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Lydia's Lowdown



Greetings from International Convention

Hey Key Clubbers!

Happy Fourth of July! This past month, I and other Key Clubbers from the New England and Bermuda District had an opportunity to travel to International Convention. While exploring the famous "Charm City" was amazing, it is good to be back home!

Recently, the New England District lost a dear family member, District Administrator Mr. George R. Whitney. We thank him for all he's done serving and inspiring Key Clubbers and being a member of Kiwanis.

Please reach out to me with any concerns or questions.

Yours in service and friendship,

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Don't forget to submit your Key Club directories if your club has already had officer elections!

Save the date!

Tentatively, Division 5's Regional Training Conference will be at Sanford High School on September 15.

We will be collaborating with Division 6 and 7!

District Updates



Bulletin Editor Ava Jarell would like you to know that she has just released her first edition of the *YanKey!* Please check it out on our website. She is already starting to make her next edition so if you are interested in writing an article, please get in touch with her by emailing her. If you are interested in being showcased on the @humansofnebdkeyclub instagram page, you can send Ava a photo of yourself along with anything Key Club related you want to share (your favorite service project, why you joined, etc).



Treasurer Jonah Cote encourages all club treasurers to reach out to him and introduce themselves! He wants all treasurers to have the resources and support they need to complete their duties. Also, be sure to remember that in order to get the Early Bird Dues Award, you must submit dues before November 1. The regular deadline is December 1.



From secretary Grace Jarell: "Hi there, Key Club Secretaries! While you are enjoying summer, remember that on October 10, your Secretary Report will include all that your Key Club has done from April through September. This is a daunting task, however, so DM me @nedsecretary on Instagram if you need any help- no question is silly; they all matter!"

Honoring Mr. Whitney



"For over 40 years, Mr. George R. Whitney led the New England and Bermuda District with a passion for service and a warm smile. We are so grateful to have had Mr. Whitney as a District Administrator, mentor, and friend. His dedication to New England and Bermuda District Key Club has inspired many of us, and his positive impact upon our District has been witnessed by thousands of Key Clubbers throughout the years. Mr. Whitney will be dearly missed. Our District will never forget his remarkable character and unrelenting love for service."

~Andrew Kirdahy, District Governor

Youth Opportunities Fund



Does your Key Club need financial support to help boost your productivity? Do you want to go to ICON next year, but it's a little too expensive? Do you have a dream project, but you don't think you can raise enough money to complete it? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may consider applying for a Youth Opportunities Fund Grant.

The Youth Opportunities Fund gives between \$100 and \$2000 USD to Key Club members or Key Clubs. If you complete an application, which can be found on the District's website, you may receive money from Key Club International. Last year, the International Board gave over \$80,000! Not all applicants receive the complete funding they desire, but the Board does grant partial funding, too, so you should definitely apply if you are considering it.

At International Convention, I had the opportunity to go to a workshop on the Youth Opportunities Fund. If you'd like more information, please contact me! Click [here](#) to see the power-point presented by two immediate past International Trustees.

If your Key Club still has meetings and/or service projects in the summer, feel free to invite me! I'd love to meet you.

International Convention



From July 2 – July 7, I had the amazing opportunity of representing Division 5 at **Key Club International Convention!** From electing our new International Board, dancing, and seeing the National Aquarium to meeting Laura Marano, it was an experience I'll never forget. If you want to see some pictures from this year, check out our Division's Instagram account [@nebd_division5](#).

Here's the highlights:

Our entire District Executive Board from last year was recognized as Distinguished.

-Governor Josh Cram - Secretary Perry Provo - Treasurer Jackie DeQuattro - Bulletin Editor Andrew Kirdahy -

Division 5's immediate past Lieutenant Governor was recognized as a Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor.

-Grace Jarell-

One of Division 5's own Key Clubs was recognized as a Diamond Distinguished Club.

-Kennett High School

The **New England and Bermuda District received the Thirst Project Award** from **Laura Marano** (as seen on *Austin and Ally* and Disney Channel) and **Vanessa Marano** (as seen on *Switched at Birth*) for having the most amount of money donated per member.

The delegation **voted to change the word "God" to "world" in the Key Club pledge**-the first it's ever been changed in history! This was adopted by majority vote but must be approved by Kiwanis International to finalize this change.

Our **new Key Club International President, K'lena Schnack**, was elected along with her **International Vice President Kaitlin Cirillo**.

Last, but certainly not least, **Conrad Nguyen**, from the New England and Bermuda District, was **elected as an International Trustee**.

Congrats to all award winners and the new International Board!

Member Spotlight

Meet **Ethan** from Kennett High School.



What did he think of International Convention?

Ethan thinks every member should go to International Convention because you get to meet a lot of other Key Clubbers from across the world. His favorite part of convention was befriending people from other districts. Ethan had the opportunity to attend all sorts of workshops during his stay in Baltimore, but he says his favorite was "The Key to Karaoke." He also learned a lot during the "Shifting Rape Culture" workshop, and he said it really was eye-opening. Thanks for sharing your experience and representing Division 5, Ethan!

Fun fact about Ethan: He can play the digeridoo!

Check out Ethan on Insta:

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KEY CLUB

Please, keep checking your email! Our very first Divisional Council Meeting (DCM) and service project will most likely be happening in August. I will be releasing information by next Wednesday, July 17.

Important Dates

August 2019

DCM- Stay Tuned!

September 2019

20 to 22- Key Leader

October 2019

10- First Secretary Report due

15- Youth Opportunities Fund deadline

November 2019

1- Early Bird Dues deadline

4 to 9- Key Club Week

December 2019

1- Dues Deadline

7- KPTI Day (tentative)

April 2020

3 to 5- DECON

Do you know of a school near you that doesn't have a Key Club and might want one? Email me! We can chat about chartering.

New Pledge

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and **world**; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.



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