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A Note From Your Editor



Howdy Southwest,

It has been an amazing year so far, and I would like to personally thank everyone for all of their dedication and hard work they've put in to this year. We are nearing the end of our semester and are more than halfway through our Key Club year. Please continue to serve to the best of your ability and don't give up in this final stretch.

We have been able to accomplish so much this year as a district. For me, its been quite hectic but a lot of fun. From updating the website, ensuring communication, and creating this second issue of Key to the Southwest. Thank you all for such an amazing year so far, I can't wait to get started on the next issue as well as continue working hard to serve all of you to the best of my ability. Stay positive and continue serving!

Yours in Service,

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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 have been posting and honoring these amazing members. Read about the past five incredible Key Clubbers Lt. Governor's have nominated to be recognized.



David Morton | Catalina Division

David Morton is an essential member to Cienega High School's Key Club. He is the Junior Class Representative and manages to keep up with Key Club while also being in Varsity Cheer. Davis says, "I love Key Club because it's an amazing program that gets teens to contribute to their community. Not only have I learned so much but I have built lasting relationships with my peers and teachers. Key Club helps the students and in turn the students help the community!"

Alyssa Gurrola | Caverns Division

Alyssa Gurrola is a junior at Roswell High and is currently in her first year of Key Club. Even though it is her first year, Alyssa shows lots of promise and holds much respect from her peers. She has been dedicated and reliable throughout all service project. Her favorite service project is the Waymaker food distribution, where members volunteer at a church to provide free food to low-income families and, in most cases, those that qualify as homeless. She finds joy in helping those who need it the most. Outside of Key Club, Alyssa enjoys other school related activities. She enjoys working with the Roswell High Student Council and practicing softball.





Marlea Glick | Copper Division

As a junior at Silver High and a first year member of Key Club, Marlea Glick has participated in every service project her club has done this year. These projects include helping freshman find their way around the school for their first day and painting kid's faces at the Red Hot Children's Fiesta. She also volunteered to be on the committee that will organize and plan future service projects. Marlea is an outstanding Key Clubber and deserves to be recognized throughout the whole district because of her love for service.

Allison Kwan | Lookout Mountain Division

Allison Kwan is a junior at Pinnacle High School. She is currently in her third year of being involved in Key Club and is also currently serving as the club president. For the 2017-2018 school year, Allison served as the club treasurer and attended the 2018 Southwest District Convention. Her favorite service event is called OCJ Kids Day at the Park, where club members spend time with foster children at the local park once a month. Besides Key Club, Allison enjoys playing the piano and acoustic guitar, improving her photography skills, and trying new restaurants.



Katie Sexton | Mogollon Rim Division

Katie Sexton is a junior at Payson High School. She is currently in her fifth year of being involved in Kiwanis and is also currently serving as the club treasurer. For the 2018-2019 school year, Katie served as the club treasurer and attended the 2018 Southwest District Fall Rally. Her favorite service event is when they went up to Flagstaff to package food for underfunded families, they packaged over 100 bags of food. Besides Key Club, Katie enjoys working with children at her church, helping her mom at school, and playing with her rabbit.



SERVICE PROJECT

Highlight

Sonya Svyatskaya | Sangre de Cristo Division

The Los Alamos High School Key Club in the Sangre de Cristo Division did an eco service project which I was really proud of. This eco project was in partnership with the environmental department in Los Alamos National Laboratory. A lady from that department reached out and asked if the Los Alamos High School Key club was interested in helping them with a project. The project was building a fence out of glass bottles to decrease the amount of water flow down a hill which caused a lot of flooding. The reason this was one of my favorites service projects was not only did it have positive effects on the community and environment but it was one of the few service project that had a lot of members show up. Previous projects always had a hard time getting people to come; however this time was different- about 40 members came out to help. Everyone was having a good time hanging out and serving the community. It went so well that the lady that directed us asked if we would like to help out for a second time in the upcoming weeks.



Executive Updates

Executive Board



Sarah Montañó | District Governor

What's up southwest! This year has been a crazy roller coaster filled with amazing experiences for the board and myself! I started this year attending a governor training where I learned the ins and outs of being a governor. I took that information and trained your district board at our first summer board meeting. There Lieutenant governors learned how to do their job, we picked the DCON theme and approved the budget for the year. After our first board meeting, the board flew about 40 Key Clubbers to Chicago where we had a fabulous international Convention. There we met celebrities, gained information about key club, and won international awards! Next, they Southwest district Board attended the Southwest District Kiwanis DCON. We touched up on Lieutenant Governor training, discussed DCON, and showed off our awesome dance moves. Scene then the board has yet to meet together for an in person meeting but we have been working from our different divisions making the Southwest THAT much better. If you are interested in what we are working on or maybe have ideas for the district. Reach out to your Lieutenant Governor. I know they are eager to help out



Amira Landeros | District Secretary-Treasurer

Due to circumstances, we have appointed Amira Landeros to the position of Sec-Treas. Get to know a bit about her below.

Whats spicy southwest? My name is Amira Landeros, I derive from El Paso Texas, so howdy! (I don't have an Accent I promise) Coffee and tea is how I manage throughout the day, how do you? - I'm a senior, a varsity golf player, and I love key club! As key clubbers, we are here to serve - serve our homes, schools, and community, and I'm here to help you along your amazing community service journey! My job is to ensure DCON is one for the books, (the scrapbooks I might add) :) our spicy LTG's are even more informed and our budgets remain flawless. I'm excited for the months to come! If you need anything feel free to reach out! Stay Spicy!

Committee Updates

Council Elect:

Ella Erickson | Committee Chair

The Council Elect Committee has decided to leave the bylaw stating the immediate past secretary- treasurer must send out the minutes to both the immediate past and newly elected board members. The committee has also continued to work on what the procedure for lieutenant governor elections, the current Lieutenant Governor can start holding elections beginning in January 2019 and all elections must be completed by March 16, 2019. A spreadsheet on the drive detailing who ran, who won, the names of the delegates, if quorum was met, what board members attended and the date the election was held must be filled out by March 16. The committee continues to look through the bylaws, scanning for anything in need of re-evaluation.

District Projects:

Nicole Inocentes | Committee Chair

The service committee focuses on providing resources for members to be able to create successful service projects in their community. So far, the service committee has expanded its survey to the whole K-Family so, that they are able to use it to help them grow in their community service opportunities. We have also created beautifully designed flyers for social media use and member use for the fall. The service committee is working on organizing the annual Governor's Walk for Gov. Sarah Montano. So proud of the dedication of our committee, committed to serving our members!

Committee Updates

Growth & Communications

Parker Kross | Committee Chair

K-Family

- *K-Kids*
- *Builders Club*
- *Key Club*
- *Circle K*
- *Kiwanis*
- *Aktion Club*

The Growth and Communication committee has been working diligently to make sure our spicy spirit reaches all edges of the southwest using our social medias. To encourage outstanding service have have been highlighting our wonderful club members every other week through Member Crush Monday. We have been working hard to keep all of our district social media up to date to make sure that members are updated on district events and projects. We have been creating fun and playful graphic to help entice members into joining this wonderful organization. Additionally, we have been working on ways to highlight other branches of the "K" family.

District Convention

Alaya Alshemari | Committee Co-Chair

I hope you all are prepared for another year of Key Club celebration! If so, make sure to attend our annual District Convention in New Mexico. As far as the DCON committee, we have been strategically planning for a SUPER weekend! We have determined who our Key Note Speaker is, along with all of the fun workshops that are going to be held. As far as the T-shirt and pin designs contest, it ends December 1st, so you still have time to enter. Make sure to keep an eye out for the District updates on this event. Overall, we have completed so much and will continue to strive for a great convention!

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Trustee Update



Hey Southwest District!

Well, it has been a couple of crazy busy months on the International Board but all of it has been fun! We are all working diligently in our Committees and with our Districts. Personally, I just visited the Nebraska-Iowa District for their October Board meeting & had a great time. I have been working with the International Committee on Service to start grading your YOF applications and get those projects funded!

We just got finished with the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign this year where we hope to reach our Eliminate funding goal of \$350,000 USD. Also, we just had our annual Key Club Week where Key Clubbers internationally got to Show their Ks on Monday to Connecting their Ks on Friday.

In the coming weeks the International Board will be going to the Kiwanis headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana for our November Board meeting; and in January I will be traveling to your District for y'all's January Board meeting. I am very excited for both events.

If any of you have any questions about Key Club International, feel free to email me! Until next time...

Yours in Service,
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Have questions about fundraising?

Fundraising is one of the biggest things you as a club can do whether it be to raise money for a project, expenses, or to benefit your club. Read below what one of our Lieutenant Governor's has to say upon her experience with fundraising.

Anayah Peru | Copper Division

At my home club of Silver High School, one of our main fundraisers that we did this year was our annual haunted house. This haunted house isn't any normal haunted house though, it is a haunted house we do to benefit the Governor's Project. To get everything set up, we had a detailed plan of what our theme was, how much it would cost, and what supplies we needed in order to get the haunted house approved by administration. After we got everything approved, our bulletin editor made flyers that were placed around our community, school, and social media throughout the month of October to get the word out. To get set up, all of our members were excused from school and helped decorate from 8 o'clock when school started until 6 when our haunted house started. The best part of this is that we did not lose money because we asked every member to bring at least one item overall making the amount of club money spent minimal. We made money by charging \$5 per person to go through our haunted house. By doing this we made a profit of \$600 and donated \$400 to the Governor's Project.

Service Unlocks the Hero in You

District Convention 2019

Albuquerque, NM

Hey there Key Clubbers, have you heard about District Convention Convention before? Do you know where to register?

District Convention is an amazing opportunity for you to meet people from all over the Southwest and bond over service. If you would like to register, please click [here](#). Read about what our convention chair has to say about it.

Hannah Grunwald | District Convention Chair

Hey Southwest! We are busy planning the 2019 District Convention! As you know, the theme is Super Service, focusing on what makes the ideal Key Club hero. DCON is a big project and it requires a lot of teamwork because there is a lot to get done. We are working hard to make a safe, fun, and memorable convention for our lovely Southwest! The cost is \$275 and it will be held in Albuquerque, NM in March. We are going to be having our traditional workshops along with our special theme workshops that our board has been working on over the past few months. We encourage you to reach out to your clubs and encourage them all to register early for this event, come down and support our Spicy Southwest! Please reach out if you have any comments and concerns!

Fall Rally Recap

Didn't get the chance to attend?

See what one of our LtG's has to say

Parker Kross | Mogollon Rim LtG at Large

As I was leaving my third and final Fall Rally, I realized how much this camp has done for me. Coming back for my third year, meant that as I walked into the camp, I saw many old friends that I have not seen since the previous year. Fall Rally is a great place to meet new friends from all over the Southwest district because everyone is so comfortable with each other. This camp has helped me come out of my shell my sophomore year and opened my eyes to how incredible this organization was. Each year when I go back, the camp is a completely different experience and teaches me a whole new level of leadership. The lessons and activities at the camp provide a whole new understanding leadership. Whether you're helping your teammates through the low-ropes course, reflecting on your personal thoughts, or competing in a team challenge, there is never a dull moment at Camp Fall Rally.



CKI Fall Rally

Alaya Alshemari | Black Canyon Division

This year, four Southwest District Board officers had the opportunity to attend Circle K's annual Fall Rally. It took place at Kamp Kiwanis on October 19th- 21st with the theme "Service is incredible". It was an amazing event, where tons of college students united and even became friends for the first time. The service that we did was actually a pair up with Kiwanis work day, it was such a pleasure to help clean the campgrounds! Fall Rally is much like KCI'S, however, you are surrounded by college students who are mature in the way they act and present themselves. After high school, I hope to see on the Southwest key clubber active there as well!



Alaya Alshemari
&
Kianna Russo

Governor's Project Update

Together We Rise

Sarah Montañó | District Governor

This years Governors Project is Together We Rise. It an organization whose goal is to get rid of the trash bag problem in foster care. Basically, when a child enters the foster care system all they have to carry their few items in is a trash bag. Together We Rise provides bags filled with a coloring book, hygiene kit, a teddy bear, and a blanket to children. Imagine having only a trash-bag to hold all of your items in and then receiving a "sweet case"(thats what Together We Rise calls them)? Thats the feeling we are hoping to give these kids. So please go out and fundraise. We have noticed that all of you have been working diligently towards our goal and I just want to personally thank each and every one of you for all your hard work!



Club Spotlight

Alissa McIntyre | San Pedro Division

In the San Pedro Division, we have many clubs doing great things, but one club that is doing an exceptional job is Bisbee High School, in Bisbee, AZ! Even with having a small club, they are still doing great things, locally and District wide. One of the biggest projects they have right now is a movie night fundraiser to help with our Governor's Project, Together We Rise! If they reach their goal for donations through this, any extra money will go to another organization called Thorn, which is an organization that develops technology to help find children involved in sex trafficking. Great job, Bisbee High School!

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.

International Convention 2019

When?

June 30th - July 9th, 2019

Where?

Baltimore, Maryland

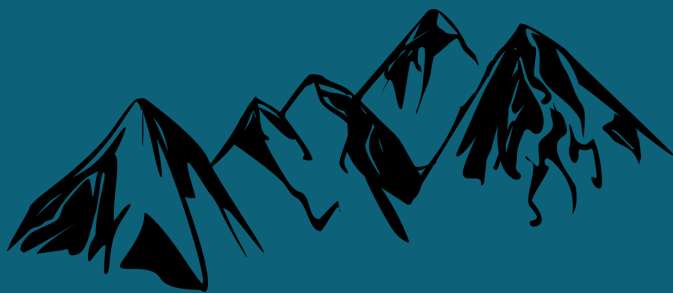
Join us for next years ICON in Baltimore, Maryland! We will bring the spice to the east coast on June 30th as we arrive in Baltimore to tour, serve, and have the time of our lives. Quad prices are \$1,300 per person and \$1,450 per person if you register as a trio. If you would like more information, please [click here](#).



Key Leader

February 16th - 18th, 2019

Key Leader is an incredible leadership experience for Key Clubbers across the Southwest District. Here you will learn leadership skills through various games and activities. This year, Key Leader will be held over the weekend of February 16 - 18 at Kamp Kiwanis in Vanderwagen, New Mexico. If you are interested or would like to register, information will be posted on our website within the next few weeks.





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