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OHIO DISTRICT KEY CLUB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Elisabeth Madore's Key Club Journey

I first joined Key Club my freshman year. My sister held a position at my high school and encouraged me to get involved. She's the one who ignited my passion for community service! My sophomore year I ran for my high school's Secretary-Treasurer alongside my sister who served as President. This is when I finally found out about the levels of Key Club, and how it's not just another club for your college application. The Ohio District and International showed me the potential for endless opportunities to stay connected, and build lifelong relationships! So, my junior year I ran for the Ohio District Lieutenant Governor of Division 11, and won! I also served as Secretary Treasurer for the remaining few months of last year's Key Club year. And now I serve as the Ohio District Secretary Treasurer! My advice for those wanting to get involved: be loud and bold! Your role as a key clubber, no matter your 'status', is to serve others with your best efforts! Reaching out is the first step in taking the initiative to learn how to better serve your community, along with others across the state and nation!



DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT: DISTRICT 21

For this issue, I have chosen District 21 to feature. The district is lead by LTG, Andrew Wilson. He hails from the Salem High School Key Club. Wilson first got his start in Key Club his freshman year. He attended Fall Rally and District Leadership Convention and got hooked! His home club has been extremely active this year and completed a number of service projects. The club officially registered 88 members in October. Among the many projects his club has completed, the Kast Iron Soda Works moving project was his favorite. Kast Iron is a local soda shop and recently moved locations across town. The small business needed help moving inventory, so they enlisted Salem Key Club to help out. The club moved over 12,000 pounds of Soda in about three hours. The club is looking forward to attending DLC in April! Governor Molly Hopple, Bulletin Editor Max Kemats and LTG of District 20 also are from the Salem club. We wish the club good luck on their service year!



Salem Key Club posing for a picture with the owners of Kast Iron Soda Works!

Can you spot Governor Molly and LTG Andy?

THE CHECKBOX THEORY WITH RYAN BOLIN

One of the most dangerous things for high school and college students alike is becoming so involved that none of your involvement means anything. It can seem daunting when you get into high school and all of this pressure falls on you to go to college. After that you start thinking about what happens after college, and what careers and jobs you will have. Then you begin contemplating what success is in life.

It can be so easy to say, “Doing this many things will get me into college”, or even that “people who are successful are that way because of this reason or that reason.” As a recent high school graduate and soon to be college graduate, I want to share that these ideas can be very dangerous to you and your mental health.

There is nothing wrong with being an involved student. There is nothing wrong with having two part time jobs after school. There is nothing wrong with studying for four hours a night after class. It is feeling like you have to do all of these things that can be harmful. I call this the checkbox theory. The idea that you have to do a certain list of things to get into college, or get a good job, or just to go far in life.

I urge you to view life as a set of cups, as opposed to a list of checkboxes. Each cups represents something you are involved in, like family time, sports, or a job. There are many cups you can fill but filling every cup with a little bit of water does not leave you the same impact as filling only a few cups with a good amount of water.

You only have limited time, so fill your cups *wisely*.



**Circle K Governor
Ryan Bolin**

OHIO KIWANIS GOVERNOR WELCOME

Hello, Ohio Key Club.

I'm Craig Smith and I'm the 2021-22 Ohio District Governor. I'm a native of Central Ohio – I grew up in Pickaway County, graduating from Westfall High School. I attended The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. I'm a Member of the Northwest Columbus Kiwanis Club, where I served as Club president, secretary, and advisor to the Upper Arlington Key Club. I've served with the Eliminate Project, District Convention Chair, and Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair. I'm also a Distinguished Past Lt. Governor for Division 10W, and a recipient of the David B. Gillespie Award for Sponsored Program Support Award.

Although I'm retired after 31 years working for the people of the State of Ohio, including 22 years with Ohio EPA's Division of Ground and Drinking Waters, I've stayed active outside of Kiwanis. I serve on the Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation Field Sports Advisory Committee, am Treasurer of the Water Management Association of Ohio, help lead the Friends of Upper Arlington Parks, and participate on the Upper Arlington Community Health Advisory Team.

As this message to you, I can't escape the thinking about the COVID pandemic. The past 20 months have presented a challenge to all of us, disrupting our routines and relationships. Despite the difficulties we adapted and continued to meet and serve our communities. We adopted Zoom as a meeting platform and figured out how to serve our communities while socially distanced and wearing a mask. I think it's important to remember how much we've learned about ourselves and our clubs; how adaptable and resilient the Kiwanis Family is.

Now we need to look forward. What will be our focus in the coming year? Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic is still with us, and continues to affect our personal and Kiwanis lives. We need to remain flexible and adapt to circumstances that change for week to week. For me, this year is about managing our recovery and setting the stage for future leaders to succeed; preparing for whatever the new normal will be.

Preparing for the future means strengthening the connections we have across of the Kiwanis Family – Kiwanis, Aktion Club, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, and K-Kids. Kiwanis club members need to give our time, and personal attention to the clubs we sponsor; sponsorship means commitment to your needs and growth. We need to make sure everyone's Kiwanis experience is positive and rewarding. This includes supporting meaningful and useful education programs and as many opportunities for meaningful service as possible.

And we all need to continue to work on growing Kiwanis; bring in new members and open new clubs. More members mean more service.

I'm look forward to working with all of you in the coming year to continue our commitment to service and the Kiwanis Family.



FALL RECAP WITH NEHA AND ZUHA

Fall Rally 2021 was held on November 7th, 2021. The Ohio District enjoyed learning about many topics and participating in fun superhero-themed activities. We began the event with our committee chairs, Neha and Zuha who walked us through the schedule for the day, our informative guest speakers and activities we'd be participating in. After reciting the Key Club Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance, we listened to our Moment of Inspiration for past Ohio Key Club Governor Bree Small. She was amazing and inspired us to continue service in our year of rebuilding clubs. Next, we began our two welcome activities, taking a buzzfeed quiz to learn what superhero we are and find out our superhero name.

We kicked off our first forum, "Up, Up, and Away to Service", by learning about International Structure, our District Board, Leadership Positions, DLC, Kiwanis, the K-Family and hearing from our International Trustee: Anton McDonald.

Next, we started our second forum, "Find your Superpower." In this forum we learned about mentorship, and took a personality quiz. After getting our results from the quiz, we learned our personality type, leadership style, and discovered what animal our personality is associated with. During this forum we also listened to retired police officer McMurtry about Everyday Heroes.

After our lunch break we began our final forum "Save the World with Service." Not only did we start our service project, Free Rice, but we also spotlighted our club's service projects, learned about our international patterns, district service project, and membership recruitment tips! We challenged our attendees to take our service project back to their home clubs and help us raise more than 100,000 grains of rice in two weeks. We were able to donate 300 THOUSAND grains of rice to the United Nations Food Program to help end world hunger one grain of rice at a time!

Finally, we ended the day with our closing session. We heard from our Kiwanis Governor, Craig Smith; Circle-K Governor, Ryan Bolin; our International Trustee, Anton McDonald, and our Key Club Governor, Molly Hopple. Our Historian, Ella gave us our reflection, and Governor Molly adjourned our second annual virtual Fall



WINTER SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

The upcoming months are crucial for club's success at the state and international level. I wanted to share some project ideas that are easy to organize and fun to take part in!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers to help ring bells around the holidays. The project itself is extremely easy and can be done in most locations. Contact your local branch and find out what you can do to help out!

Cards for Nursing Homes - At a weekly meeting, get your club together and create holiday cards for your local nursing homes. Most places of care will accept and appreciate them. All you need to put this on is craft paper and markers.

Snow Shoveling - Find out what members of your community are unable or need help shoveling their drive way and reach out to them. You can even shovel sidewalks around town and in your neighborhood. Contacting your local parks department could also be useful.

MEDIA RESOURCES



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you everyone for reading my second edition of Buckeye Key! I would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped me create this. A special thanks to Governor Hopple and Secretary Madore for their guidance. I also can't forget to mention Neha, Zuha, and the Fall Rally committee who did a fantastic job at planning and putting on Fall Rally. As always, if you would like anything contributed or have any questions, feel free to reach out to me!



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