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WELCOME

To The Pennsylvania District Convention/ Leadership Conference

Welcome to the 63rd annual Pennsylvania District Leadership Convention/ District Leadership Convention. As many of you are aware there have been many changes this year. There will be a greater focus on leadership at this convention/new leadership conference. At the center of this leadership experience is the group leadership break outs, which are an exciting new way to participate in leadership activities and meet key clubbers from around the state. In addition, they will also help to incorporate the leadership message of keynote speaker Scott Greenberg.

Not everything will be changing though. There will still be fun and informative forums (renamed leadership modules) on a huge variety of topics by unique speakers. District officer elections will also be held in order to prepare for the next Key Club year. Also back from its premier last year is the Meet and Greet. The Pennsylvania District Key Club Board hopes that you have a great time this weekend!

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Be the leader.

PA District
Convention/
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Conference

Don't just
follow the leader...

Become a Club Officer



Many clubs still don't have a club officer team for the 2010-11 year and many more have an incomplete officer team. You don't have to be an upper classman to become an officer; talk to your advisor about the requirements at your school. Being an officer can be a lot of work, but it can also be a very rewarding experience.

PRESIDENT

The president is responsible for planning, organizing, and carrying out responsibilities associated as the club's chief executive officer. Most members will help the president succeed if the tasks and expectations are clearly defined, reasonable, and the members share appropriate interest and skill. Remember, planning and preparation count, and "enthusiasm is contagious." In addition, the president:

- Presides over meetings
- Helps prepare goals, projects and activities for your club
- Works with your Lt. Governor in order to communicate with the district level



VICE PRESIDENT

The role of vice-president is an important one. Sometimes it happens that the Key Club president is prevented from carrying out the duties of his/her office for various reasons. A well organized and properly operating Key Club should have a properly trained vice-president who is prepared to administer the Key Club in the absence of the president.

The vice-president should also assist the president and other officers with their duties. To do this effectively, the vice-president must be in contact with the work and policies of the club.



SECRETARY

A good secretary is essential for any Key Club if it is going to function in a proper way. The office of the secretary is one of the most demanding in the Key Club organization. In the hands of the secretary are all of the records, files, and details that are important for the smooth operation of the Key Club. The best way for a secretary-elect to start is to watch and learn from the present club secretary. He/she will be able to give advice and hints on how to best handle the job. A secretary needs to be prompt, neat, and efficient.

- Keep the club bylaws up to date
- Record attendance, service hours and meetings
- Take the meeting minutes and keep them organized for reference

TREASURER

The office of club treasurer is important because the treasurer is in control of the club's money, its collection and disbursement. It is important this job is done well. Many schools do not allow clubs to keep independent checking or savings accounts. It does not matter who writes the checks- school officials or the Key Club treasurer. What does matter, though, is that the treasurer be responsible for keeping accurate books that will enable him/her to give a full financial report whenever requested. The treasurer should do his/her best to see that everything is done properly so that there are no doubts about his/her integrity.

BULLETIN EDITOR

A club editor is vital to a Key Club because he/she is responsible for all printed material the club receives. The editor is the advertiser, the communicator, and general publicity person of the club. This role requires time and knowledge on dates and happenings of district and International events, in addition to the current club projects and plans. The editor must be knowledgeable of the programs and structure of Key Club International.

The role of club editor is that of a public relations officer. The editor makes sure the public is informed about the service Key Club renders. The club editor needs to work alongside the secretary to be an informed officer and to use the correct and necessary information for newsletters, fliers, bulletins, and publicity stunts. Club editors have the role of making Key Club known within the community and the school.

CONNECTING WITH CIRCLE K



Working with Circle K is one of the best and easiest first steps to increasing greater Kiwanis Family cooperation. Circle K is the collegiate level organization of Kiwanis International. Former Key Club members can join Circle K for similar service and leadership opportunities that were available in Key Club. There are Circle Ks all over Pennsylvania and across the country, so it would be an easy task to locate one near you. You can visit www.circlek.org to find a circle K near you, or just to learn more about this branch of the Kiwanis Family.

So how can a Key Club increase its ties to a local Circle K? The first step would be to coordinate service projects with each other. Here are a few ideas for service projects that can combine both Key Club and Circle K.

Projects

College Experience Day- Have a college experience day where a Circle K student can lead prospective high school students through the day in the life of a college student. Not only would this give the high schooler a taste of college life, but it would help the college Circle K'ers and high school Key Clubbers bond.

High School vs College sports competition- Whether you play basketball, soccer, dodge ball, or even tag, create a sports event where you'd have high school teams compete with college teams for the ultimate dominance in the athletic field. Or you can twist it up by having an equal number of high school students and college students on a team. The second idea can help students in high school and college bond better.

Art Exhibition- Hold an art exhibition for high school and college students in a gallery. Possibly also have college art teachers teach a seminar to the high school students. You can also have musical showcases with both high school and college and also have a music teacher teach a seminar. Charge a fee for entrance and create a service

KIWANIS ONE DAY

On April 10, 2010, be sure to set aside some time for the family: that is the Kiwanis family. Every club is urged to join with the rest of the Kiwanis family (K-Kids, Builders, Circle K, Aktion Club, and Kiwanis) for a day of united service called Kiwanis One Day: One Way, One Day, One K.

The event is inspired by Past International President Nelson Tucker's initiative to create a day that unites the entire Kiwanis family in service. More than 600 Kiwanis family clubs participated in the inaugural Kiwanis One Day and Kiwanis hopes to double that number this year. Projects undertaken run the gamut from beach cleanups to book drives, playground maintenance to pet days at senior centers, health fairs to high school beautifications.

Kiwanis One Day provides an opportunity to showcase the Kiwanis family and our commitment to service in each community. Think of the impact of more than 600,000 Kiwanis family members can make in one day of united service.

Start planning Kiwanis One Day projects now and don't forget to share stories and photos of your One Day experiences online. There are all sorts of fun things you can do to get ready. Check out the One Day Game Plan. Read other clubs' success stories. Take a look at sample projects around the world. For the most up-to-date information and more resources, visit the official Kiwanis One Day page at: <http://www.kiwanis.org/ServiceProjects/KiwanisOneDay/tabid/285/Default.aspx>.

The more hands we have helping, the more lives we will touch. Plan early for a successful event!

International Trustee Will Robertson



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MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

This year's Key Club International Convention will be held in the city of Memphis, Tennessee from July 7-11th. Memphis is home to great food and fun. This year's International Convention is also sure to be better than ever! Come to International to meet Key Clubbers from all over the world, attend dances and workshops and much more. The Pennsylvania District is planning its own tour for International as well. Some tentative plans include traveling to Memphis by bus and visiting Graceland, Dollywood, and Gatlinburg. More information about travel and pricing will be released in March. Be sure to attend for an amazing time!



Lt. Governor 19 C Divya Paramesh



Relient K

Canton, Ohio's punk-pop band Relient K formed in 1998. Band members are vocalist/guitarist/pianist Matthew Thiessen, guitarist Matt Hoopes, bassist John Warne, drummer Ethan Luck and guitarist/banjoist Jon Schneck. They will be performing at this year's International convention

Clay Aiken

"Thanks to all Key Club members for your support of UNICEF," says UNICEF Ambassador Clay Aiken. "I am looking forward to seeing you in Memphis this summer to share more about the great work UNICEF is doing and how your support is making a huge difference in the lives of children around the world."



Bo Shafer

Bo Shafer is a Knoxville, Tennessee, Kiwanian and past Kiwanis International president. He'll share inspirational stories about leadership, service and his late wife, Mary Shafer.



Memphis Fun Facts

- “Memphis” is also the name of an ancient Egyptian capital.
- It is the largest city in Tennessee, with about 670,000 residents, known as “Memphians.”
- Former Key Club member and music icon Elvis Presley’s former home, Graceland, is here. It is the second-most visited house in the United States (the first is the White House).
- Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968 at the Lorraine Motel. The motel is now the site of the National Civil Rights Museum.
- Legendary singer the Rev. Al Green makes his home in Memphis and preaches each week he’s in town at the Pentecostal Baptist church he started in 1979, the Full Gospel Tabernacle. The public is welcome.
- Johnny Cash, Elvis and B.B. King, known as the “Kings” of country, rock ‘n’ roll and blues, respectively, all got their start in Memphis in the 1950s.
- Barbecue and the blues both are huge here, and both are available in abundance on Beale Street.
- Piggly Wiggly, the first self-service grocery store, was opened in Memphis in 1916.
- Sun Studio, the famous, downtown Memphis recording studio where Elvis—and many other musicians—got their start is still a functioning studio and a museum.
- Ducks march to and from the Grand Lobby of the Peabody Hotel each day at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Yes, real ducks.) It’s a tradition that began in 1933.

www.keyclub.org

Hotels

Pennsylvania will be staying, as a group in one of these two hotels.



Memphis Marriott Downtown,
250 N. Main St. Memphis, Tennessee 38103



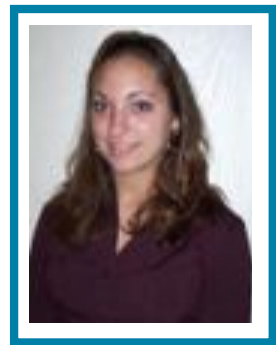
Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown,
300 N. Second St. Memphis, Tennessee 38105



Board Farewells

GOVERNOR JULIA DEFABO

Reflecting on my Key Club career, I think about the board meetings and the conventions that have come and gone. I reminisce about the Key Club friendships that I know will last a lifetime as well as I laugh about the memories I've made with my home club. But the most prominent part of Key Club that stands out for me is the service. Key Clubbers never cease to amaze me with their stories of dancing for Caitlin's Smiles, bowling for Darfur, and playing basketball for Haiti. Your creative ways turn service events into fun, unforgettable nights. I don't want us lose this creativity over the summer. The Key Club year is coming to an end, but that doesn't mean service has to come to an end. Your home club can still stay active into June, July, and August. Join the Pennsylvania District this July in Memphis, Tennessee this summer to serve and celebrate at the Key Club International Convention! Share ideas and learn from Key Clubbers from across the globe and elect next year's International Board. For more information about the District Tour in conjunction with International Convention, visit pakeyclub.org.



SECRETARY TREASURER ASTLEY COZZA

The 2009-2010 Key Club year has come and gone so fast. I just want to thank my home club for all their support they have shown to me. In addition, I would like to thank the District Board for another great year. I had a blast getting to know everyone. I can't believe how much we all have grown. You all have help me become more successful each day. I hope to stay in touch with everyone and wish the best of luck to all of you!



EDITOR KATIE MILLER

It's sad to think that my term as District Editor is drawing to an end. It's even sadder to think that my entire Key Club career is drawing to an end. Since freshman year everything I've done for Key Club has been rewarding and its hard to pick one favorite part. I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for my amazing home club of Danville and my advisor Mrs. Kouf. Also thank you to the district board, you've always exceeded my expectations when it comes to helping me with The Keystonian or just being there when I need a friend. Finally I would like to say just one more time how honored I am to have served as Editor. It has been an amazing experience I will never forget!



Division 1: Annmarie

Wow, the year has come to a close and I just can't believe it went by so fast. It was so great working with you all and getting to know you. My year as your Lt. Governor has been one I will never forget. I met so many new friends and got to witness first hand what it means to truly help others. You have been an inspiration for me and I thank each and every one of you for that. I had so much fun doing all kinds of Key Club activities, from helping with fundraisers at my home club to attending the International Key Club Convention in Dallas. Though my year as your Lt. Governor is complete, that does not mean the close friendships we have developed are not. I look forward to maintaining in contact with you all in the future. With the sadness of leaving you all, comes the great joy in passing on the title of Lt. Governor to another dedicated Key Clubber who is as much, if not more, excited to serve and represent our division on a state level. I am going to miss you all so much! Don't forget to stay in touch!



Division 6: Lacy

They always say, "Time flies when you're having fun", and boy isn't that the truth! Being the Division 6 Lieutenant Governor has been one of my greatest high school experiences and it is coming to an end fast. I'd like to thank you all for making my term so great. I have enjoyed meeting and talking with you officers and I hope you keep up the great work! Also, to the advisors who play a large role in maintaining Key Club, I hope next year goes well for everyone! And for you seniors, good luck with your future goals! Keep in touch with your next LTG and me!



Division 11: Scott

As I write this my mind is flashing all the memories from the past year, from the trainer at Camp Victory to International Convention right up to this moment where I only have days left as a Lieutenant Governor. When I first drove up to the small Camp Victory I never ever thought the experience of being on the District Board would even compare to what it has been. I have met so many phenomenal people that are now a few of my dearest friends. In addition, I have worked with a very fine district and had some of the best times of my life. I want to thank everyone that was a part of my year in anyway including the administrators (for their help, guidance, and friendship), my fellow board members (for their kindness, acceptance and friendship), Governor Julia (for her amazing work), my clubs (for their kindness), my parents (for their support and unconditional love throughout it all), my countless friends (who helped me out or just listened to me complain when the job became difficult), my home club and advisor (for just being amazing), and anyone else for whom I am forgetting. The job turned out to be a challenging one but the rewards were many and great, I can't imagine a better experience in all my years of high school then this.



Division 12S: Theresa

This past year has surpassed all of my expectations. Words cannot begin to explain how incredible Key Club has been this year. I have made friends from all over the state and world! I have started friendships that I hope to keep going my entire life. It has been great to be around friends who have the same passion for service. Visiting the schools in my division and being able to see first hand what they are accomplishing is amazing and inspiring. ICON in Dallas Texas was the best week of my life! I learned a ton of information about the International level of Key Club and was also able to get to know the people from the PA district better.

Being on the PA district board as a LTG, is an experience that will forever be in my memories. We have worked so hard this year and made a lot of changes that I believe will better Key Club for future years. I want to thank everyone for an amazing year and hope that Key Club has changed and influenced your life as much as it has mine. With all that I have experienced and learned this past year, I am thrilled to continue in the K family next year with Circle K.



Division 13N: Ime Ime

A year ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to serve as the Lieutenant Governor for Division 13 North. At first, I didn't know what to expect and was rather hesitant. However, I was excited to take on a bigger role in a club I'd where I always had a lot of passion. When I attended the training for this role, a few weeks after district convention 2009, I became more comfortable with the duties I was going to undertake. Looking back on my term this pass year, I realized what a great thing I had done by taking advantage of becoming a member of the district board. I've been able to meet new key clubbers and advisors from all over the state with the same passion for service. I've been able to learn about leadership, communication, teamwork and dedication like I never have before. I've seen serious growth in myself as a person this past year and attribute it to my involvement with Key Club. When I go off to college in the fall, I plan on utilizing these skills to reach out to others (and join Circle K, of course). Simply put, I could not thank Key Club enough for this opportunity.

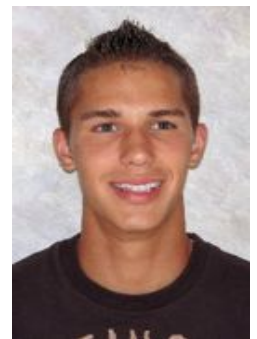
Division 15N: Morgan

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving as your Lt. Governor for the past year. I know that you will continue to grow and become even stronger next year with your new Lt. Governor, Alecia Panuski. She is a wonderful person and I'm sure is enthused to work with all of you. I would like to give a huge thank you to both my home club of Wyoming Area and their sponsoring Kiwanis Club for all of the support that they've shown for me over the past year. You will never truly know how thankful I am to have gotten the opportunity to get to know and work with all of you. You are the best of the best, and even when I was forgetful or flubbed, you never passed harsh judgment and for that I'm grateful. Lastly, my Lt. Governor friends...I've never met such great people in all my life and am truly saddened that our time is quickly coming to a close. We've had some good times and some bad but we've stuck through it together and come out better than ever. I want to thank you for tolerating me in Texas, when I was dead set on finding a store (Scott, one day we will have the amazing shoes), and always staying up listening to me talk about who knows what (this especially to Annmarie and Helen, who I shared my Pringles with in the cabin and have roomed with a good number of times). You've helped me to make decisions and have helped me to do things I never would have thought of doing. I will miss those conversations we had on the way to Harrisburg. I know that our friendships will last long past college and that we'll always be friends. Once again, I thank you for letting me serve as your Lt. Governor 15 North and for the last time, I bid you farewell.



Division 15S: Adam

Thanks to my Division for making this a great year! I won't ever forget it! I've had such a great time working with all of you. Thanks again and best of luck in the future!



Division 16N: Katie

It feels like just yesterday I was writing my introduction letter to you. This year has flown by so fast, but we've done so many great things. I am so proud to call myself Lieutenant Governor of such an amazing division. Each club has made great strides with their membership and service, and I am so fortunate to call myself a part of that. I would like to make a special congratulation to Pottsville and Holy Name, for just starting this year and already becoming amazing clubs. I am also very proud of the work we have done together at Light the Night. It is amazing to see a division working -and walking- side by side for one common cause. It was truly gratifying to watch everyone walking (while being drenched by the rain) to fight Leukemia.

Thank you again for letting me be a part of each of your fantastic clubs. I loved working with each and every one of you. This has truly been an experience that I will never forget. As you all move on in your lives, I hope each and every one of you remembers the work you have done with Key Club. Being Lieutenant Governor has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and I thank you for letting me have the opportunity to serve you. I wish you all the best of luck in the future.



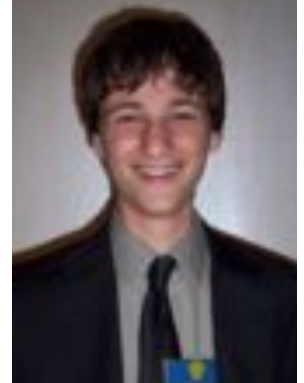
Division 18S: Sourab

Thank you Division 18S for an amazing year! Serving as a Lieutenant Governor for the past year has been one of the best experiences of my life. I never realized what I was getting myself into when I accepted this position. It has allowed me to make new friends and meet caring and selfless individuals that share a genuine interest for helping others. I will cherish all of the memories that I have made for the rest of my life. Thank you for everything, and I encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself in your life! Good luck and have fun!



Division 19N: Joel

Being a Lieutenant Governor has been one of the most rewarding and educational experiences I've ever had. It has exposed me on a new level to the passionate people who are involved in service. As I leave the organization, I will take with me an even greater appreciation for the power of a dedicated group of students, as well as all the memories that have made this year enjoyable.



Division 21: Lisa

Hello PA Key Clubbers! I can't believe it has been only a year since last year's District Convention; who knew the year would fly by so fast! This experience has been so amazing and I learned so much about myself in the process. I would like to thank so many people for making this such an unbelievable year; the entire District Board, the Kiwanis Committee (especially the Hoffmans), and the clubs of Division 21 (especially my home club, William Tennent High School)! I wish the best of luck to everyone as they move onwards. I would encourage all of you to run for club or district positions; it's an experience you'll never forget!



TRUSTEE WILL ROBERTSON

Hello Pennsylvania!

Thank you for your magnificent efforts so far this year in working to make the world a better place for its children. There are a few things that I would like to share with everyone to help kick off the next couple of months of activities.

First, as everyone is aware, an earthquake recently devastated the country of Haiti. Many people were devastated. Those that survived the disaster now are in serious need of assistance. For more information on how to assist in aiding the recovery process, feel free to contact me or use the Key Club International website as a guide.

In addition to the Haiti relief effort, March of Dimes will be conducting its annual walks nationwide in the months of March, April, and May. Be sure to check out March of Dimes and see if you can be a champion fundraiser.

Finally, the Pennsylvania District is in the process of putting together a spectacular tour to the city of Memphis for the Key Club International Convention this summer. The convention itself will start July 7th and will go to July 11th. Be sure to be there and celebrate all the great achievements of you and your club this year with the rest of the organization. It is sure to be fun and will help get the new Key Club year off to a right start!

I can't wait to speak with you again soon. Until then, keep up the great work!

International Board

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Vice President Lance Wilson



Trustee Will Robertson

