

Mighty Montana District Key Club

Issue 1 (April)

>> "Don't worry Ed...
I'll get you your Monkey." <<

And so I did.

You may not know what a bulletin editor is; and no, my job is not to track and capture rogue monkeys, as the quote above suggests. In fact my job is to simply write a MonKey every other month. "What is a MonKey?" Well silly reader, you are reading one right now! That's right! The MonKey is essentially a district wide newsletter, designed to inform you of the here and now within the Mighty Montana district. You may not have heard of it, but that's because there hasn't been an official bulletin editor in about 6 years. So the flow of MonKeys has been deeply affected. However, I will be doing a better job than my nonexistent predecessors. You see, this one MonKey proves that, but I must make more. If I don't, then I don't go to epic board meetings, which would be tragic. So now, without further adieu, my goals for this year:

1. To successfully complete all required MonKeys.
2. To correct all official outgoing things.
3. To make you laugh.

I'm excited to do my job, and I fully hope you guys will be excited to read my work. Thanks, and see you at Youth Conference!

Evan Sherman

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HEY YOU!
YOU! WITH THE
FACE!



District Convention Awards

Ken Holmlund Outstanding

President Scholarship Award

-Tawney Hughes Missoula Sentinel

Lewis Trophy

-Kelsey Weyerbacher Custer County

Distinguished Presidents

-Rollin Salsbery Malta

-Kelley Houle Columbia Falls

-Echo Klassen CMR

Outstanding Vice President

-Tessa McKinlay CMR

Distinguished Vice Presidents

-Katelyn Dynneson Sidney

-Brooke Bowman Missoula Sentinel

Outstanding Secretary Lindsay Thane - Missoula Sentinel

Distinguished Secretaries

-Nikollete Concepcion Skyview

-Taymee Brandon CMR

-Abigal Ita Havre

-Jenna Carda Custer County

-Michelle Fagenstrom Great Falls

-Blair Trout Sidney

Outstanding Treasurer

-Alex Porter Malta

Distinguished Treasurers

-Maria Sturtz Custer County

-Katie Quick CMR

Outstanding Reporter

-Allyson Barksdale CMR

Distinguished Reporters

-Elizabeth Gilligan Great Falls

Outstanding Faculty Advisor

-Keith Hanson Missoula Sentinel

Outstanding Kiwanis Advisor

-Bill Vanderwheele Sidney

Stanaway Award

-Amanda Bryant CCDHS

Nininger Medal

-Julia Birkelo Bozeman

Leland Key of Honor

-Della Jarrett CCDHS

Governor's Excellence Awards

-Sandy Bryant

J-oyce and Ken Holmlund

Governor's Clock

-Amanda Bryant CCDHS

Outstanding Lt. Governor

-Tori Houle Columbia Falls

Outstanding Board Member

-Jonathan Ruff Bozeman

100% Secretary Reporting

-Missoula Sentinel

-CMR

-Dawson Couty

7 for 75

-Skyview

-CMR

-Sentinel

MEP

Silver

-Great Falls High

-Sidney

-Columbia Falls

-CMR

Gold

-Havre

K-Family Ties

-Skyview

-Columbia Falls

-Sentinel

-Malta

-Sidney

K-Family Relations

-Sidney

-Columbia Falls

-Sentinel

-Malta

-Skyview

Distinguished Members

-Tressa Davis

-Brittney Boehn

-Walker Smith

-Dani Chibrowski

-Catherine McArthur

-Mikara Ostermiller

-Emily Sherman

-Emilie Thane

-Sydney Pfister

-Jeni Comstock

-Jason Berry

-Bobby Spoja

-James Bamfield

-Yasmin Chaudhry

-Justin Spore

Ladder Awards

-1st CMR

-2nd Dawson County

-3rd Missoula Sentinel

Service Hours

-1st CMR

-2nd Dawson County

-3rd Missoula Sentinel

Single Service

-1st Custer County

-2nd Sidney

Project Life

-1st Sidney

-2nd CMR

-3rd Columbia Falls

Governor's Project

-1st Columbia Falls

-2nd Sidney

-3rd Custer County

leadership

inclusiveness

caring

character
building



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!

The first time in a long time, we're actually running out room on the tour bus. But fret not! Sign up quickly at the Key Club website and you may just get your chance to go! Here is the word for word description of the ICON tour, taking directly from the site for your convenience:

The Mighty Montana District of Key Club International is getting set for its annual Tour to the International Convention. This year it will be held in Memphis, TN. It is not too early to begin raising funds for this once-in-a-lifetime trip, so start asking your Key club, sponsoring Kiwanis club and local businesses for assistance. Most important of all, ask your parents; they can be your best resource. Remember to inform your Key Club Advisor and also make arrangements with your summer employer, if

applicable, to take off two weeks during the summer. The trip runs from June 30th through July 13th. Space is limited and there has been a lot of interest in this year's trip, so please contact Mary Brady immediately if you are thinking of going. Attractions may be added or removed depending upon the number of Key Clubbers that sign up. Mary can be reached at 654-1553 or bradylady2@yahoo.com e-mail) Please send us a \$100 deposit, which is refundable until April 15th.

CONVENTION

Your \$1,200 will include:

- Transportation aboard a 57 passenger deluxe motor coach (VCR and 5-Monitors, restroom, etc.)
- Hotel accommodations.
- Convention Registration.
- Some meals will be provided at the convention, including Food and Refreshments in the MT District suite at Convention.
- Scheduled attractions:

Activities

- June 30 On the bus at 8:00 A.M.
- July 1 Mall of America (~ 6hours)
- July 2 Mt Olympus Water Park
- July 3 Grand Old Opry
- July 4 Frist Center for the Visual Arts Riverboat Fireworks cruise
- July 5 Grand Old Opry Tour
- July 6 Graceland Tour, National Civil Rights Museum
- July 7 Mud Island Park, Convention Begins
- July 8 Convention
- July 9 Convention
- July 10 Convention Ends at 11:59pm
- July 11 Overnighter+ Frontier City Theme Park(former Six Flags)
- July 12 On the bus
- July 13 On the bus

KEY CLUB

Project Life

(Thanks to Caitlin Taggart

Hello, thank you for taking time to do this.

Tell me a little about yourself.

My name is Ryan Doll and I am a senior at Dawson County High School in Glendive, Montana. I have been in Key Club all four years of high school. I held the offices of treasurer my freshman year and president my sophomore year. Throughout my service in Key Club I have been very involved in numerous activities. The two that I am most active in are Project Life and Project Pride. I am very involved with the Miss Montana Scholarship Program. After high school I plan on attending Dawson Community College in Glendive where hopefully I will be starting a Circle K club.

First of all, why is project life important to you?

Project Life and Project Pride are both very important to me.

On the Project Life side of things it became very real for me when I was in 7th grade I told one of my closest friends that I was thinking about and planning to commit suicide that night. I told her at school then she went and told one of my teachers who notified my principal who then notified my parents. We had a meeting and discussed the issue and made a plan. Those involved were very watchful for quite some time and some even to this day. Because of this one friend I am still here today. From that day I have learned, and continue to educate myself and others that committing suicide is not the answer. I feel that I need to try to help anyone who is thinking about "doing it" and inform people on what they can do to help prevent others from committing suicide.

On the bullying side of things I have been bullied since I was a small child. I will say that I feel that we have all bullied people and that it needs to stop. Tons of people tease other

people and they do not realize that they are bullying them. It needs to stop.

What are you doing to prevent and stop bullying in your community?

I am putting on a school assembly and a community meeting on suicide and bullying awareness. I am having Miss Montana 2009, Brittany Wiser, talk about suicide as that is part of her platform. Key Club is going to be talking on the bullying side of things.

I am also going to try to spread the word that if anyone needs to talk to someone because they are being bullied that they can come talk to me or someone on my committee to tell us what is going on so that we can help stop the bullying and be on the watch.

What are you planning on doing with project life in the future?

I am planning on keeping the word out there and hopefully continue giving presentations to all age groups to help raise awareness for Suicide and bullying. I will do whatever it takes to get the word out about

What suggestions do you give other people to stop bullying in their community?

My biggest suggestion is listening and intervening. By just listening and being a friend you may save one person's life. When you see someone getting bullied go over and be their friend and stand up with them against those bullies. There is one quote that I would like each and every one of you to remember: "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." Wes Townsend. Give advice to anyone you can and most importantly BE A FRIEND.

What is your major goal in the future for bullying?

My major goal in the future for bullying is to teach people how to listen and be friends to that in need. I also want to start education the younger children the importance of

treating people with respect. I also want to help inform the community how they can help stop bullying and help prevent suicides. If I can get the community involved I feel that that is a big step. I also want to help the teachers become more informed on how to help stop bullying at schools and help recognize the signs of suicide. I also want to start helping Montana get out of the top 5 for suicide deaths per capita. I will do whatever it takes to help this drop.

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