

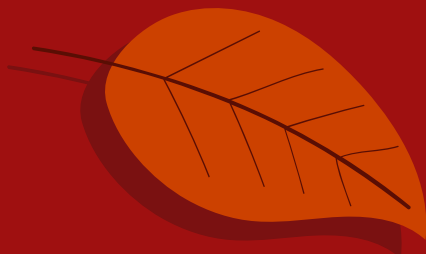
The Official  
**BUCKEYE KEY**  
Fall Edition



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# BOARD MEETINGS

A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAPPENS AT OUR BOARD MEETINGS!

## SUMMER MEETING + TRAINING!

TO KICK OFF THE START OF THE SERVICE YEAR FOR OHIO DISTRICT KEY CLUB THE BOARD MET AT DRURY INN & SUITES POLARIS DURING THE FIRST WEEKEND OF JUNE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO HOST THEIR FIRST BOARD MEETING AND BE TRAINED ON ALL THEIR DUTIES. LED BY IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR RHEA PASUPULETI AND CURRENT GOVERNOR OLUFEMI ODIAH, THE FIRST HALF OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON WAS SPENT WALKING NEWLY ELECTED LT. GOVERNORS THROUGH HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CLUBS, CREATE MONTHLY NEWSPAPERS AND REPORT FORMS, HOW TO HOST DIVISION COUNCIL MEETINGS AND A PLETHORA OF OTHER DUTIES.

AFTER A DINNER BREAK (MOST OPTED FOR PANERA) AND AN ICEBREAKER TO SEE WHO COULD REMEMBER THE MOST NAMES, THE EVENING PICKED BACK UP WITH COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND MEETINGS TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE YEAR AND ALLOW LT. GOVERNORS TO GET FAMILIARIZED WITH THEIR CHAIRS. FEELING PREPARED AND ENERGIZED FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, THE NIGHT ENDED WITH A FEW GAMES AND TIME FOR SOCIALIZATION.



SUNDAY MORNING BEGAN WITH BREAKFAST AND TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND WAS FOLLOWED BY THE BOARD'S FIRST BOARD MEETING. CALLED TO ORDER BY GOVERNOR OLUFEMI ODIAH, THE MEETING BEGAN WITH OFFICER REPORTS. IT ENDED WITH DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN FOR THIS YEAR'S BOARD SHIRT AND REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS. FULL MEETING MINUTES COURTESY OF DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER, KIERA FORTNEY, CAN BE FOUND ON OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE. ([HERE](#))



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## FALL MEETING

HELD ON OCTOBER 19TH - 20TH, THE DISTRICT BOARD MET ONCE AGAIN AT DRURY INN & SUITES POLARIS TO HOST THEIR FALL BOARD MEETING. THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEGAN WITH THE LT. GOVERNOR'S MEETING WITH THEIR COMMITTEES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PERSON SINCE SUMMER BOARD. FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, FALL RALLY CHAIRS MATILDA JANKOWSKI AND ANDREW JERNEJCIC LEAD THE DISCUSSION FOR FALL RALLY PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS. LT. GOVERNORS ARE ASSIGNED THEIR ROLES FOR THE DAY-OF, AND PLANS ARE FINALIZED FOR FORUMS AND RAFFLE BASKETS TO BE PRESENT AT FALL RALLY.



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE WEEKEND CONCLUDES WITH THE BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY GOVERNOR OLUFEMI ODIAH. JOINING THE MEETING AS GUESTS, LAURIE WILSON, A SALEM KIWANIAN, AND NEHA PASUPULETI, OHIO CKI GOVERNOR, INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND ARE FOLLOWED BY OFFICER REPORTS. THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS INCLUDES DISCUSSIONS ON LTG ELECTIONS, A RE-ALIGNMENT PLAN COINCIDING WITH OHIO KIWANIS, AND REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS. FULL MEETING MINUTES COURTESY OF DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER, KIERA FORTNEY, CAN BE FOUND ON OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE. [\(HERE\)](#)

# FALL RALLY RECAP

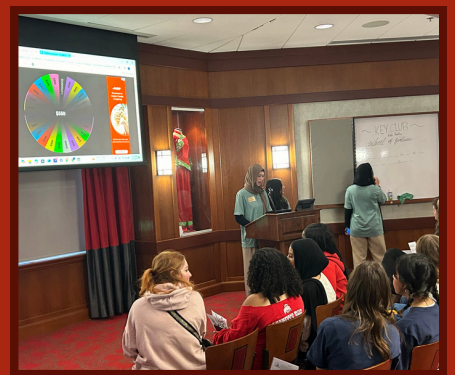
**WRITTEN BY GOV. OLUFEMI ODAH**

THE OHIO DISTRICT KEY CLUB BOARD WAS PLEASED TO HOST **FALL RALLY 2024 - GAME DAY** AT THE OHIO UNION AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. SINCE THE TRANSITION BACK TO HOSTING THE EVENT IN PERSON AFTER COVID, FALL RALLY TOOK PLACE AT THE COLUMBUS ZOO UNTIL THIS YEAR. WHILE THE ZOO WAS A POSITIVELY RECEIVED VENUE, PRICE INCREASES THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE PRICE A KEY CLUBBER WOULD NEED TO PAY TO ATTEND FALL RALLY LED TO THE EVENT TAKING PLACE AT THE OHIO UNION THIS YEAR.

ARRIVING AT THE VENUE AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT AT THE HILTON INN NEAR OSU, THE BOARD PREPPED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF OVER 350+ KEY CLUBBERS. THE FIRST HARDSHIP CAME WITH THE SEATING. AS THERE WERE ONLY ENOUGH SEATS TO ACCOMMODATE AROUND HALF OF THE EXPECTED ATTENDEES. KEY CLUBBERS BEGAN FILLING THE ROOM ONLY TO REALIZE THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH SEATS. THE DISTRICT BOARD PERSEVERED AND BEGAN SETTING UP ADDITIONAL CHAIRS FROM STORAGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE REMAINING ATTENDEES.

ONCE RESOLVED, FALL RALLY CHAIRS **MATTY JANKOWSKI** AND **ANDREW JERNEJCIC** KICKED OFF THE EVENT, AND ATTENDEES WERE GREETED WITH A SURPRISE VISIT FROM **BRUTUS THE BUCKEYE** TO ENERGIZE THEM FOR THE DAY. KEY CLUBBERS WERE THEN DIVIDED INTO 4 SPORT-TEAM-BASED GROUPS DEPENDING ON THE COLOR ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR NAME TAG. GROUPS THEN ROTATED THROUGH FORUMS SUCH AS **TOUCHDOWN! SERVICE TAILGATE**, **RUN IT!** **RELAY RACES**, **A SCAVENGER HUNT**, **SERVICE PROJECT**, AND A **NEW CHOICE FORUM OPTION**.

WHILE THERE WERE STILL A FEW HICCUPS HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS EVERYONE GOT ADJUSTED TO THE NEW VENUE, EVERYONE MADE THE MOST OF IT AND THE EVENT WAS RECEIVED WITH POSITIVE FEEDBACK! TO END



THE DAY, **KIWANIS GOVERNOR KELLY BROWN** STOPPED BY TO GIVE A SPEECH ON HER GOVERNOR'S PROJECT **BEE A HERO** AND SHARED A VARIETY OF WAYS KEY CLUBBERS COULD GET MORE INVOLVED TO HELP SUPPORT OR PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED FALL RALLY, WE HOPE YOU HAD AN AMAZING TIME! WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO IMPROVE FOR NEXT YEAR, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT **DLC 2025!**



# TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF!



**TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF IS A FUN AND MEANINGFUL WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING HALLOWEEN! IT'S A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR OVER 70 YEARS, WHERE KIDS, TEENS, AND EVEN ADULTS COLLECT DONATIONS TO SUPPORT UNICEF'S WORK PROVIDING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE WITH ESSENTIALS LIKE CLEAN WATER, EDUCATION, NUTRITION, AND HEALTHCARE. INSTEAD OF JUST GATHERING CANDY, PARTICIPANTS CAN CARRY THE ICONIC ORANGE BOXES OR SET UP DIGITAL FUNDRAISERS TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO GIVE. IT'S A SIMPLE YET POWERFUL WAY TO TURN HALLOWEEN INTO A NIGHT OF GIVING AND HOPE FOR KIDS IN NEED.**

**HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISER WITH YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY! HOST A SPOOKY BAKE SALE, HAUNTED HOUSE, OR COSTUME CONTEST. HOLD A PUMPKIN CARVING OR VOTING COMPETITION, OR PLAN A SCARY MOVIE NIGHT. FOR A CLASSIC APPROACH, COLLECT DONATIONS DOOR-TO-DOOR WITH THE ICONIC ORANGE TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF BOXES, EXPLAINING TO NEIGHBORS HOW THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS CAN HELP TRANSFORM CHILDREN'S LIVES. PREFER A DIGITAL METHOD? THE BOXES NOW COME WITH QR CODES FOR CONTACTLESS GIVING, OR YOU CAN SHARE LINKS TO **START STRONG: ZAMBIA** FOR ONLINE DONATIONS.**

**EVERY ACTION COUNTS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL.** WHETHER YOU'RE TRICK-OR-TREATING WITH AN ORANGE BOX, HOSTING A FUN EVENT, OR SHARING DONATION LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, YOU'RE HELPING BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR KIDS IN NEED. LET'S MAKE THIS HALLOWEEN NOT JUST ABOUT CANDY BUT ABOUT CREATING LASTING CHANGE!

**\*FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE!!](#)**

# INTERVIEW WITH NEHA



## PAST KEY CLUB EXECUTIVE AND CURRENT CIRCLE K GOVERNOR!

NEHA PASUPULETI IS BRINGING HER PASSION FOR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO HER ROLE AS GOVERNOR OF THE OHIO DISTRICT OF CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL (CKI). A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, NEHA IS STUDYING BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SHE SHARED HER EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD, SAYING, *"I AM SO EXCITED TO SERVE AS GOVERNOR OF THE OHIO DISTRICT OF CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL!"*

NEHA'S DEDICATION TO SERVICE BEGAN IN HER HOMETOWN OF DAYTON, OHIO, WHERE SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DAYTON STEM KEY CLUB. REFLECTING ON HER TIME IN KEY CLUB, NEHA HIGHLIGHTED HOW IT SHAPED HER AS A LEADER AND PREPARED HER FOR FUTURE ROLES. *"BEING A PART OF KEY CLUB TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK AND THE VALUE OF SERVING OTHERS,"* SHE SHARED. DURING HER TIME IN KEY CLUB, NEHA SERVED AS DIVISION 4 LT. GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE OHIO DISTRICT, WHERE SHE GAINED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE COORDINATING SERVICE PROJECTS, LEADING DIVISIONAL EVENTS, AND SUPPORTING CLUBS ACROSS THE DISTRICT. *"THESE ROLES REALLY SHOWED ME HOW MUCH IMPACT WE CAN HAVE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL,"* SHE SAID.

CIRCLE K IS THRIVING UNDER NEHA'S LEADERSHIP. THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY HAS CKI CLUBS AT 15 COLLEGES, INCLUDING OHIO STATE, SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY, OHIO UNIVERSITY, CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, AND BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY. NEHA HAS SET AN AMBITIOUS GOAL FOR THE YEAR: *"MY GOAL IS TO RAISE OUR CLUBS TO 18 CHAPTERS AND 400 MEMBERS THIS YEAR!"*

IN ADDITION TO HER GOALS, NEHA IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION AND INSPIRATION WITHIN CKI. HER EXPERIENCE AND ENTHUSIASM ARE DRIVING FORCES BEHIND HER VISION TO EMPOWER MEMBERS AND EXPAND THE ORGANIZATION'S IMPACT. WITH HER STRONG LEADERSHIP AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION, NEHA IS POISED TO MAKE THIS YEAR ONE OF GROWTH AND SUCCESS FOR CKI IN OHIO.

# DUE CHANGES



## WHAT ARE CLUB DUES?

- LIKE MANY OTHER CLUBS, IF YOU ARE A PART OF KEY CLUB, YOU MUST PAY A FEE TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP!
- TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP WITHIN KEY CLUB YOU MUST PAY \$13 BY THE DEADLINE OF DEC. 1ST.
- BY PAYING YOUR DUES YOU'RE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR BOARD POSITIONS AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY ON A DEEPER LEVEL.

## WHY ARE THEY BEING RAISED?

PRIOR TO THIS YEAR, DUES WERE \$10. THIS YEAR THEY ARE BEING RAISED TO \$13! THIS MIGHT SEEM FRUSTRATING, HOWEVER, WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE FEW EXTRA DOLLARS ARE BEING PUT TO GOOD USE. BEFORE THE INCREASE, KEY CLUB WAS SPENDING MORE MONEY THAN IT WAS RECEIVING FROM ITS MEMBERS. TO RECOVER SAVINGS SPENT DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC AN INCREASE IN DUES IS REQUIRED. THIS SMALL INCREASE ENSURES THAT KEY CLUB CAN CONTINUE TO RUN SMOOTHLY, OFFERING THE MEMBERS IMPACTFUL RESOURCES, LIKE SCHOLARSHIPS, HOSTING EVENTS LIKE FALL RALLY, DLC, AS WELL AS SO MUCH ELSE.

\* FIND MORE INFORMATION [HERE!](#)

## WHERE DO I PAY?

GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.KEYCLUB.ORG/DUES-REPORTING/](https://www.keyclub.org/dues-reporting/) TO PAY YOUR DUES! TO EARN THE EARLY BIRD PATCH, A CLUB HOLDING MORE THAN 11 MEMBERS MUST TURN IN THEIR DUES BEFORE NOV. 1ST.

DUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY **DEC. 1ST** TO AVOID CLUB SUSPENSION!

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND

THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND (YOF) IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO BRING YOUR SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS TO LIFE! THIS GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDES FUNDING TO HELP KEY CLUBBERS TURN THEIR VISION INTO ACTION AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WHETHER PLANNING A FUNDRAISER, STARTING A NEW INITIATIVE, OR ORGANIZING AN EVENT, YOF CAN HELP YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS, AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS, VISIT THE OFFICIAL KEY CLUB WEBSITE. THERE WILL BE TWO ROUNDS WHERE KEY CLUBS CAN BE GRANTED \$250 TO \$2,000. THIS GRANT IS PERFECT FOR CLUBS WANTING TO HAVE LARGER-SCALE SERVICE EVENTS, AND CAN REALLY GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CLUBS WILLING TO APPLY!

- 1ST CYCLE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 15TH
- 2ND CYCLE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1ST

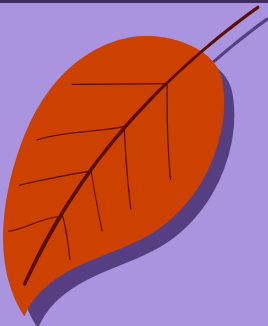
YOU CAN FIND A VIDEO GIVING A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE HERE TO MAKE THINGS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE! PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE AND APPLY!

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE YOF HERE.



# SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

- RAKE LEAVES FOR PEOPLE AROUND TOWN!
- VOLUNTEER AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER
- FORM A STREET CLEANING PROJECT TO HELP CLEAN UP YOUR CITY!



# A NOTE FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR

HI EVERYONE! MY NAME IS AVA CHEEKS, AND I AM THE BULLETIN EDITOR FOR THE ODKCI THIS YEAR! I'M SO HAPPY TO BE WORKING WITH SUCH COOL PEOPLE, AND GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE BUCKEYE KEY IS SO EXCITING!

IT WAS CERTAINLY AN INTERESTING START FOR MY POSITION, BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CREATING THE WINTER AND SPRING EDITIONS!

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE KEY COMING OUT LATER THAN USUAL, HOWEVER I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT!

THANK YOU TO GOV. OLUFEMI FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WRITING FANTASTIC ARTICLES FOR THIS KEY, WHICH HELPED MAKE MY TRANSITION A MILLION TIMES EASIER.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT AT [AVACHEEKS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AVACHEEKS@GMAIL.COM).



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