

The Official Publication of the Pennsylvania District

## Announcements

### New International Vice President

The office of Key Club International Vice President is now held by Missouri-Arkansas Key Clubber, Lance Wilson.

Because Wilson was an international trustee, his vacancy and district assignments will be passed on to the newly elected international trustee Shari-Ann Baker from Jamaica. Shari-Ann will now be assigned the Jamaica, Caribbean-Atlantic and Florida Districts.



### District Executive Board:

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### Scholarships

The 2009-10 Key Club International Scholarship Booklet includes information about Key Club scholarships and the District Matching Scholarship Program.

Students applying for the KCI scholarships must do so through the district scholarship application process or submit them directly as indicated.

Districts will then send to Key Club International one finalist for each Key Club scholarship offered. A Key Club committee at the International Office will determine scholarship winners.

Recipients will be announced at the 2010 Key Club International Convention and posted on the Key Club International Web site.

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# Pennsylvania District Convention/ Leadership Conference

For the past 63 years, the Pennsylvania District Convention has allowed Key Clubbers from across the state to meet others and celebrate a year of service. This year, there will be BIG changes to the District Convention. On March 5-7th, 2010 Key Clubbers from all over PA will be attending a new convention with a leadership conference.

So what will change and what will stay the same?

- **Leadership Group Breakout:** Students will be broken up into small groups whom they will meet with throughout the weekend. These groups will be lead by trained advisors and will focus on various aspects of building leadership skills.
- **Meet and Greet:** After a successful premier last year, the meet and greet is back this year! It will take place after the leadership group breakouts on Friday night.
- **Leadership Forums:** Formerly workshops and forums, these will be lead by professionals on a variety of different topics such as, time management, public speaking, using technology, etc.
- **Welcome Open House:** For those who arrive on Friday afternoon, there will be activities provided until dinner time, as well as a conference orientation for those attending for the first time.
- **District Officer Elections:** Zone caucuses will now be held Saturday morning followed then by club caucuses to allow clubs to meet and discuss the candidates prior to Saturday afternoon's House of

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SCOTT GREENBERG!

Nationally renowned speaker Scott Greenberg has educated, entertained, and inspired hundreds of thousands of people with his unique blend of keynote presentations, workshops and leadership programs. He has worked with Nike, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and the United Nations Environmental Program, as well as with schools all over America. He has been spotlighted on national television and radio, written three books on student leadership and is a contributing author to *Chicken Soup for the College Soul*. Don't miss your change to hear his speak this year at the



Pennsylvania District Convention/Leadership Conference!

# Contests

If you're reading this, you know that Key Club is an awesome organization and your club and its members do amazing things throughout the year. With that in mind, your club should submit entries to a contest, award, or recognition at this year's District Convention/Leadership Conference. There are a variety of contests, awards, and recognitions, so don't miss this chance to apply!

Here are a few:

- **Traditional and Non-Traditional Scrapbook:** If your club documents your events and activities with photos, then one of the scrapbook contest may be for you. There are two contests: traditional and non-conventional. For the traditional contest, you would submit what you normally think of when it comes to a scrapbook, a typical scrapbook binder you would buy at a craft store. However, the sky is certainly the limit when it comes to the unconventional scrapbook. One example of an unconventional scrapbook that was a winner at international convention was a surfboard created by the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. Either contest provides opportunities for your club to document their year for anyone to see!
- **Club Video and Poster Contests:** Does your club have great advertising for your Key Club? If so, then use your advertising skills to put them towards the club video or poster contest!
- **Oratorical Contest:** Are you or another member you know a great speaker who can get other motivated? If you answered 'Yes', then you should enter the oratorical contest.



So what are you waiting for? GET WORKING! You can find all forms on the district website at [www.pakeyclub.org](http://www.pakeyclub.org). Please note, this year contest, awards, and recognition forms will NOT be mailed to clubs. They will only be available on-line starting January 11th.

In addition, please ensure that your club follows all instructions and guidelines listed on each form. Not following them may result a disqualification from applying. Good luck!

**Lt. Governor 16N Katie Auwaerter**



## *Interested in Becoming an LTG?*

You may have thought that the position of Lieutenant Governor (LTG for short) may appear to be a daunting position with a lot of responsibility for a high school student who may be already juggling AP and honors classes, extracurricular activities, and/or a part-time job. It is important to note, however, that it can be manageable and quite a rewarding experience.

As an LTG, you'll have an opportunity to meet and work with Key Clubbers from across Pennsylvania as well as build your leadership skills. As an officer on the District Board, you have the ability to make a difference in creating new ideas for Pennsylvania Key Clubs and implement them. You will also complete other duties such as writing a division newsletter, completing a monthly report, and participate in various district committees. In addition, you will also attend several board meetings as well as the International and District Conventions.

If you're interested in this position, contact your division's LTG and see when and where your division election will take place.

**Lt. Governor 17/18N Brenna Lash**

# CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK



Hospitalized infants and children need special pharmaceuticals and equipment engineered to work with their small stature. From the tiniest tube or milliliter of medication to ECMO, a formidable device that acts as an artificial lung outside the body, medicines and machines that help sick kids get well are specialized - and high priced. Skilled pediatric professionals armed with evolving treatments and expensive tools work to save more than 14 million children annually from life-threatening injuries, birth defects, cancer, and numerous other ailments. In order to afford treatment, children's hospitals require funding. Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is a nonprofit organization that raises money to benefit hospitalized kids and increases awareness of its member hospitals. All CMN contributions directly benefit hospitals, helping to purchase up-to-date equipment, train staff, conduct life-saving research, implement outreach programs, and provide healthcare for children whose parents can't afford to pay. In 1996, Key Club International decided to partner with CMN. Key Clubs participate by sponsoring fund-raising events. In addition to raising funds, Key Club members also can participate in service projects at their local children's hospital in the following ways:

- Provide toys and dolls for kids going through trauma.
- Contribute to or create video, toy, or book lending libraries or playrooms.
- Help staff information booths or surgery waiting rooms.
- Assist families with children who require long-term care or who live great distances from hospitals.
- Support safety campaigns or parent education programs.
- Purchase specific pieces of equipment.

Volunteer at your local community broadcast. The annual broadcast will air nation-wide in early June, inspiring millions of people with the heartwarming stories of children who have triumphed over diseases and injuries of all kinds.

From:  
[www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org)



To find a CMN hospital near you visit:  
[www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org](http://www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org)

# Winter Service Projects



It's the holiday season: snow is falling, it is cold out, hot chocolate is a must, and you're beginning to get that "itch" that all Key Clubbers get this time of year. No, it isn't the itchy wool sweater you got last year; it's the "itch" to help others less fortunate. Here is a list of some fun winter service projects to do with your club.

- **Winter coat/toy/blanket drive:** There are so many people that need coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to keep them warm, however, they cannot afford them. Organize a drive to collect these crucial items as well as toys for those who can't afford them.
- **Snow Shoveling:** Volunteer to shovel snow for the elderly or schools, churches, libraries, etc.
- **Visits a nursing home:** Go with your club to a nursing home and trim the tree. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies with the residents. Listen to their stories or bring books along to read to them.
- **Hold a winter open house:** Offer crafts and coloring for children, have games and a sing-along.

Supply snacks and drinks.

## *Toys For Tots*

Every year the Danville Key Club visits our local Toys for Tots warehouse. In the weeks leading up to the holiday season, many members of our club spend hours there organizing every type of toy imaginable.

Requests from our area come into the warehouse from families who cannot afford toys this holiday season. Each Key Clubber gets a slip of paper with a child's name on it. We then walk through the warehouse and pick toys as specified on the child's wish list. The best part is you know you're making a child's holiday special when selecting the toys!

For more information on Toys for Tots visit:

[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

Valerie Rarig

Danville Key Club President



# K-Family Relations

## Connecting with Builders Club

An assortment of words, including service, leadership, and fellowship, come to mind for us high school members when we think of our organization. But we are not the only ones who share these thoughts. Just as Key Club is an outlet for service for us, our Kiwanis Family organization of Builders Club provides its members with a way to form sound values based on experiences in service activities. Most importantly, Builders Club hopes to teach its young members that working together with your peers can make a big difference in our world.

Builders Club first began its history in 1975 with the help of Kiwanis International. It has now grown to include more than 40,000 members and 1,200 clubs worldwide. Builders Club has even expanded into other countries such as Aruba, Australia, Canada, and Trinidad and Tobago. Just like Key Club serves as an organization for students in high school, Builders Club serves middle school and junior high students.

The name “Builders Club,” however, can be a little misleading because Builders Club is not necessarily about building. Builders Club has the same goal as Key Club, and that is to build strong individuals for the future through the concept of service leadership. This means that members of Builders Club are involved in service projects and fundraising events that are similar to the events held by clubs across the Key Club organization.

So why am I telling you all of this you ask? Well as Key Club members, all of you have a chance to help charter a fellow Builders Club in your respective middle schools. If you are interested, all you need to do is contact your respective Kiwanis Club and the interested middle school(s).

Additionally, you can get involved even more by helping to organize a service project in concert with your respective Builders Club. These service projects may include anything from organizing a can drive together to taking part in an adopt-a-highway program. The possibilities are endless!

So what are you waiting for? Get out there and start a Builders Club today!

Lt. Governor 18S Rob Narayana



In the next edition...

**Connecting With  
Circle K**



# Executive Board

## GOVERNOR JULIA DEFABO

A fresh snow always puts me in the holiday mood, and with the snow beginning to fall all around Pennsylvania, I've been looking for a way to celebrate the winter spirit. Then it hit me, like a snowball to the face: celebrate winter with the Kiwanis Family!

Get together with your sponsoring Kiwanis Club and serve up a winter bash, complete with gingerbread men and paper snowflakes. Don't forget to invite your local Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club. Celebrating with your K-Family is a great way to spread the joy of service while having fun.

In addition, spread the message of service even more by helping a school near yours charter a new Key Club. If you have friends who attend that school, share with them your Key Club experience and also refer them to [www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org). On the site, they can click on "Build a Club" to request their Key Club Introductory Kit.



## SECRETARY TREASURER ASHLEY COZZA

The next bi-monthly report is due February 5th. We would like to receive them via e-mail instead of through the mail. The form can be found on [www.pakeyclub.org](http://www.pakeyclub.org). Keep in mind that in order for a club officers to be distinguished, they are allowed to miss one report. A tracker can be found online of club report submissions with dates.

If anyone has any questions for me about anything feel free to contact me.



## EDITOR KATIE MILLER

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the third edition of The Keystoneian. For the next edition, I would like to hear about your holiday projects. Please send in pictures and articles to me at [editor@pakeyclub.org](mailto:editor@pakeyclub.org). The next deadline is February 1st. This is an easy way for your clubs to get the recognition they deserve in our district publication!

If there is anything that would make this resource more successful, please send me your ideas and suggestions. Remember, this publication is a resource that is made for all Pennsylvania Key Clubs!



# DEADLINE

# FEBRUARY 1ST

## WEBMASTER ELLEN GALPERIN

If you haven't checked it out yet, the district website is full of great updates!

- \* First off, the new monthly poll is up. Share your opinion and see what other PA Key Clubbers think!
- \* Another update is on the Club Officer Resources. There is a link for club webmasters on how to create a website. It has information that Key Club webmaster needs to know before starting a website. If any webmaster finds themselves struggling with a part of the website, please do not be afraid to e-mail me.
- \* The next update can be found on the PA District Calendar. The calendar has all the dates for the bimonthly reports as well as other important district dates.
- \* If you have any pictures from your Key Club, please e-mail them to me. I would like to include the pictures on the front of our website.



## TRUSTEE WILL ROBERTSON

Dear Pennsylvania District,

Hi again! It's Will Robertson, your liaison and representative on the International Board. After having visited Pennsylvania for the first time in my life, only a few short weeks ago, I saw many sights including the bridges of Pittsburgh, Amish buggies, and the excellent work of your District Board. I enjoyed my stay and look forward to seeing you all at your annual District Convention/Leadership Conference.

I have several things to share with you in preparation for the upcoming year:

- \* Thank you to all clubs who participated in Key Club week and are furthering the goal of making Key Club a household name!
- \* Be sure to continue to raise awareness for Key Club by participating in Kiwanis One Day. On April 10, 2010, the Kiwanis Family will join together by doing service on the same day and leaving a global impact on our homes, schools, and communities. Please help make this day a great one by planning an awesome service project!
- \* Thank you to all clubs that have paid dues. For those clubs who have not paid, please speak with your Lt. Governor.

An important thing to think about, as the New Year approaches, is running for future leadership positions in our organization. What role if any do you want to play in going above the basic call to service in Key Club? Being a club officer is a great place to start! A District or International office may instead be your calling. Start looking into these offices early. With the help of your Lt. Governor, you can find the office that is right for you.

Last, If you have any great club project that you will be doing in the future and would like to be internationally recognized, please send me the details on your project at [kciwill@gmail.com](mailto:kciwill@gmail.com). It could be recorded for the next editions of the Key Club Video Magazine.

Passion for Service,  
Will Robertson

## International Board

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Trustee Will Robertson

