we will get it sent to you. We are also working on getting it on the website. That way, if your club wasn’t able to attend, or if a only a few members were able to come, you guys still get the benefits. I wanted to thank those of you who did come for taking time out of your busy weekends. It was wonderful to see so many of you guys, and meet new faces! I’m hoping to see you guys again at District Convention and Leadership Conference and/or Holiday Embrace. Please reach out to your Lieutenant Governor, or myself (governor@iikeyclub.org) with any comments on Fall Leadership Rallies. We are looking to improve these events and make them even better for the next years, so any concerns or comments would be greatly appreciated!!
One of the biggest projects that Key Club International does in October is Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is the biggest project that we do in support of Eliminate. The idea is that Key Clubbers go trick-or-treating but instead of asking for candy, you ask for a donation to the Eliminate Project. Your club can do this project in many different ways, it is completely up to you guys! Trick-or-Treat is fun, social project that has a great outcome. For more information on Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, please visit keyclub.org.

Before I sign off for the month, I just wanted to give you guys a few friendly reminders:

-Communicate with your Lieutenant Governor as well as the rest the District Board! We are here to help you! Please let us know how we can help, or just let us know what your club is doing!

-Please continue to work with your Kiwanis Club! Something that I was so impressed with at Fall Leadership Rally was that you guys are communicating and working with your Kiwanis Clubs. I know that this time of year is crazy busy, so just remember your Kiwanis Clubs during this crazy time. Invite them to your meetings, attend their meetings, and participate in service projects together!

Thank you guys so much for everything that you have done this month! Thank you for your dedication to the district and to Key Club International. If you ever need anything, please reach out to me, or to your Lieutenant Governor.

Yours in Service and Always in Friendship,

Abby Mast
Fall Leadership Rallies 2016

The I-I District Board would like to thank everyone who attended Fall Leadership Rally 2016! During all four dates, we raised over $300 for the ELIMINATE project!

September 24- Belleville West High School, Belleville, IL

September 25- Woodland High School, Streator, IL
October 1 - Muscatine High School, Muscatine, IA

October 2 - Batavia High School, Batavia, IL
Did you enjoy Fall Leadership Rally? Then get excited for DCLC 2017! Keep an eye out for more info coming soon from your LTG.

Event information:

Dates: March 10-12, 2017
Location: The DoubleTree in Oakbrook, IL

Hope to see you there!!

Yours in Service,
Ashley McCurdy
2016-2017 DCLC Chairperson

This Year’s District Convention & Leadership Conference Theme is:

Finding Dory
DID YOU KNOW...

that your club can receive an award at DCLC, just for donating money?

Here’s how!

1. Complete a fundraiser for either charity below
2. Fill out the respective donation form
3. Submit the form by mailing it to its’ designated location
4. Wait for results at DCLC!

**Spastics Paralysis Awards**
- Greatest Overall Contributions
- Greatest Average Donation Per Member

**Eliminate Project Awards**
- Greatest Overall Donation
- Greatest Average Donation Per Member
- Eliminate Project Contribution

Each category, except for Eliminate Project Contribution, awards a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy. The Eliminate Project Contribution awards any club that donates money an Eliminate Award.
Key Club Awards for You!

Did you know that you can get awards for being in Key Club? That’s right! The Illinois-Eastern Iowa Key Club District offers many individual awards to each Key Clubber out there. Check it out!

* **100 Hour Honor:** Complete a minimum of 100 hours of actively serving your community. Application listing all service projects and short descriptions to be filled out by applicant.

* **Distinguished Officer:** Can be any Key Clubber holding office in your club (president, vice president, editor, secretary, etc.). Applications available that describe point system criteria and required points for officers must be completed and filled out.

* **Distinguished Member:** Can be any Key Clubber, one award for every grade level (9th-12th) per club. Applications available that describe point system criteria and required points for members must be completed and filled out.

Make sure to get working on earning those awards, the applications must be received by **January 10, 2017**!
The Sandy Nininger Award, Advisor Awards, and Scholarships

- **The Sandy Nininger Award** is meant for a Key Clubber who is always personable, respectful, helps others, and strives to excel. Nominate someone who you think fits this criteria! This is the highest award that can be given to a high school senior in Key Club.

- **The Outstanding Kiwanis Advisor Award** and the **Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award** are awards submitted by students to honor their advisors. If you think your advisor has done a great job, stays enthusiastic, and goes the extra mile, nominate your advisor! Advisors are a very important part of Key Club, and deserve to be recognized!

- **Key Club also gives out scholarships!** If you have been a valuable member of Key Club, you could get money towards college. It is definitely worth your time to apply, so check it out today!

Noah Mackjust, recipient of the 2016 Sandy Nininger Award

These four applications must be received by December 21st. Mail all applications to Mr. Bob Hall, 28 Candy Lane, Murphysboro, IL 62966.
What is it?
This is a symptom of various diseases or medical conditions of the central nervous system that cause stiff or rigid muscles that interfere with walking, movement, or speech, known as spasticity. Research has included diseases such as brain tumors, spina bifida, Alzheimer, Fragile x syndrome, stroke rehabilitation, etc.

Let's learn more about Spina Bifida:
Spina Bifida is a birth defect in which a developing baby's spinal cord fails to develop properly. This often results in damage to the spinal cord and nerves and often can lead to physical and mental disabilities. There is currently no cure, although there are ways to reduce risks.

Researchers to know:
Dr. David G. McLone is a Professor and the Head of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Children's Memorial Hospital affiliated with Northwestern University in Chicago. His research focuses on the cause and improved methods of treatment for spina bifida, hydrocephalus and myelomeningocele.

Why is this important?
Spastics raises money for not just one, but for many causes. With everyone's help, we can raise money to help researches such as Dr. David G. McLone expand our knowledge and treatment for these diseases to help find cures and limit the effects of the diseases.

How can you help?
Local fundraisers are a great way to help raise money for this cause. Spreading awareness and knowledge of the disease through organizing service projects and attending key club events for Spastics are great ways to get involved. Check out our websites for events and ways to help donate for the cause.
So...

What even is **KEY LEADER**?

The I-I District is bringing it back! Key Leader is a weekend leadership program for students 14-18. It provides students with the opportunity to meet new people and engage in new, fun leadership experiences that can change their lives for the better! Keep an eye out for more information about Illinois-Eastern Iowa Key Leader coming in 2017!
Hey I-I Key Clubbers! My name is Jared Dutko, and I’m the District Theme and Major Emphasis Committee Chair! Our committee has been working very hard to come up with some new and innovative ways to support Key Club’s Major Emphasis in the I-I District! Check out the boxes below to find out what we’ve been up to!

1. We’ve designed a t-shirt to raise money for the ELIMINATE Project. Shirts will be sold at all Fall Leadership Rallies, so be on the lookout!

2. Set a goal for the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District to raise $40,000 for ELIMINATE this year. Start a fundraiser in your club to contribute!

3. Started a list of resources on all of the preferred charities for to be put on the district website for use by members and clubs!

4. Set a goal for the district board to raise $1,000 for the preferred charities combined. We’re raising money, are you?
What are the Preferred Charities?

Since 1983, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than $5 billion—most of it $1 at a time—for 170 children’s hospitals across the United States and Canada, which, in turn, use the money where it’s needed the most. These donations have gone to support research and training, purchase equipment, and pay for uncompensated care, all to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible.

Through The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus—a deadly disease that steals the lives of nearly 49,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year.

The March of Dimes Foundation is a United States nonprofit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies. It was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938, as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to combat polio.

The Thirst Project is a non-profit organization whose aim is to bring safe drinking water to communities around the world where it is not immediately available. The Thirst Project collects money and builds wells all across the continent of Africa where villages do not have immediate access to drinking water.
For those of you who do not know, Key Club International is made up of multiple districts that are overseen by International Trustees. Each Trustee oversees 3 districts. Our Trustee, Daniel Suh, looks over the Illinois-Eastern Iowa, Minnesota-Dakotas, and New England Bermuda Districts. Here is an article from the Bulletin Editor of our sister district New England-Bermuda talking about life in the NEBD!
Hello, I-I Key Clubbers!

My name is Michelle Herwono, and I’m the 2016-2017 New England and Bermuda District Bulletin Editor! I’m currently a senior at Marshfield High School in Marshfield, Massachusetts.

When I’m not performing service or doing work for the District Board/my home Key Club, you can find me everywhere: running varsity track, playing the violin, participating in Massachusetts Youth & Government, working as a cashier, taking part in drama club, and more. My favorite aspect of Key Club is learning all about other Key Clubbers’ stories — what brought them to Key Club and what they love most about it.

In the New England and Bermuda District, our District Board consists of 4 Executive Board members (Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor), 4 Appointed Positions (District Educational Conference Chair, Public Relations Chair, District Projects Chair, Executive Assistant), and 22 Lieutenant Governors. We also have an awesome Adult Committee! We’re 160 Key Clubs and about 7,000 Key Clubbers strong. Our Key Clubbers are from all kinds of places - seaside towns like mine, urban charter schools, and schools in rural areas with only a few hundred kids! Our District Projects are the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at the Tufts Floating Hospital for Children (Boston, MA), Children of Peace International (which helps out orphans in Vietnam), and Camp Sunshine (a respite camp for children with life-threatening illnesses in Casco, ME). Our official District publication is the YanKey, published four times a year! You can read it at newenglandkeyclub.org. Our mascot is Ned the Lobster, because lobster’s plentiful around here! Also, Ned stands for “New England District!”

We have a new social media account: @humansofnebdkeyclub! Feel free to follow us and learn more about the Key Clubbers in the New England and Bermuda District! As Sister District Key Clubbers, you can also submit your stories to be featured on the account!

If you have any questions, want to write for the YanKey, or just want to say hi, email me (bulletineditor.ned1617@gmail.com) or text me (781-588-6095)! I hope to hear from you soon!

Yours in service and friendship,
Michelle Herwono
NEBD Bulletin Editor
At my first DCLC, March 10-12 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield, Illinois, I learned lots and had a wonderful experience with friends both new and old. Familiar with most of the immediate past district board as well as the board being inducted that weekend, I felt comfortable and ready to expand my network of Key Club friends. I met people from all across the state, whether it be Belleville by St. Louis or Sycamore in the northern part of the state. Beyond meeting new people and having a wonderful time at the two dances, I also learned much from forums. One, the forum on the Thirst Project, opened my eyes to the severe water crisis in the world and how we in Key Club can help to end the crisis. I also attended a forum on Ice Breakers held by past Lieutenant Governors Tatum Grooms and Bridget Ball. This forum was light hearted and full of fun games meant to help get to know one another. Finally, there were elections held for executive positions as well as international endorsement. Secretary Oviya Sigomourane, Treasurer Anthony Palazzolo, and Governor Abby Mast ran unopposed while Editor Hanna Paton and Statistical Secretary Yates McLoughlin ran campaigns to be elected by the House of Delegates. Both ran great campaigns and won out Saturday afternoon. Charles Schnieder also received endorsement to run for International Trustee at this year’s ICON. A great weekend ended by myself as well as my fellow board members being inducted onto the district board. I could not have had a better convention.

Sincerely,
Ben Lennartz
Grayslake Central High School
Time to honor clubs in our District that have been doing tremendous work in their homes, schools, and communities! Want to know how to get your club in the spotlight? Email an article and pictures of a service project that club has done to editor@iikeyclub.org or use the template in www.iikeyclub.org! We’d love to see!

Spreading Good Will - One Sandwich at a Time

On April 21st, 2016, Jimmy John’s had its first National Customer Appreciation Day, where they sold sub sandwiches for one dollar. When Governor French Academy’s Key Club heard about this, they decided it was the perfect opportunity to give back to the community of Belleville, Illinois. During the school’s lunch hour, Governor French’s Key Club made their way to the local Jimmy John’s shop in downtown Belleville, and bought over thirty sandwiches. Their intent was to donate these sandwiches to local homeless shelters to brighten up the lives of those in these shelters. The sandwiches were donated to the Women’s Violence Prevention Center outside of downtown Belleville. Over thirty women in the shelter, who left their homes due to domestic violence by their partners, received these sandwiches. Governor French’s Key Club decided to donate to this shelter in particular to show that the community is aware of domestic violence in relationships, and that they care.

All in all, the members of Key Club decided they would each contribute to the cause, and each little donation ended up fulfilling the day of those in the Women’s Violence Prevention Center. One small gesture can make a difference in someone’s life, even if it is just donating sandwiches to a shelter.

Yours in Service,
Isobel Abbott-Dethrow
Governor French Academy
Division 31/34
Thank You for Reading
The Iolian!
I-I Captain Thanks You!

Follow the I-I District on Social Media for updates on the district board and other happenings in the district!

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Also check out www.iiKeyClub.org!