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THE BUCKEYE KEY

BULLETIN EDITOR'S WELCOME

Hello Ohio District!

I hope the first part of your Key Club year has been packed full of service and fun. It's always so exciting for me to see all of the exciting projects and activities that clubs are taking part in. Keep sharing all of your amazing ideas with us!

Now for a little bit about me. My name is Stephanie Bell and I am your 2017-18 District Bulletin Editor! But, this is not my first time on the district board, last year I served at Division 1 Lt. Governor and learned so much about Key Club!

This year, I am a senior at Bowling Green High School this year, which is located in North-West Ohio. I am very involved at my school in other areas along with Key Club. I love spreading school spirit and being what my school likes to call "Bobcat Proud". This sense of pride in what I am a part of carries through to all of my activities. Outside of school and Key Club, I am a dancer, and have been for the past 16 years of my life (yes, that means I started dancing when I was 2). I believe that dance has given me confidence that I have carried out through all aspects of my life.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Buckeye Key, and I can't wait to meet you all at Fall Rally!



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GOVERNOR

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Dear Ohio District,

My name is Esam Hammoudi and I am the 2017 – 2018 District Governor! We are half way through the Key Club administrative year and I am so excited for Fall Rally this coming weekend. Lieutenant Governors and Executives alike have put a lot of effort into the planning of this event and hope you all plan on joining us at the Ohio Union on October 29th !

Since my election this past March, I've served the District in multiple capacities, of them being my attendance at Key Club's International Convention in San Antonio, Texas from July 5th –10th . There, myself and members of the Ohio District elected the International Board, toured the city, and enjoyed informative Key Club workshops. We collaborated with members of other Districts and did a great job representing the District! In May, the District Board had its official Lieutenant Governor training to prepare for the coming year. In August, we had our first board meeting, planned Fall Rally, and made various decisions on the direction of the District, including the yearly District Service Project. The following month, we had our second meeting as a board finalizing Fall Rally plans and choosing the District Convention theme!

The District Convention committee is gearing up for the busiest Key Club season. After Fall Rally, the District Board starts planning Key Club's most spectacular event: District Leadership Conference. DLC is the second annual Key Club event. Held March 9th – 11th , this weekend is a transformative experience, teaching students the values of leadership, service, and inclusion. Throughout their weekend, Key Clubbers attend forums and sessions on various levels (club, District, and International) of Key Club – learning the intricacies of the organization. At this event, District Executives (Governor, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Bulletin Editor) are elected.

Thank you for your time and service. I look forward to seeing you at Fall Rally and DLC!



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Hello Key Clubbers!

I name is Eli Cole and I am the 2017-18 Ohio District Secretary-Treasurer! I come from a small town in southern Ohio named Portsmouth. Fun history fact about Portsmouth- It used to be the shoelace capital of the world! Aside from being a history and government nerd, I am also very active in many extracurriculars at my school. At my high school I have served as the Student Class President for 3 years and also a member of our Mock Trial, an active member of Quiz Bowl, a Beta Club member and currently serve as the club treasurer, and most importantly a member of the Portsmouth West High School Key Club! This isn't my first appearance on the Ohio District Board. Last year I proudly represented Division 9 as their Lieutenant Governor! My experience and connections from last year have helped me tremendously with my current job.

This year's board never fails to impress me! The amount of work and the impact it has had so far this year is tremendous! The next six months will be a breeze for them but I have 3 main ways I am going to help them finish out a great term. **Connect, Create, and Celebrate.** **Connect-** As a District Board, I see that some members struggle with certain things such as Newsletters. My plan is to connect them with another member who's Newsletters exceed the criteria set for them. By doing this, members can share ideas, tips, and tricks on how to better do their job. **Create-** I hope to create many different resources to aid each club, board member, or Key Clubber through whatever struggles they need help overcoming. **Celebrate-** This is my favorite goal out of all three. The District Board Members do a lot of things that go unnoticed and my plan is to reward them for doing such things! By rewarding them they will continue to improve their work while also challenging other Board Members. See you all at Fall Rally and DLC, I can't wait to meet you all!

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Eli R. Cole



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Hello Key Clubbers!

My name is Rachel Wegener and I have the pleasure of serving as your Ohio District Historian for the 2017-2018 year. I hope that everyone has had a great start to their school and key club years!

In addition to Key Club, I am also involved in my school's Choir program, Mock Trial team, Model UN team, Renaissance program, National Honors Society, New Student Mentorship program, Student Council and many other activities (but Key Club is my favorite of course). I have been involved in Key Club for all four years of my high school career and have loved every second of it! I also love all things fall! Getting to wear comfy sweaters and fuzzy socks everyday is what makes the pain of college apps and homework bearable.

Just as all of the other board members, I am here to help you in any way I can! This year I will be focusing on maintaining the organization of division records as well as documenting all of that fun we have over the course of the year by taking pictures at our district events. Another goal of mine is to help my fellow board members in any way I can in order to make their jobs a little bit easier.

I hope I get the chance to meet as many of you as possible at Fall Rally! The board has been working very hard to make your experience a great one, so I hope to see you all there! You may see me around taking pictures of everyone having a blast :)



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Hi Ohio District,

I'm Alexis Lee and I'm your 2017-2018 Webmaster! I am currently a senior at Berea-Midpark High School and am taking classes at the Cuyahoga County Community College as well. I also work part-time at my city's Recreation Center as a Front Desk Receptionist. Aside from Key Club and my involvement in the K-Family for the past 6 years, I am the captain of two different departments and the PR manager of my school's FIRST Robotics Competition Team (go team 1248!), participate in Academic WorldQuest through the World Affairs Councils of America, and am my city's representative as Miss Middleburg Heights.

Due to various health issues as a child, I've been unable to get out much and found entertainment in the "nerdy" things. I have always had strong interest in science, technology, computers, honestly...I like just about anything that has buttons and wires. I love breaking things and seeing how they work, developing solutions to different problems, and overall messing around with different technologies. I plan on majoring in Computer Science and Engineering and going on to do Malware Research or working in the Information Security field as a Security Analyst/Security Engineer.

This past summer, major changes were brought to the district website. We have an updated look, new features, a new server, updated databases, updated security measures, and much more. Due to these massive changes, the website was down during summer and a little bit into the school year. I apologize for this inconvenience, but I do hope you and your clubs find the inconvenience worth it and the new and improved district website helps your clubs become more productive and achieve more this year!

I am always up to talk to other Key Clubbers and making new friends! Don't be afraid to reach out to me on social media (all of my usernames are @leea_lou) and speak to me at district events! I'd love to get to know all of you better this year and I hope I can serve you well this year!



INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE

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My name is Audrey Dilgarde from the Rocky Mountain District, and I am honored to introduce myself as your newly elected International Trustee to Minnesota-Dakotas, Ohio and Missouri-Arkansas for this upcoming service year. I'm so excited to work with all of you!

As an International Trustee, my job is to primarily assist the Governors, District Boards and District Administrators with any objectives. My responsibilities also extends to participating in two district visits and most importantly, representing your voices on the International level of Key Club. On the International Board, I am a member of the Executive Committee, Committee on Service, and Committee on Membership Experience. If you have any questions about my assigned committees, or any of the other committees on the International Board, please don't hesitate to reach out!

One goal I hope to complete this year is to foster a strong relationship (or at least have all three sister districts have a working knowledge of each other) between the sister districts which include you, Minnesota-Dakotas, and Missouri-Arkansas. Additionally, I will send out bi-weekly updates, in the form of newsletters, detailing any new information/updates from the International level. This will keep everyone in the same loop and informed about any important changes and decisions.

A little bit about myself is that I am a rising senior from Conifer High School in Conifer, Colorado. I have a love for politics, traveling and all things pop culture. During my free time, I can usually be found in an art museum, bakery (cupcakes are my favorite), or bookstore. Other than Key Club, I participate in National Honor Society!

In conclusion, Ohio District, it is a pleasure to know that I will be serving alongside such a compassionate, strong, influential group of volunteers and leaders. I know this year will be unforgettable and full of celebrations. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time! Let's make this year count.



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FALL RALLY 2017

ARE YOU ALREADY THINKING ABOUT DLC?

First off, on behalf of the 2016-17 District Board, thank you for making our 2017 Superhero's of Service DLC one to remember. It was an amazing weekend of celebration.

District Conference will be taking place **March 9-11, 2018** at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio! The district board will be revealing our exciting theme at this year's Fall Rally!

Save the date! We are excited to celebrate service and accomplishment with the entire Ohio District!

On October 22, Join us at the Ohio Union @ The Ohio State University (1739 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43210) for spooktacular day of service, games, and friendship! Lunch will be provided as well. The cost is only \$25 per club member.

The District Board has been working hard to bring you one of the most exciting Fall Rallies yet! Many

interactive forums have been planned for you all.

This year's theme is A Helpful Halloween, so come dressed in your best costume and celebrate the love of service.

Registration begins at 9:30am and the event runs from 10am– 3pm.

We hope to see you all there!

Tentative Agenda

Registration: 9:30-10:00

Opening Session: 10:00-10:30

Welcome

Spirit Rally

Pledge of Allegiance

Key Club Pledge

Inspiration

Introduction of Board and Guests

Key Club Governor Remarks

Kiwanis Governor Remarks

Announcements

Forums: 10:45– 1:40

Key Club 101

District Service Project

Service Fair

Advisor Workshop (Advisors only):

Meet and Greet - 10:45-11:25

Lunch - 11:30-12:10

Key Club Update - 12:15-12:55

Advisor 101 - 1:00-1:40

Closing Session: 1:45-3:00

Talent Contest

International Trustee Remarks

Circle K Governor Remarks

Basket Giveaway

Reflection

Adjournment



INTERNATION CONVENTION RECAP

This year Key Club International Convention (ICON) was held in the beautiful San Antonio, Texas. This trip gave Ohio Key Clubbers insight to beyond what takes place in our own district and helped us to see the impact our service makes world-wide. On Wednesday July 5th, key clubbers and chaperones all met at John Glenn Columbus International Airport to start our trip. From there we traveled to Chicago before finally flying to San Antonio. When we stepped off the plane into the warm city of San Antonio, we knew we were about to experience a week full of fun, laughter, and most importantly-service. As opening session began that evening, and we continued through the meet and greet, we had the opportunity to begin meeting so many people from around the world who are just as passionate about service as we are.

The next day, Thursday, July 6th, the first morning session started. It was titled “Courage to Engage.” Here we learned that we must be willing to engage ourselves into Key Club and become motivated to serve and take part in servant leadership. That afternoon workshops and training for district officers were held all leading up to a dance that night. In between the workshops and the dance many of us visited historical landmarks throughout the city including the Riverwalk and the Alamo. These beautiful places were seen many times throughout the trip as our hotel was directly on the Riverwalk.

On the third day of ICON, Friday July 7th, the morning began with of first session of the day titled “A Call to Lead.” This explained how we as key clubbers had a moment where we discovered that we wanted to be servant leaders and how to develop our leadership in service after that moment. Many workshops took place after that session, including a Q&A from the 2016-2017 International Board. That Friday afternoon was filled with caucusing, listening to the many candidates running for the next International Board. After dinner that night, the Recognition session took place and many Key Clubs and Key Clubbers were awarded for their achievements this past year. Ohio took home quite a few trophies and awards, so we were pretty thrilled of our district’s successes.

Saturday, July 8th, was the final day of the convention. That morning’s session was all about finding our “Heart to Serve.” While listening to great keynote speakers, we discovered how important service really means to us as key clubbers and realized how we truly love service. After voting through House of Delegates, closing session finally came. As we discovered our new International Board we began the preparation for our next year of service. Celebrating that final day, we ended the convention that night with another amazing dance.

Though Saturday was the last day of the convention, the Ohio District took a trip to the SeaWorld in San Antonio on Sunday, July 8th. While riding roller coasters, seeing penguins, whales, dolphins, sea lions, and many more amazing animals, we spent the day laughing and making lifelong memories and connections to bring back to Ohio. We finally traveled back home on Monday July 9th.

This trip was a once and a lifetime experience for many of us on the trip. We made so many memories and friendships that will last our whole lives. We learned what it really means to be servant leaders and gained insight into ideas that we can bring to our home clubs and district to further spread our knowledge and love for service.

International Convention 2018 will take place July 4-8, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois

SERVICE PROJECTS

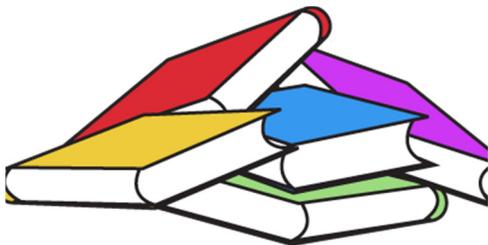
Start A Community Garden!

Division 10-W is currently working on creating community garden and is reaching out to Metro parks to request a space. Division 10-W consists of 13 clubs belonging to the following schools: Upper Arlington High School, Grandview Heights, Briggs, Dublin Coffman, Dublin Scioto, Dublin Jerome, Hilliard Darby, Hilliard Davidson, Miami Trace, Westland, Central Crossing, Franklin Heights, and Grove City. They are going to donate our plants to shelters and other organizations, but the service project is only starting and needs lots of helpers.

-From Division 10-W LTG Saeema Syed



Literacy with Little Ones!



Reading books to kids at a local library or community area is a simple and fun service project. After sharing the day's story, members can interact with the kids through bingo, arts and crafts, building contests and other fun activities. This will keep the kids engaged and make them want to come back. Club members can participate anywhere from once a month to three times a week. This is a great project to build consistency with the children in the community.

-Adapted from keyclub.org

BINGO!

Almost all local nursing homes hold a weekly Bingo Night for their residents. An easy way for your club to give back to your community would be to help at these Bingo Nights! Not only is bingo fun for all ages, the nursing home residents always enjoy the youthful energy that comes along with High Schoolers. This project could be a consistent project where your club travels together every other Monday Night Bingo session to help. Contact a local nursing home for more specific details to that home.





THE THIRST PROJECT



What is the Thirst Project? (From the thirstproject.org)

Mission Statement: Our mission is simple: Build a socially-conscious generation of young people who END the global water crisis. We do this by educating students about it and activating them to rock the clean water cause & build real water projects all over the world. Why Water? Health and Sanitation: Waterborne diseases kill more children every single year than AIDS, Malaria, and all world violence combined. Small children typically do not have strong enough immune systems to fight diseases like cholera, dysentery, or schistosomiasis.

What is their story?

In the summer of 2008, three consecutive days changed everything. Seven 19 year-old friends living in Southern California would learn about the global water crisis through a series of unlikely people and events, and embark on a journey that would give birth to this organization.

Like all great things, it started with coffee. I met up with a friend who was the first person to ever expose me to the global water crisis. Until this moment in my nineteenth year, I had no idea that this was even an issue. I had no idea that there were people living in our world who didn't have access to basic, safe drinking water. I learned that there were people who are literally forced to drink from swamps, mud puddles, earth dams or whatever standing water source is available to them. I learned that waterborne diseases kill more children in the world than anything. I learned that, then, 1.1 billion people didn't have access to safe, clean drinking water. My entire worldview was shattered. This one conversation changed everything. Coffee. The next day, I attended a screening of a movie in Los Angeles that dealt with the realities of extreme poverty and genocide in developing countries. The next day, at church (yes, people go to church in Los Angeles...even college students), the pastor began talking about "missions" initiatives, and specifically focused on the needs of safe, clean water in the world. I knew this couldn't be coincidence. Over the next several months, through my own research and several uncanny, seemingly chance encounters that could only be described as God at work, I met with some of the most prominent individuals and organizations exploring ways to provide solutions to this problem, and knew I had to take action.

As a 19 year-old college student living in one of the most expensive cities in the world without a dime to my name, all I could think was, "What can one person really do?" I didn't really know, but I knew that I couldn't live with this new knowledge inside of me and not do something. So, I gathered seven of my closest college friends together and we decided to simply tell these people's story. We pooled all of our money together (which literally amounted to \$70) and were able to purchase 1,000 bottles of water from our nearest grocery store. (We MAY have laid it on pretty thick and begged the manager for a crazy discount.) We took to Hollywood Boulevard and began giving away free bottles of water so that we could get people to stop and talk to us, so they would ask us, "Why are you doing this?" We asked them, "Did you know? Did you know that (at that time) over one billion people don't have access to safe, clean drinking water?" In one day, we spoke to over 1,000 people. We raised awareness about the water crisis to these people with hardly any plan other than to simply tell people. Almost everybody gave back for the water that they took, and we were able to turn \$70, into \$1,700. This was used to fund our first rehabilitation of a freshwater well.

Written by: Seth Maxwell (CEO, Founder)

Get Involved!

Check out www.thirstproject.org or ohkc.org on ways to get involved in this incredible organization!



REMINDER-

Fall Rally

October 29, 2017

Ohio Union @ OSU

Registration— 9:30

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”

-Aesop

Something as small as smiling at a stranger on the street could completely change a person’s day. Don’t worry about always having the biggest act of kindness and it being known, focus on the little ones. Sometimes these could even mean more.

Thank you for reading this edition of *The Buckeye Key!*

I hope to see you all at Fall Rally on October 29th.

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Stephanie Bell