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Meet Your Editor



Howdy Spicy Southwest! My name is Reagen Barragan your Bulletin Editor/Webmaster for the 2018-2019 year. Aside from losing sleep for Key Club, I also fill my time with various activities: National History Day, NHS, Science Olympiad, Evolverment, and I am the current Varsity Soccer Captain. Now, Kiwanis has always had a huge impact in my life from Builder's Club in middle school, to Key Club now. I previously served as the Copper Division Lieutenant Governor where I received the Robert F. Lucas Award for Outstanding Lieutenant Governors. My activities have never held me back from achieving my goals, and goals are what I'm getting into. This year I plan to publish at least three issues of Key to the Southwest, release newsletters during breaks between, keep the website updated and looking fresh, as well as keeping communication and transparency a priority. I hope you all aren't bored by my lengthy greeting, but this issue includes so much information from articles, sponsors, and pictures. Please enjoy and reach out to me with any and all questions you may have!

Yours in Service,

Reagen Barragan

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Member Crush Monday

Last year we began a sort of program to thank our outstanding members and encourage other members to want to serve to the best of their ability. Through Member Crush Monday (MCM) each Lt. Governor will nominate one member from their division to be posted across our social media as well as in Key to the Southwest. On social media, we will be posting about these outstanding members every other Monday starting August 20th. Read about our first member we're crushing on this year below!

Parmila Pyakurel | Black Canyon Division



This weeks MCM is Parmila Pyakurel, she attends Apollo High School, in the Black Canyon division. This year she is a senior, and has been involved in Key Club for two years. As her last year In this organization she has the pleasure to serve her school as the Senior board director! Parmila is a committed member, having 60+ hours of service this past year. Her all time favorite events, are elementary school carnivals spending time with children. Every member has their "Key Club moment" and for her it was attending District Convention, at this event she met new friends that shared the same interest as her. Parmila deserves to be recognized for her dedication and love for Key Club!

SERVICE PROJECT

Highlight

Amira Landeros | Rio Grande Division

Every summer, El Paso's key clubs give back to the community, with a splash of fun!

Summer fiesta better known as the back to school bash, team up with Child protective services, and community members, to hand out school supplies to students in need. The games involved, dealt with water as its main component, for instance a water balloon toss, fill up the bucket and shoot down the bottles, and so much more! The prizes were school supplies such as pencils, pens and erasers. From the smiling faces of our volunteers, to the excited children, this project was a success!



Meet Your Board

Executive Board

Sarah Montaña | District Governor



Seeing the differences that I made in my term and a half of being a Lieutenant Governor, I wanted to expand upon this and make a bigger difference in the Southwest District. So, I ran for the position of Governor at the 2018 DCON. Since the start of my term as governor, I have attended multiple governor trainings, helped with board trainings, and split my board into committees to create resources that will help the district. Outside of all this Key Club work, I spend my time hanging out with friends, shopping at my local mall and playing the euphonium, piano, and trumpet.

Faith Lopez | District Secretary-Treasurer



Hey Southwest! My name is Faith Lopez, and I am proudly from Manzano High School in the ever-changing city of Albuquerque, NM. I have to say that Key Club has been my driving force through high school. From exhausting exams, seemingly-endless class periods, constant tea-spilling, and my ceaseless love for stress, Key Club is the light at the end of the tunnel. Man, Tuesdays became my favorite days, cause that's when I have Key Club! And I am so happy every time I get to volunteer; changing lives, and expanding horizons. I am honored to say that I am serving this year as your Secretary-Treasurer, and I hope that I can make your Key Club experience as stress-reducing, meme-originating, and absolutely amazing as mine! Here's to a great year together, Southwest!

Hannah Grunwald | District Convention Chair



Hello Southwest! I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico and I am a senior at La Cueva High School. I have been in Kiwanis programs for close to 7 years now and I have loved every minute of it from being president of my home club to being on the executive district board. After last year's DCON, I was absolutely sure I wanted to be on the board and after a couple applications and interviews, I was appointed DCON Chair! My goals this year are as ambitious as they are possible. I want to make this year's DCON a smooth, stress free, extremely fun event. I want to use social media tools to my advantage to make this DCON as paperless and as accessible as possible. Outside of Key Club however, I am an aspiring Medical Student and am excited to focus on my future career after high school. I am also very passionate about music, my guitar playing, my job as a hospital intern, and service. I am here to serve you, don't be afraid to contact me for anything you need!

Lieutenant Governors



Alaya Alshemari

Black Canyon Division

Hey Southwest District! I am so excited to serve another year on the district board. My hobbies include watching movies, thrift store shopping, spending time with family/ friends and volunteering. I am also extremely active in Best Buddies and HOSA!



Ella Erickson

Catalina Division

Hey Southwest!! I'm Ella Erickson and outside of Key Club I love being a drummer in the marching band. I also love hiking with friends and family and playing volleyball and softball. After high school I want to be an EMT as I work towards becoming a trauma surgeon. Have a rad day!



Anayah Peru

Copper Division

Hi everyone! Even though key club will always be my favorite, I am also in student council and science olympiad. Outside of school I am either at work, or playing with either my hedgehog, Rennie, or my puppy, Max.



Nicole Inocentes

Estrella Division

Howdy Southwest! I am Nicole Inocentes, Estrella LtG. A little about me is that I'm a Junior at Paradise Honors High School. My hobbies include swimming, piano, and crafts. I enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and I also have a slight addiction to boba. Thank you SWD for this opportunity and I can't wait to serve you!



Bridget Martinez Catano

Lookout Mountain Division

Hello, my spicy Southwest District! I am Bridget Martinez, this year's Lookout Mountain Lieutenant Governor. I attend North High School in Phoenix, Arizona as a junior. I spend a lot of my free time indulging in different mediums of art; like film and drawing.



Parker Kross

Mogollon Rim Division

Besides Key Club, I am on board for National Honor Society. Additionally, I'm the team captain for our Varsity Swim team and a lifeguard which basically means I live at our community pool. Outside of school and the pool, you can find me behind the camera at a photoshoot.

Lieutenant Governors



Allie Robinson
Mohave Division

Outside of Key Club, I work for Parks and Recreation as an after school camp leader and volunteer for Special Olympics. When I'm not in school, I'll most likely be painting, cooking or out with my friends.



Thalianna Mercado
Papago Division

Hello Everyone! My name is Thalianna Mercado and my life goals include: graduating High School, getting accepted into Emory University in Atlanta Georgia, having a family, while overall becoming extremely successful. I deeply enjoy art and music. Other than Key Club my life revolves around my job and other clubs.



Sageene Saganey
Petroglyph Division

Hello! My name is Sage. Besides Key Club I am involved in my school's French Club, National Honor Society, HOSA and yearbook. I love animals, the great outdoors, books and "all you can eat buffets". Not in that particular order.



Amira Landeros
Rio Grande Division

Keepin it spicy! Just a Texas gal, in love with key club! An interesting fact about myself, is I'm a twin, a caffeine addict and play golf. I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin, and major in Biology and astronomy. I love to read, write and do everything nice. I want to have the opportunity to study under NASA, hopefully a job would follow suit.



Alissa McIntyre
San Pedro Division

Hello! I'm Alissa McIntyre, currently serving the San Pedro Division! Aside from Key Club, my passions include art, swim and serving others. I am in two other clubs and two swim teams; I also love hiking in the mountains next to my house and going to Sonic with my friends!



David Lopez
Sandia Mountain Division

Hola Spicy Southwest! I am David Lopez, Lt. Governor of the Sandia Mountain Division. I am a member of MESA and Student Council. I enjoy being in clubs and organizations whose focus is service and student leadership. My love for the city of Las Vegas has driven me to serve!

Lieutenant Governors



Sonya Svyatskaya

Sangre de Cristo Division

Hello everyone my name is Sonya Svyatskaya and I am a Junior in highschool right now. I enjoy to participate in a lot of sport activities along with skiing and playing tennis. One of the many hobbies that I have done throughout the year is playing piano. Once I finish high school I would love to go to school on the east coast and study to become a doctor.



Ivan Ordaz

South Mountain Division

My name is Ivan Ordaz and I'm a musician who plays trumpet, euphonium, and a little piano. I'm in the marching band and I do track. I love to travel and one of my hopes for the future is that I can visit all 10 sister cities of Phoenix!



Savannah Moffitt

Superstitions Division

Hello! My name is Savannah Moffitt and I am a member of NHS, a musician/singer, an athlete, and of course, a proud member of key club. I attend ASU prep where I am taking classes geared towards the area I would like to study in college, the medical field!

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Committee Updates

Council Elect:

Ella Erickson | Committee Chair

The Council Elect Committee focuses on the etiquette used in official meeting and we look at what needs to be changed in our bylaws.

So far we have been working on what the procedure for lieutenant governor elections will look like, the current LtG can start holding elections beginning in January and all elections must be completed by March 16.

The council Elect committee has also begun to start looking at the bylaws that need improvement. Including the one requiring immediate past secretary treasurer to send the DCON minutes to the past and newly elected board. And the look into ending lieutenant governor election being completed prior to DCON.

District Projects:

Nicole Inocentes | Committee Chair

Hey y'all! It's Nicole Inocentes, Lieutenant Governor of the Estrella Division and Service Committee Chair. I am so excited to be leading this wonderful committee that is committed to serving our members. So far, we have created a service project survey available to our members to find out a possible service project that suits their needs. We have also started creating beautifully designed flyers for the Governor and Major Emphasis Projects for the fall. I'm so proud of the hard work the Service Committee has completed so far, and can't wait to continue helping Key Clubbers increase in service projects within their communities!

Committee Updates

Growth & Communications

Parker Kross | Committee Chair

5% Growth

5,000 members

x 0.05

250 members

The growth and communications committee has been working hard to make sure that the southwest district grows and thrives like it normally does. We plan on using our social media to make more of our members involved. We will do this by continuing the bi-monthly Member Crush Monday to highlight specific members from each division that have gone above and beyond. This year we are hoping to see at least a 5% increase in membership across the district. We plan on achieving this by encouraging the use of the Key Club recruitment flyers and posters that are found on the Southwest District website. We also want to make some sort of way to encourage or reward clubs to get a certain amount of new members as the year goes on. We can't wait to work everyone and meet all this years new members.

District Convention

Hannah Grunwald | Committee Chair

As your 2018-2019 DCON Chair, I have a lot to tackle. Right now, we are working on the logistics of the convention including creating fun workshops, a busy schedule, and a smooth registration process. I am very excited to continue planning DCON with my amazing committee, Alaya Ashamari, Sonya Svyatskaya, and David Lopez! If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer any concerns you have. Have a great month Spicy Southwest!

Youth Opportunities Fund

What is it?

- The Youth Opportunities Fund, or YOF, is a grant paid by Key Club International to help Clubs or Members with financing a service project. A Club or Member may request anywhere
- from \$100- \$2,000 USD, and the recipient has one year to use the funds.

How can I apply?

- This year I am on the International Committee on Service, and my Committee is tasked with reviewing all applications and funding each as we see fit—so I will tell you what I am looking for in an application. The most important thing is to see that your club cares about the project. This is shown by filling out all of the information boxes to the fullest extent with truthful information. Additionally, asking for only a portion of your budgeted expenditures shows the Committee that you and your club will secure the rest of the funding, further showing that you are invested into the project. Finally, I would like to see the need of the project, so make sure the service project that you would like to do has a need in either your home, school, and community or the one that you are helping.

When is it due?

- Don't forget that applications are accepted from summer through fall and must be received by **October 15 at 11:59 PM EST.**

Questions:

- If you have any questions, please feel free to email me with questions at **FosterHillis.KCI@gmail.com!**

Fundraising

David Lopez

Sandia Mountain Division

Fundraising plays an important role in a Key Club's activity. It allows clubs to gain money which will later then be used to spend on resources, travel, and general expenditures.

There are many ways to fundraise and gain monetary donations or earnings. Hosting car washes, bake sales, etc. are great examples of easily achievable fundraising activities. At the West Las Vegas Key Club for example, we cleaned yards around the community for monetary donations, in the 2017-2018 Key Club year.

These earnings were later used for District Convention expenditures and travel to Chandler. Portions of the money were also saved in the club's bank account, to be used at a later date when spending it would be necessary.

Fundraising is a simple way to help a club gain money. With many benefits to fundraising, such as saving Clubs from having to use out-of-pocket money from its members to pay for expenses, but with every benefit comes a struggle.

Encouraging participation among members in a clubs fundraising activity can become hard. Cooperation is highly important when fundraising, easing the labor and making the process less time consuming, as a member it is our duty to ensure our clubs have money for necessary and optional expenses.

Snap, Crackle, Service *District Convention 2018*

Chandler, AZ

Each Spring, hundreds of Key Clubbers and advisors from the Southwest District gather together with one common bond; Service. This year was all about cereal, raising money for Lupus, dancing the night away at the Governor's Ball, and attending workshops. Read what some of our attendees have to say!

Nicole Inocentes

Attendee | Paradise Honors High School

Being apart of Key Club International has been an amazing experience I could never forget. I was once a beaming freshman ready to become apart of club, but it turned into something bigger because I become part of a family. Key Club has allowed me to grow as a member, leader, and overall as a person. My first DCon last year was special because I had the honor to walk up to the table and be apart of this fantastic board! Participating in workshops and getting to meet members within the Southwest District was the highlight of the convention. Members who haven't been to DCon I highly suggest you attend this year because it's a chance to make new friends and new memories. Can't wait to see you all there!



Snap, Crackle, Service *District Convention 2018*

Chandler, AZ



Alissa McIntyre

Attendee | Buena High School

Entering the Key Club family, you hear these grand tales of this magical place where dreams come true...District Convention. Every April, part of your club comes back with these immense ideas and a new sparkle in their eyes about service; this past April I had the opportunity to attend District Convention in Chandler, Arizona, and I was amazed to find that all the stories were true. Being in rooms with hundreds of people who share the same level of love for Key Club as you, learning how to be a better and more effective leader, and basking in the passion for service with the people who want to change the world. Before District Convention, I had already been elected as Lieutenant Governor, which is an honor in and of itself, but walking up to the head table, being pinned by my predecessor, I have never felt so much pure joy, and I have never been more proud to be part of such a wonderful organization and family as the Southwest District.



International Convention

2018 | Chicago, IL



This summer, over a thousand Key Clubbers from all over the world gathered together in Chicago, Illinois for the annual International Convention. See what some of our Southwest District attendees have to say!

Alaya Alshemari

Attendee | Apollo High School

"This year International Convention was held in Chicago Illinois with thousands of Key Clubbers all around the world! A few highlights that Southwest district all enjoyed were, attending each session, trading pins, touring the streets of Chicago and chanting until we lost our voice. Throughout this week-long trip, everyone learns something, whether it be something about your office position or fun trivia about Key Club.

From meeting new Key Clubbers to reuniting with old ones, the love for Key Club always brings us together to discover new service ideas, share different ways of communication and sing our hearts out to 'Don't Stop Believin.' Overall ICON was a life-changing experience and is highly recommended because of the friendships created, the positive energy, and the huge amount of passion everyone has for the same organization. Throughout the years Conventions have been successful however this year was phenomenal and great way to start or even end your Key Club year."

International Convention

2018 | Chicago, IL

Allie Robinson

Attendee | Lake Havasu High School

My experience at this year's International Convention was incredible. I made new friends from other districts, became closer with our district board and had a ton of fun throughout every part of convention. I loved attending each session, trading pins, touring the streets of Chicago and chanting until we lost our voices. This has to be my favorite International Convention so far because it seemed like everyone showed their Key Club spirit in every way possible.

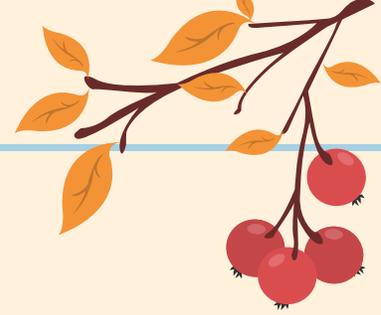
From meeting new Key Clubbers to reuniting with old ones, the love for Key Club always brings us together to discover new service ideas, share different ways of communication and sing our hearts out to 'Don't Stop Believin.' If a member makes it to International Convention, I know they have a true understanding and love for Key Club as much as I do. The best part of meeting new Key Clubbers is finding out how much in common they have with me such as future professions, life goals and what we want for our home clubs.

To be in the presence of all these Key Clubbers with the same love for service as I do is truly amazing. I thought I was crazy about Key Club until I met others that literally own every item from the webstore, like wow, I need to be on that level.

What did you miss at ICON?

At International Convention, we elected our International President (Emily Rice), our Vice President (Hannah Nivar), as well as 11 International Trustees (read about ours on Page 20). Our immediate past Bulletin Editor, Jennifer Harned, was elected to the position of trustee as well as awarded Distinguished Bulletin Editor. Immediate past Governor Olivia Kurschat was awarded Distinguished Governor. This year we were able to recognize 11 past Lieutenant Governor's for their amazing job done by them receiving the Robert F. Lucas Award for Outstanding Lieutenant Governors. Overall, Convention was a truly amazing experience that we will never forget!

Fall Rally



When is it?

November 10-12, 2018

Where is it?

Camp Sky Y, Prescott, AZ

How much does it cost?

\$135 per person (includes meals, lodging, a shirt, and materials)

What can I do?

Fall Rally is a weekend-long leadership camp for high school students. This program was created by past Key Club members with the intention of providing training, ice breakers, and merit enhancing activities in order to prepare students to excel in their homes, schools, and communities. This weekend in the mountains enables students to branch out, meet other members, and form life-long bonds.



Governor's Project **Together We Rise**

Sarah Montañó | District Governor

This years Governors Project is Together We Rise. Their mission is to change the way that kids travel through foster care. To do this they have "Sweet Cases" to give to foster kids. The cases are duffle bags that children can carry with them from house to house to keep their belongings in other than trash bags.

Children in foster care are often taken so quickly and they are only able to grab so much. On top of that they have to carry their items in these trash bags. Take a moment and put yourself in their shoes.

How would you feel if you had to quickly grab as many items as you can and then carry all of that in a trash bag?

That feeling is why the governor's project has been chosen and our goal is \$20,000. There are two ways that you can turn in the money you raise over the course of the year. You can turn it into the Southwest District at District Convention and we can donate it; or you can send the money directly to Together We Rise and hold a service project creating/delivering the sweet cases . If you hold the service project please send a scanned copy of the check to the Governor, Secretary Treasurer, and District Administrator. This way we can count your donation toward our \$20,000 goal.

\$20,000 goal

5,000 members

\$4 per member



All About Our *Preferred Charities & Partners*

Key Club International is the largest student run, student led organization with over 270,000 members worldwide. To help us serve our communities effectively and reach out to children, different organizations have begun supporting us. There are three levels to partnership ranked highest to lowest: Vision Partner, Co-Sponsor, and Major Emphasis Projects (MEP's). Find out more about these below.

Vision Partner | *Landscape Structures*

-Landscape Structures (LSI) has joined Kiwanis International as a vision partner to bring play to communities across the globe. LSI is proud to provide high-quality commercial playground equipment and planning consultation services that reflect the high degree of integrity that Kiwanis clubs expect. You can find out more about them here.

Co-Sponsor | *Rustic Pathways*

-Rustic Pathways has been the leader in global teen adventure travel and community service programs since 1983. Through purposeful design, we create culturally-immersive travel programs for students ages 12 to 22, customizable teacher-led trips for school groups, and gap year semesters for recent high school grads. For more information, click here or visit rusticpathways.com/programs.

Major Emphasis Project | *IHOP*

-Your club members can support National Pancake Day by serving as ambassadors to encourage restaurant patrons to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In November, watch for information from Key Club & Kiwanis International about registering to volunteer on National Pancake Day.

Major Emphasis Project | *Children's Miracle Network*

-Members work together by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at their local children's hospitals. Contact your local CMN hospital and invite a representative to a club meeting to share ideas and create a partnership.

Major Emphasis Project | *March of Dimes*

-Since the 1940s, Key Clubs have worked with March of Dimes to make a positive impact in the lives of babies everywhere. Today, Kiwanis members continue that culture of service by supporting the March of Dimes all year long by hosting service projects, raising funds and educating communities about the crisis of preterm birth.

Major Emphasis Project | *UNICEF*

-UNICEF is the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children. Working with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education and safe water and sanitation.

Meet Your Trustee

Foster Hillis



Hello Spicy Southwest District!

I am Foster Hillis, and I have the honor of being your International Trustee for the 2018-2019 Key Club Service Year! This year, I will not only serve Sarah and your District, but I will also serve the Alabama and Nebraska-Iowa Districts. As an International Trustee, I provide your District with International Updates, serve on the International Board and Council on your behalf, and be a member of International Committees.

This year, I have been appointed to the International Committees on Service and Membership Experience; and I have been elected to the International Executive Committee. The Service Committee works to connect our Service Partners with our Clubs and we, as a Committee, will also fund Club and Member's Service Projects via the Youth Opportunities Fund. The Membership Experience Committee strives to improve the experience of being a Key Clubber through new and exciting avenues. Finally, the Executive Committee has general oversight of the International Board, reviews International Guidebook amendments, and delegates other executive tasks.

I hope to be of service to all of you for this Service year. If you have any questions you can email me at FosterHillis.KCI@gmail.com or find me on Instagram at [@FosterHillis](https://www.instagram.com/FosterHillis).

Hope to see you at DCON!

Yours in Service,

Foster Hillis
International Trustee



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