

4 Our Communities

The Official Newsletter of Division 4



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Lt. Governor's Greeting



Dear Division 4,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you the first Division 4 newsletter for the 2013-2014 Key Club Year. It is my goal for these newsletters to serve as your one stop shop for information on Division 4. Inside this issue you will find information about LTC, ICON, upcoming events, and some fun facts among other things. I know many of you may have already heard me say this, but I am very excited to be serving as your lieutenant governor. It has been a pleasure to meet some of you at our first two divisionals, and I look forward to meeting many more of you at future divisionals and service projects.

For those of you that may not know, Division 4 encompasses much of northern Nassau County. As per the bylaws of the New York District, every Key Club Division must correspond to a division of Kiwanis clubs. Our corresponding Kiwanis division is the Long Island North Kiwanis division. As a Key Clubber in Division 4, you have much to be proud about. We are the largest Key Club division in New York State in terms of number of clubs. Currently there are 17 Key Clubs in Division 4! It is very likely that some of your friends in other schools in our area are Key Clubbers. Of course, as a Key Clubber you are not just a force for good in Nassau County, but a force for good around the globe like the thousands of other Key Clubbers in dozens of countries.

During my term I would like to focus on increasing member attendance at divisionals, increasing the amount of paperwork submitted (and submitted on time), working on helping clubs implement more service projects, and holding more divisional projects. I feel compelled to make these my goals as they remain areas that Key Clubs around New York State and around the world can always improve upon.

If you are not already a member please request to join our Facebook group, "New York District Key Club Division 4." Eventually I hope to have an email distribution list, but until then it is my way of keeping in touch with you. I am planning on having a divisional and a divisional project over the summer, and I would love to see all of you there.

Lastly, as we enter the final month of the school year I would like to wish all of you the best of luck on your exams. If you ever find yourself stressed, just stop and think about how your work as a Key Clubber makes your community a better place. Positive thoughts are the best cure for stress! Have an excellent summer and congratulations to our graduating senior Key Clubbers.

Yours in Service,
Michael Rovner
Division 4 Lieutenant Governor

P.S. Seniors, don't forget to join Circle K at your college or university!

Upcoming Events*

- North Shore—Car Wash June 8th
- Hicksville—Christmas in July
- Summer Divisional and Division Project. Date and Time TBA. More information will be posted on the Division Facebook page in the coming weeks.

*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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KEY CLUB



Hey Division 4! Did you know that the New York District is currently in a competition with the other districts to see who can raise the most money for EliMiNaTe? If circumstances permit, please donate all money raised for EliMiNaTe here:

<http://bit.ly/WCuw20>

Of course, if you raise money for EliMiNaTe and cannot donate the funds using a credit card, please still send in a check! With your help, we will EliMiNaTe Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus!

P.S. Did you know I (the Beaver) am your district mascot?!?!?



About your Lieutenant Governor



As you may have surmised from the Lieutenant Governor's greeting, my name is Michael Rovner and I am your 2013-2014 Lieutenant Governor. I am currently a junior at North Shore High School, and have been a member of the North Shore High School Key Club since I was a freshman. My freshman year, I was a member of my club. At the end of my freshman year I ran for club treasurer and served as club treasurer for my sophomore year. At the end of my sophomore year I ran for club vice-president, and served as vice president during my junior year until beginning my term as your lieutenant governor. Having been a member and an officer I feel that I understand the challenges that face these two types of Key Clubbers, and hope to improve every Key Clubber's experience over the coming year.

As a freshman, I decided to do community service because I knew many current students who said they enjoyed doing community service. I joined Key Club specifically because it was (and still is) is the largest club in my school.

My sophomore year I left some clubs I joined as a freshman, but I stuck with Key Club. It was because I had tons of fun in Key Club. I really enjoyed volunteering and meeting new people at service projects. I was also amazed by the opportunities afforded to me as a Key Clubber such as the Leadership Training Conference. Once I went to the Leadership Training Conference as a freshman and met so many other amazing people who loved Key Club as much as I did, I became a member for life (or at least high school)!

My favorite Key Club color is blue because it represents unwavering character. I believe that if one's character is strong and they are an upstanding person, then leadership and success follow them close behind. I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity, and am looking forward to helping my constituents serve their communities to the fullest of their abilities.

2013 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

From March 29th to March 31st, Key Clubbers from around New York State gathered in the Holiday Inn in Albany for the 65th annual Leadership Training Conference. The Leadership Training Conference, affectionately known as LTC, is an annual convention organized by the New York District whose goals in my opinion are to celebrate, empower, and educate Key Clubbers.

First, we celebrated the accomplishments of the New York District. Countless awards were given out to individuals and clubs for fundraising, the amount of service hours completed, leadership, and dedication. All clubs should consider applying for some of these awards in the coming year. More information regarding these awards will come later on this year.

The "Leadership" in Leadership training conference is what I believe makes LTC empowering. There were many workshops designed to help Key Clubbers hone their leadership skills and better serve their clubs. In previous years as a Key Club member and officer, I found these workshops to be invaluable. However, workshops are not just about leadership. Typically there are also informative workshops such as "Writing a College Essay" and fun workshops such as "Improv."

At any Key Club event, it is inevitable that there will be Key Club information and fun facts sprinkled in along the way. Your knowledge of Key Club grows through workshops, the sessions, and by networking with other Key Clubbers.

I hope you will all join me at the 2014 Leadership Conference which will take place from **April 4th to April 6th, 2014** at the Holiday Inn in Albany. While the costs do change, based on the cost of attending in previous years the cost will be around \$265. This may seem like a lot, but many Key Clubbers are able to offset the price pay by fundraising, asking for grants from their school, and asking for grants from their Kiwanis Clubs. We can work with you to reduced the cost. If you are interested in attending LTC in 2014 or would like more information, please do not hesitate to email me.



Pictures of LTC





Service Spotlight

By: Elias Mastakouris

Recently, an annual historic event occurred at North Shore High School that has been going on for 40 years. This occasion is none other than Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the North Shore Kiwanis Club. All who came were able to enjoy delicious, free pancakes with an all you can eat guarantee. The event took place at 8am to 1pm in the cafeteria on April 20th, and all money collected during the breakfast went to buying school clothes for children in our school district with financial issues, who experience difficulty in affording these types of items. All branches of the Kiwanis family came together for this Kiwanis One Day, due to the importance of service in our community and building strong bonds between the clubs. The clubs that participated in this event were the Kiwanis Club, the Key Club, the Builder's Club, the K Kids, the Aktion Club, and Circle K. Each of these clubs allows different age groups to become involved in the benevolent act of community service. For example, the individuals from Circle K who were sponsored by North Shore Kiwanians came from CW Post College, whereas the Builder's Club consisted of children at the Middle School level with an ardor for service and helpfulness in the area. Our own Key Club, of course, consists of high school students that take part in the leadership building, supportive charitable events that make significant differences in our own community, and around the world. Tom Nobile, a Kiwanian who passed away, was a major supporter of the Pancake Breakfast. Due to his undying service and encouragement towards this beneficial cause, the event was named in his honor. The Pancake Breakfast is a fun, serendipitous affair that happens yearly in the North Shore High School. Those who came took pleasure in eating delectable pancakes, and all those who missed out on the helpful event are encouraged to attend the breakfast next year!



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.

Looking Back and Looking Forward

At the April and May Divisionals, those in attendance and myself mapped out the upcoming year and discussed some goals. For those that were not able to attend, I would like to recap our first two divisionals:

At the first divisional, I worked with the members and officers in attendance to plan out the upcoming service year. We talked and collectively set a few goals. First, we discussed how we want to see an increase in attendance at divisionals. Divisionals are meetings we have once a month where all of the clubs in our division come together to talk about what all of the clubs are doing. In addition, it allows me to update clubs on what is happening in the New York District and Key Club International. I have posted a survey on Facebook asking how I can make it easier for members to attend divisionals. I will be checking it periodically throughout the year. It will never come down, and it is never too late to respond. I have already received a few responses, but I could always use more so please respond today!

We also want to hold more divisional projects and service projects. I will be doing my best to implement more divisional projects. In terms of service projects, I am planning to provide clubs with resources that describe various service projects so that clubs will be able to implement service projects that suit their needs.

At the second divisional we discussed among other points Key Club over the summer. Unlike the school year which runs from September to June, the Key Club year runs from April to April. This means that the service does not stop over the summer! While many clubs do not meet over the summer, I will be holding a divisional and a division project over the summer to keep our division active. Keep in touch with your club officers and keep checking the Division 4 Facebook group. More information on these two events will be coming in the near future. Also, this summer I will be building a division website. The purpose of this is to provide a way for me to get information out to Key Clubbers who are not on Facebook. Additionally, a website is more flexible and allows me to do more than Facebook. More information on this will follow as well.

Also at the second divisional we discussed some important information that came from the District. At the Spring Board Meeting the District Board picked the District Charities and the Governor's Project. The District Charities are causes endorsed by the New York District. While you do not have to fundraiser for them, the New York District has selected these charities for the outstanding work they do for those they serve. If your club wants to plan a fundraiser but is unsure who to fundraise for, the District Charities are their as recommendations. This year, the board selected four charities. In no particular order they are: The American Cancer Society, The Wounded Warrior Project, JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), and the Alzheimer's Association. Previously, the following charities were considered District Charities. However, this year the following charities were put in a separate category called Kiwanis District Projects which are charities endorsed by Kiwanis and will be endorsed from year to year by the New York District. These include KPTC, the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, and EliMiNaTe.

The Governor's Project this year is "Nurturing Our K-Family." It's goal is to foster the special relationship Key Clubs and the greater K-Family. Any project carried out with a club from another branch of the K-Family counts as service hours towards the Governor's Project. So call up your Kiwanis Clubs and let's help Governor Paul reach his goal of 5,000 service hours!

Finally, come the new school year I will be doing club visitations. During a club visitation I stop by at a club meeting so I can introduce myself to the club members and see how the club is doing. This is going to be a service year to remember!



ICON—Key Club International Convention

Every year at the beginning of July, Key Clubbers from around the world convene at a hotel in a predetermined city for ICON, the Key Club International **Convention**. ICON is just like LTC, only bigger and more exciting (if you can believe it). While LTC is only three days long, ICON is four days long. However, every year the New York District takes a tour. On this tour we visit the sights and attractions the host city of ICON has to offer. Including the tour and the convention itself, ICON for New York District Key Clubbers is a week long experience!

Last summer I was fortunate enough to attend ICON. It was held in Orlando Florida. During the tour which lasted from July 1st to July 4th, we visited the Disney theme parks. While ICON will probably not return to Orlando in the near future, ICON is always held in a city with fun and exciting attractions. This year ICON is in Washington D.C. and we will be visiting a variety of exciting places such as Mount Vernon (George Washington's home) and the International Spy Museum. After four days the convention opens and business begins. Just as at LTC, at ICON there is an opening session, a recognition session, caucuses, workshops, and a house of delegates.

For anyone considering entering politics, the House of Delegates is a reason in of itself to go to ICON. The House follows strict parliamentary procedure and gives participants and opportunity to voice their opinion on Key Club issues not just through a ballot but through a microphone. Key Clubbers from around the world get up to speak in front of thousands of their peers to argue for or against motions and measures.

Of course, even after the convention opens there is still time to have fun. There are a variety of socials and opportunities to have fun. Every day you are free to get lunch wherever and with whomever you please (so long as you don't leave the convention)!

Lastly, it goes without saying that you meet many amazing people from around our country and around the world. Before attending ICON, I had never known anyone from Nebraska or Barbados. ICON is truly the experience of a lifetime. While registration is closed for ICON this summer, I strongly encourage you to see me if you are even slightly interested in attending ICON next summer. The price is a little steep, but myself and other K-Family members can work with you to offset some (or maybe even all) of the cost. Many Key Clubbers around the state do not pay the full cost as they receive funding from their schools, Kiwanis Clubs, and Key Clubs. I cannot wait to tell you all about ICON 2013, and hope many of you will be attending ICON next summer!



Paperwork Update

Below is a chart of which clubs have submitted their ERF (Election Report Form) and MRF (Monthly Report Form). 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 and April, please go to <http://bit.ly/mKXyZN> 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 May Monthly Report Form is due June 7th, and your club secretary should submit an MRF for June by July 7th, an MRF for July by August 7th, and an MRF for August by September 7th.

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





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Important



Links and Information



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

LTC 2014:

April 4th-April 6th

It is never too early to be planning and fundraising!

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>

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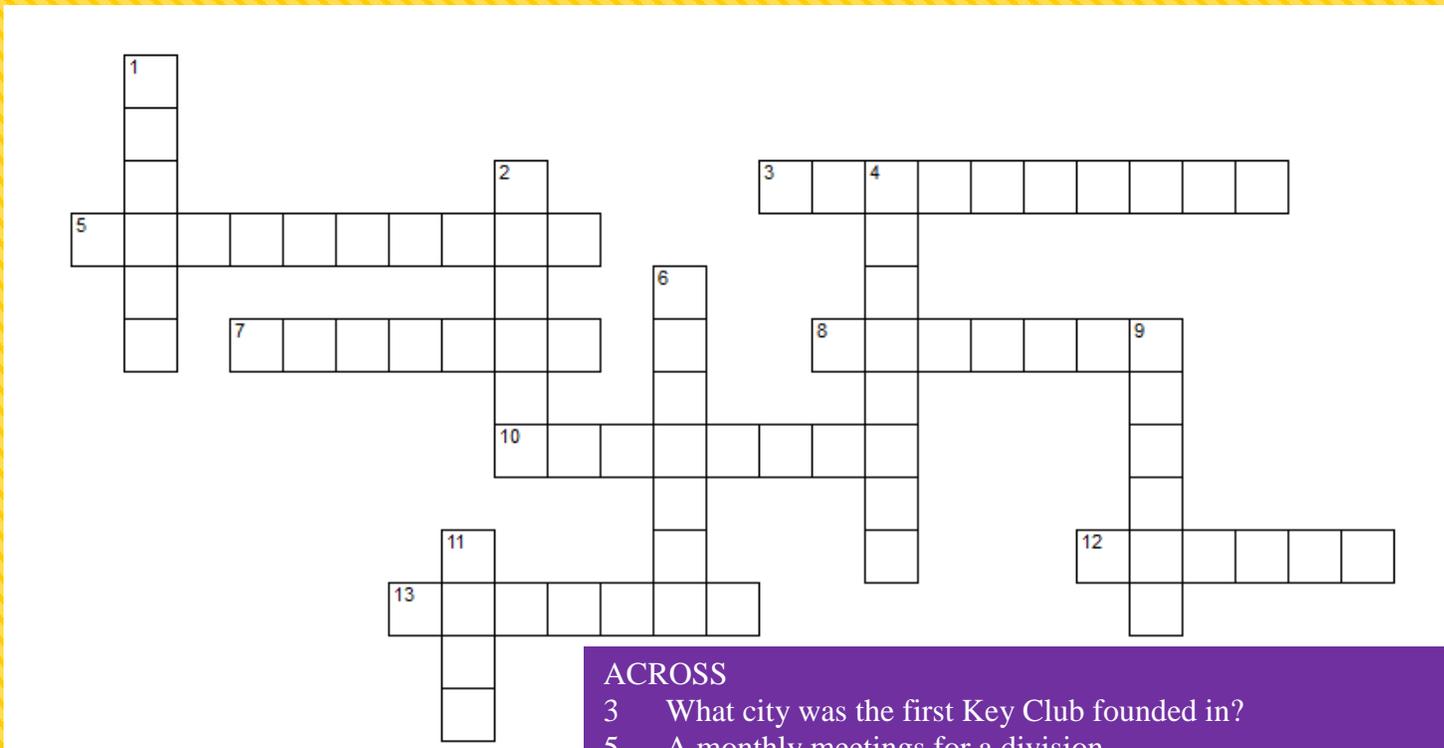
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2. New York District Key Club (Our District Facebook Group)

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Crossword Puzzle

This challenging crossword puzzle tests your knowledge of Key Club on the International, District, and Division Level. Do you know the answers to all of the clues? The answers will be posted in the next issue of *4 Our Communities*.



DOWN

- 1 The Key Club color white stands for ____.
- 2 What is our way of life?
- 4 Our Major Emphasis "Our ____, Our Focus"
- 6 What is the first name of our international president (this year)?
- 9 What city is LTC located in?
What is the first name of the international trustee from the New York District (this year)?

ACROSS

- 3 What city was the first Key Club founded in?
- 5 A monthly meetings for a division.
- 7 What is the first name of the international trustee to the New York District (this year)?
- 8 Where was the first Key Club District formed?
- 10 Leads a District of Key Club International
- 12 Kiwanis has partnered with which U.N. organization to help eliminate MNT?
- 13 In what country was the first Key Club chartered outside of the U.S. and Canada?

Thank you for reading. Stay tuned for Issue 2 of 4 *Our Communities*. Good luck on your final exams and have a safe, happy, and restful summer!



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