

4 Our Communities

The Official Newsletter of Division 4

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Lt. Governor's Greeting



Dear Division 4,

I hope by now many of you have finished your final exams and are beginning to relish those lazy summer days as I am. Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors out there! I would like to wish all of you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

School may be over but Key Club is heating up! Check out the upcoming events page to see everything Key Club related that is going on this summer. I challenge every Division 4 Key Clubber to partake in at least one service project or Key Club event this summer. Keep the momentum you created during the school year going this summer!

This issue covers Circle K, the Youth Opportunities Fund, the Major Emphasis, and features a senior Key Clubber's reflections on his time spent in Key Club. Additionally, as always you will also find **important news and updates** pertaining to Division 4, so please read on!

As I mentioned in my May newsletter I will be departing for ICON, the Key Club International CONvention, on June 30th! I cannot wait to come back and share my experiences with you. Hopefully my experiences will encourage you to attend. Next year ICON will be in Anaheim California. It promises to be an unforgettable experience!

Lastly, as you get ready for summer, please take a moment to reflect on the past Key Club year. I would love to hear your thoughts, expectations, and suggestions as I plan the upcoming year this summer. As always, you can reach me at MichaelRovner.LTG@nydkc.org. Thank you for your help, and go Beavers*!

Yours in Service,
Michael Rovner

*Please check out page 3 of the May Newsletter for an explanation!



Upcoming Events

1.) **Key Club International Convention (ICON):**
June 30th-July 8th at the Washington
D.C. Hilton Hotel

2.) **Christmas in July:**
Hicksville High School Key Club

3.) **K-Family Picnic:**
Organized by Kelly Chan, Governor
of the New York District of Circle
K International. It will take place
on August 25th from 12 to 5 at
Cunningham Park in Queens. For
more information please e-mail
kelly.chan@nycirclek.org

4.) **Summer Divisional/Divisional Project:**
Details will be coming soon. Keep
checking the division Facebook
Page. Thank you for your patience!

*Don't see your club's event? E-mail me your events at MichaelRovner.LTG@nydkc.org as they are planned to be featured in subsequent division newsletters. Keep in mind newsletters are published at the end of every month (i.e. an event planned for September 10th would not be published in the September newsletter. Such an event should be e-mailed to me for the August edition.)



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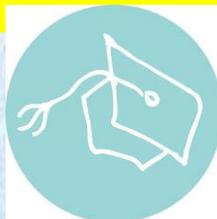
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Circle K is one of the five Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) run by Kiwanis International. Even though you may not have heard of the term Service Leadership Program, you are all members of one: Key Club. Circle K is the Service Leadership Program Kiwanis runs for college students similar to how they run Key Club for high school students.

Founded in 1936 as an opportunity for college students to acquire scholarships towards their college education, Circle K is the world's largest service oriented club for college students. Circle K (or CKI) boasts 12,600 members in 17 nations and has chartered clubs on over 500 college campuses.

There are many similarities between Key Club and Circle K. CKI is a self-governing organization that elects its own officers and determines what service projects to pursue. Just as Key Club offers a plethora of opportunities for its members, Circle K offers many perks to its members. Circle K'ers have opportunities to attend district and international conventions similar to the Key Club Leadership Training Conference and the Key Club International Convention.

So to all graduating seniors: Stay a member of the K-Family. Check with your university's office of student affairs (or equivalent office) to see if there is a Circle K club on your college campus. If not, grab a group of service-minded students and charter a club! For more information and to learn how to charter a club, please visit ww.circlek.org. Better yet, email or call Kelly Chan, the governor of the New York CKI district at Kelly.Chan@nycirclek.org or (718)-757-5687.



An Opportunity Not to be Missed!

Many times we have great ideas, but we also find it challenging to turn our ideas in to a reality. In many instances, our greatest obstacle to implementing a service project is the cost. Thankfully, there is a little known but very helpful source of funding for Key Clubs: the **Youth Opportunities Fund**.

The Youth Opportunities Fund (abbreviated YOF) is an endowed fund managed by the Kiwanis International Foundation that is exclusively for Key Clubs. Clubs can receive monetary grants through the fund to help clubs with the costs of implementing certain service projects. The fund also provides scholarships.

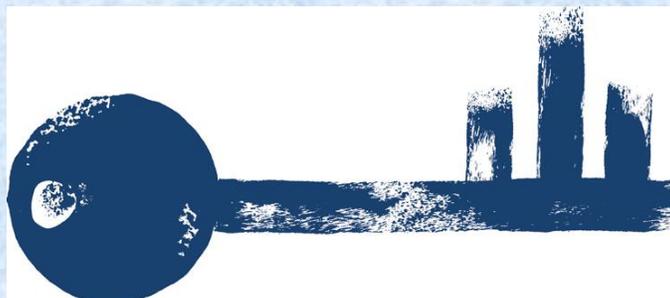
I would highly recommend applying for a grant considering part of your Key Club dues help endow the fund. Clubs (or individual members) can request between \$100 and \$2000. Of course, since the grants are large, there is an application process in place to ensure the funds are used to do the most good in our world. The committee that decides who receives the grants has two tips for prospective grant recipients:

1. Grants are typically given to clubs (or individuals) that are shouldering a portion of the cost of the service project and
2. clubs (or individuals) that are working with other organizations to fund and complete the service project.

So this summer, plan out that service project you have always dreamed of doing but never could. **Applications are due October 15th** and you will be notified by January 15th if you are receiving a grant. Keep these dates in mind when submitting your proposal.

Visit <http://keyclub.org/service/fund/yof.aspx> for more information about the YOF.

Visit <http://bit.ly/aOYvKk> to download the Youth Opportunities Fund application and apply today!





Service Spotlight

By: Elias
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On May 19th, 2013, the North Shore Key Club commenced its exciting, benevolent new Single Service Project for the 2013-2014 Service Year by throwing its annual Senior Citizen Prom. This considerate, meaningful event took place for the 7th time here at our very own high school in North Shore. From all the senior centers in the area there was a total of 125 attendees. Every one of these seniors was able to be rejuvenated with life through this fun activity, where dinner and a DJ were provided as part of their very own prom. There were plenty of opportunities to win raffles and get prizes, all donated by businesses within the community. The event lasted from 3:30pm to 5:50pm, and was hosted by the members of our Key Club here at North Shore High School. To add to the exuberance of the party, a prom King and Queen were crowned, helping to further make a reminiscent event for so many elders in our community. This wonderful event is even more fantastic since it is only possible due to the generosity of the junior class of the high school. The Senior Citizen Prom is made a reality each year because it occurs the day after the Junior Prom, and the gracious class permits the North Shore Key Club to use all of the creative decorations they used the night before. Although charitable clubs and organizations are constantly running and planning great events, the Senior Citizen Prom is genuinely one of splendor. The gala event allows an entire generation of kids, who seem to be increasingly different from the generations of yesteryear, to really show their respect and admiration for yesterday's heroes. It grants seniors in our neighborhood a chance to have a good time, and most importantly, it gives them a feeling of being truly appreciated.

Wanna be in the spotlight?
Send your article and
pictures to
MichaelRovner.LTG@nydkc.org

to have your club's service
project featured. There is no
deadline for submissions. All
submissions will be
considered for the upcoming
edition. Be sure to include
pictures!





What is the Major Emphasis (M.E)?

Formerly known as the Major Emphasis Project (M.E.P.), the Major Emphasis of Key Club international is a mission that unites Key Clubbers across the world in their quest to build their homes, schools, and communities. The Major Emphasis of Key Club International is “Children: Their Future, Our Focus.” According to keyclub.org, “The Major Emphasis unites Key Clubbers under the banner of service that deals with the most important part of our community, our youth.”

As is evident above, Key Club International looks very highly upon service and service projects that help children. Kiwanis International as a whole puts many of its resources towards helping children. In case you didn't know, Kiwanis International's motto is “Serving the children of the world.”

Any service project or fundraiser that benefits children contributes to Key Club International's Major Emphasis. This means that many of you have probably contributed to this very special project without even realizing it! While any fundraiser that helps children contributes to the Major Emphasis, Key Club International partners with three organizations each year for the M.E.: March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, and UNICEF (who is currently helping Kiwanis undertake the EliMiNaTe project). Together these three organizations are the *Major Emphasis Service Partners*.

As you plan for the upcoming service year, consider doing a project for the Major Emphasis. Each year the New York District holds a competition to see who created the best Major Emphasis project. If you have any more questions about the Major Emphasis, please do not hesitate to contact me at MichaelRovner.LTG@nydkc.org. Alternatively, you can also visit <http://www.keyclub.org/service.aspx>.

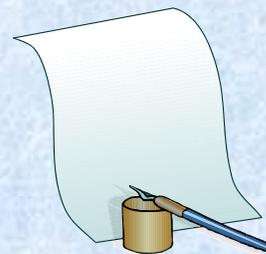


Reflections of a Key Clubber



As a now past Key Clubber, Key Club has come to mean a lot to me. Key Club is more than a club. It is a culmination of like minded individuals who come together to help the community. I almost guarantee you will never meet a better set of friend than those who you can do community service with. I know after all of these years if I had to guide a new member I would simply tell them to sign up for an event and would be confident in that they would want to sign up for another after that. Why would I be so confident? Because I know that they would almost instantly be embraced by the warm Key Club culture. Key Club is truly an awesome experience and in my parting words I always encourage everyone to get involved and never be afraid to bring a friend along for an event, I almost guarantee they will love it!

Paperwork Status



Below is a chart of which clubs have submitted their ERF (Election Report Form) and MRFs (Monthly Report Forms). Both of these forms are very important. The ERF is especially important because it provides me with the information I need to contact club officers. If you have not submitted your ERF or MRF's for the months of March, April, and/or May, please go to <http://bit.ly/mKXYZA> and either fill out the forms online or download them and mail them in. Please contact me if you need any assistance filling out any of these forms.

Additionally, please e-mail me if you feel that there are any errors in the chart below. Let's strive to have perfect paperwork!

Additionally, there are two other forms that do not appear below. The first is the FRF (Fundraising Report Form). This form can be found at the link above. It should be filled out every time your club completes a fundraiser. The other form is the Lieutenant Governor Evaluation. This is not tracked, but it should be filled out monthly and can be found again at the link above.

Don't forget, the June MRF is due July 7th, the July MRF is due August 7th, and the MRF for August is due September 7th. Mark these dates, we don't want to fall behind on paperwork over the summer!



Club	ERF	March	April	May
Carle Place	X			
Elmont	X	X	X	X
Floral Park				
Glen Cove				
Great Neck North				
Great Neck South	X			X
Herricks				
Hicksville	X			X
Manhasset				
Mineola				
New Hyde Park	X	X	X	X
North Shore	X	X	X	
Schrieber		X		
Sewanhanka				
St. Dominick's	X	X		
Wheatley		X	X	
Westbury			X	



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Important Information

LTC 2014:

April 4th-April 6th

Summer is the perfect time to hold a

Miss the April and May Divisionals?

Check out the May Newsletter for a recap of both divisionals

We all wish that summer will last forever, but unfortunately all good things must come to an end. With this in mind, dues collection is around the corner. Officers should start thinking about dues collection to ensure that their club's dues are submitted in a timely fashion this fall.

Governor's Project:

"Nurturing our K-Family"

Projects that are done in conjunction with other members of the K-Family

District Charities:

1. American Cancer Society
2. JDRF
3. Alzheimer's Association
4. Wounded Warrior Project

Kiwanis District Charities:

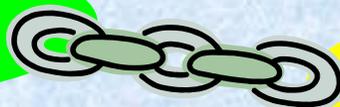
1. KPTC
2. Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation
3. Kamp Kiwanis
4. ELiMiNaTe

Stay up to date with everything happening at ICON with the Official Key Club ICON apps!!!

iOS: <http://bit.ly/aOYvKk>

Android:
<http://bit.ly/14GXRKC>

Important



Links



1. EliMiNaTe Fundraiser at Causes.com: <http://bit.ly/WCuw20>
2. Report Forms (ERF, MRF, etc.): <http://bit.ly/mKXyZN>
3. Key Club International: www.keyclub.org
4. New York District Key Club: www.nydkc.org
5. Key Club App (iOS): <http://bit.ly/z7iPd9>
6. Key Club App (Android): <http://bit.ly/14GXRKC>
7. ICON Apps: (See page 11)

Find Key Club on [Facebook](#)

Search...

1. New York District Key Club Division 4 (Our Division Facebook Page)
2. New York District Key Club (Our District Facebook Group)



Don't forget, the causes.com fundraiser is still going on! Enter the link above into your browser and donate today!

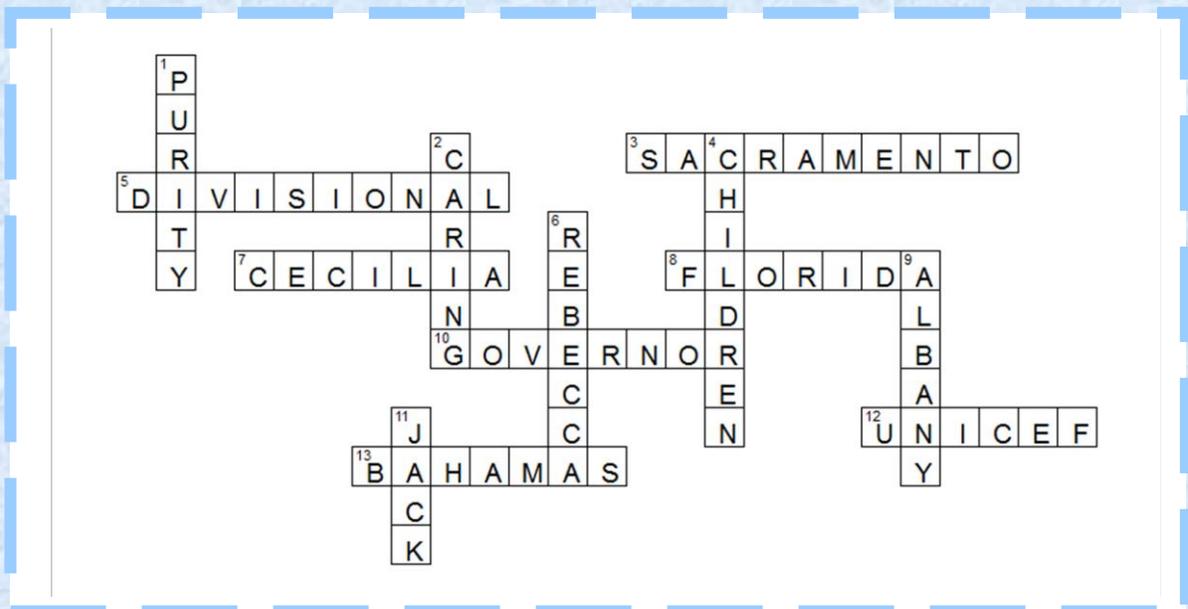
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Games!

Answers to Crossword Puzzle from Issue 1:



June's Game: "Wordy Gurdies"

A "Wordy Gurdy" is a puzzle. The reader is given a short clue that is a hint to a two word answer that rhymes. For example, the answer to the clue "A tidy pathway for cars" would be "Neat Street." Another example: The clue "Poke an edible crustacean" gives the answer "Jab Crab." Below are five wordy gurdies where one of the words in the answer is Key Club related. Can you answer all five? Answers will be posted in the next issue.

1. "A plant that can unlock doors."

Word
1: _____
(4 letters)

Word
2: _____
(3 letters)

2. "To provide a bend."

Word
1: _____
(5 letters)

Word
2: _____
(5 letters)

3. "To accuse someone of wrongdoing for getting rid of something."

Word
1: _____
(11 letters)

Word
2: _____
(9 letters)

4. "A surgeon's cut divides things into distinct areas."

Word
1: _____
(8 letters)

Word
2: _____
(8 letters)

5. "To direct a belief system."

Word
1: _____
(4 letters)

Word
2: _____
(5 letters)

Thank you for reading. Stay tuned for Issue 3 of 4 *Our Communities*. Enjoy your summer. Continue to serve your communities and I hope to see you at our summer divisional events.



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