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IS IT WHITE OUTSIDE? HERE ARE SOME WINTER TIPS!

Here are some Winter Tips from the Editor!

- 1) When it is nice and brisk outside turn the heat UP!
- 2) If you walk outside and you can see your breath, cover your mouth.
- 3) Go sledding on the *STEEPEST* hill on town, and fly off the cliff!
- 4) If it is too cold to go sledding outside sled down your stairs! ☺ (It's fun!)
- 5) If you like hot chocolate and marshmallows MIX them together!
- 6) Invite your friends over to watch Jack Frost and then start a snowball fight in the house!
- 7) WATCH WHERE YOU WALK!
- 8) Hide behind a tree and nail the mailman with a snowball.
- 9) Go snowman hunting.
- 10) If you are told you are not an angel, make one in the snow!
- 11) Its icy, so when you drive do not, *KILL* the car.
- 12) Abandoned parking lots are fun to go and spin!
- 13) Whatever they say DON'T stick your tongue to the pole.
- 14) If you don't like snowman make snowwoman!
- 15) If you plan on whitewashing anyone, make sure its not a cop.
- 16) Don't eat yellow snow.
- 17) When you are skiing or snowboarding trees are bad.
- 18) Build a fire with your honey. (Don't burn down the house)
- 19) Hot tub and roll in the snow!
- 20) Slip and Slide in the snow with ice!
- 21) Go ice blocking!
- 22) If you are cold, make like and Eskimo and make a ice fort!
- 23) If your hair is wet and you go outside, *BEWARE* it might freeze!
- 24) Go to Hawaii (not HAVRE, Montana)

Consider these, to keep your winter warm and fun!

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HOW DO I APPROACH A KIWANIS MEMBER

~ KEN HOLMLUND
GOVERNOR MONTANA DISTRICT OF
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

It may not be apparent to every member of Key Club, but it is a fact that every Kiwanis member wants your Key Club to succeed. You are important to them and they should be important to you. Without the close ties between Kiwanis and Key Club, much is missed on both sides.

The question is, "How do I start a conversation with a Kiwanis member?" My answer would be, "Talk about a project your club is doing." Kiwanis is very interested in what Key Club members are involved with and what they are planning.

The best place to get to know a Kiwanis member is at the Kiwanis meeting. You should make an effort to get to a meeting and encourage every member of your club to do the same. Be prepared to give a short talk on the projects of your club. Don't sit off by yourself at the meeting. Make an effort to sit with a different Kiwanis member each time you attend their meeting. It may be hard to do, but many times you will have to start the conversation because the Kiwanis member is more intimidated by you and your energy than you are by their age and stature.

When given the opportunity, join in Kiwanis projects and invite them to help you with yours. I am not saying to just get up and ask for volunteers at a Kiwanis meeting, but rather to ask a specific member or several members at the table to join you. It is much harder to ignore a request aimed specifically at you than one that is directed at the group. "Some one else will do it" is an all too common attitude and you can break it down by asking a specific member to help. Don't do this in front of the group, but rather at your table, one on one. It will work and you will have made a new friend for your Key Club.

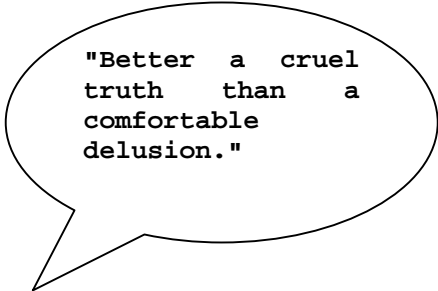
Remember, you are a member of the greatest High School service organization in the world and Kiwanis is your sponsor. Be

proud of your membership. Share your experiences with your friends and I am betting they will want to join you. SHARE KEY CLUB.

A message from the Governor

Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Merry Kwanzaa! Between the gifts and the food, the glittering lights and the resonating good cheer, we have a chance to reflect on what we accomplished in the past year and what lies ahead of us. Montana District—we have accomplished amazing things. From district events to club projects, you never cease to amaze me and make me proud to be the Governor of the best District in all of Key Club International. Currently, we have 45 clubs in good standing, doing so many neat things. From senior citizen proms to children's carnivals, from Project Life projects to 911 Fund fundraisers, we are touching our homes, schools, communities, and world. So many opportunities lie ahead in this new year as well. Convention is fast approaching and **everyone** should plan to attend. It's going to be awesome! But never fear: there is still so much time left for club (and interclub!) fun and service. Scott Adams once said, "Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." Key Clubbers, our ripples have created a tidal wave of service—don't be left behind. See you at Convention!

In Service and Friendship,
Shannon Brady
Governor



"Better a cruel
truth than a
comfortable
delusion."

LT GOVERNOR CHAT

This is a article about questions that are frequently asked to the LT Governors.
~Tyler Claxton- LT. Governor of Division 1

Q: What is Project Life?

A: Project Life is this years Governors Project, it focuses on teen suicide prevention. Montana ranks anywhere from 1st - 3rd in the nation for teen suicides. This project could save lives.

Q: What is the Governor's Project?

A: The Governor's Project is a Project that is chosen by the Governor each Key Club year that is to be made the Districts focus. This year it is Project Life.

Q: What is the Bulletin Editor?

A: The Bulletin Editor is the person on the District board that receives reports from reporters and makes the districts publication.

PROJECT LIFE

The holiday season is a good excuse to tell people around how much you care for them. Teenagers go through so much and it can sometimes be very difficult to endure. Giving encouragement and acknowledgement may help people get through these tough times. Project Life is about recognizing the gift of life and helping others to see that. It is not to cast a shadow over the loss of someone but to shed some light on this gift. There are projects to do to promote life such as posters and announcements and challenges or contests such as "I dare each person at the school to tell five people why they respect them" among other projects to get people involved and looking for the tomorrow in every situation. Today can start with tomorrow only if it doesn't end with yesterday. Every person matters and can make a difference. To contact the Project Life Committee email us at (mtprojectlife@yahoo.com) to get suggestions and help. There is an award given to participating clubs at Convention because it is the Governor's Project. Feel free to contact us.

Yours in Courage and Caring,

Jessica Sampson
Treasurer

YOUTH CONFERENCE WRAP UP

~Sarah Kaleva, LT Governor of Division 2

Wow! Another incredible Youth Conference has come and gone! From the fact-filled general sessions and service projects to the crazy and funny skits, all had fun. Between the excitement of meeting new people and sending Happy-grams, everyone went to fun and interesting workshops, general sessions, helped out with the service project.

Thank you to Ken Holmlund, Elect Warren K Governor Jon attending and support for Key they had as we Key would also like Parker for all of



Kiwanis Governor Kiwanis Governor-Frank, and Circle Johnson for showing their Club. I hope that good of a time as Clubbers did. We to thank John his help with our

service projects and everything else. All of the advisors who attended and helped with rides should be thanked many times over. Lastly, a huge THANK YOU to all of the members who attended, we could not have done it without you ects, worked on skits and talked in their small groups and, overall and most importantly, had a blast.

Youth Opportunity Fund

Has your club every wanted to do a project, but didn't have the money to fund it? If so, you have come to the right place. The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) is a grant for Key Clubs and members to do service-projects that require money to accomplish them. Grants can range from \$200 to \$2000. All one needs to do is fill out an application. It is easy to do. Applications can be found in the Key Club Guide Book, and they are available online at <http://www.keyclub.org/BeInformed/ClubResources/YOF-ap.htm>. After an application has been filled out, it should be submitted to Key Club International where selected members of the Key Club International Board will review the applications. The Board

will be looking at projects that are planned, developed, and implemented by a Key Club or member(s) of a Key Club with adults serving as advisors and/or facilitators. Deadline for submission for the Spring/Summer funding cycle is December 10, and the deadline for the Fall/Winter Cycle is May 15.

World Wide Service Project

The Worldwide Services Project (WSP) is a project shared by the entire Kiwanis Family. In 1994, Kiwanis International made a promise to the world's children: Kiwanis and its Kiwanis family is raising \$75 million to virtually eliminate the world's most prevalent, preventable cause of mental retardation, iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). As of November 30, 2001, the Kiwanis family had contributed \$76,552,572.00 towards its goal of \$75 million.

Key Club International had pledged to raise \$2.5 million to help eradicate IDD. As of May 31, 2001, Key Club had raised \$2,797,168.10. All money received by Key Club goes to help fight this disease. The campaign will official close at the end of 2001. At that time, over 1.5 billion children and adults in more than 100 countries on 4 continents will be saved from disorders that include stillbirths, cretinism, and goiter, as well as diminished academic performance and productivity. The successful completion of this mission will rank as one of mankind's greatest health-related achievements: the virtual elimination of iodine deficiency disorders from the world.

PONDERMENTS

"Turkey Soup. Aren't those a weird few words?"

"Mondays are a horrible way to spend 1/7 of your life."

"Animal Crackers in my soup, monkeys and rabbits loop-da-loop"

"A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight" Anon

TRUSTEE MESSAGE

In November, I attended the annual Youth Conference in Montana. Before Youth Conference got started, I attended the meeting that the District Board had in preparation for Youth Conference. This was my first time meeting all of the board members. I was a bit nervous, but so excited. The entire board was very welcoming, and a ton of fun. Youth Conference started on Friday. As you know, Youth Conference is intended for the new members of Key Club. This weekend was truly amazing for me. I had such a great time getting involved in all the great activities that the board had planned. Picking garbage along the bike trail in Great Falls as a service project is definitely an event I will never forget. Shopping at the mall, the auction, and the dance were all a wonderful addition to the Key Club filled weekend. When Sunday came around, it was sad to say goodbye to everyone, but I was very glad I had the opportunity to attend Youth Conference. It was a pleasure meeting all of you that were at Youth Conference. I look forward to seeing you all again in March at Convention, and I also look forward to meeting those of you who did not attend Youth Conference. I know District Convention is going to be a wonderful time.

DIVISION 2 DIVISION

~This information in Division 2 Division is taken from the reporter's reports.

Division 1

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Polson- Coats for kids, made wrapping presents and wrapped presents.

Missoula Sentinel- Toys for Tots, and 35 key club members attended the Kiwanis Christmas Party; they also put on a blood drive.

Hamilton- Caroling with the Kiwanis, collecting pop tabs, attending the Division 1 rally, decorating a theater house and selling tickets for a play, raking leaves around town, we also helped our Kiwanis club make food baskets for people in need of help during the holidays, we also distributed them.

Frenchtown- From a food drive to decorating at the local Riverside Health Care Center also talking with the elders and play games, we had our annual Christmas stars, and we had a Christmas party.

Missoula Big Sky- We held the annual Sadie Hawkins dance, stuffed and stocked Christmas stockings, send two people to each Kiwanis meeting, every Friday two key Members go to the Kindergarten class to visit the students, one key clubber attended youth conference and she is spreading her cheer all around the key club members, held a blanket drive, collecting pop tabs, planning Snowball dance, rounding up volunteers to work the special Olympics, and we are holding nominations for next years club board,

Division 2

CMR- We helped with the 911 fund, we held a "Students Fight Back" dance, we helped out in the homecoming parade, we made a float, also helped with the cleanup crew, we have been doing concessions, in October we did Trick or Treat for Uniceff, and finally we are starting to help out at the Senior Citizens Center,

Choteau- our main project was the high schools Winterball that the theme was "Welcome to the Jungle", we helped with a blood drawing, and we felt stockings for the elderly who are stuck in extended care.

Shelby- Bought Christmas gifts for local welfare house, Pizza hut donated pizza's and McDonalds donated free happy meals for the children, collecting pop tabs, and we are starting a key club scholarship.

Division 3

Butte High- Toys for Tots, Herbergers Ticket sales, teachers banquet, teacher's appreciation week, club Christmas party, and bell ringing for Kiwanis.

Beaverhead County- We held our Winter formal, sold Christmas trees, and we took names of the local giving tree.

Division 4

Billings Skyview- Twirp, the annual winter formal, we went caroling, ice skating, held a Christmas party and we still attend the monthly bingo.

Red Lodge- recycling in the school, collecting pop tabs, helped out at Kiwanis Blood drive, held the annual Fall Fling, attended Division 4 rally.

Billings Senior- Dress a Child, 11 key club members attended youth conference, concessions For a basketball game, and held a inter club ice-skating!

Division 5

Laurel- supported a family during Christmas season, washed buses for the school, and sold concessions at games and events.

Division 2 Division Continued...(Division 5).
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Star Reports

Sidney- presented a slide show to the Kiwanis, concessions, seven members attended youth conference, made college care packages, Christmas stroll, and helped Christmas stroll with builders club, pop tab collection by class wars, and collecting graham crackers.

Glendive- Working with builders club, holding membership drives, and going to nursing home.

Division 6

Fergus- pizza fundraiser, polar express had key clubbers act as Santa and elves, bought gifts for an angel off the angel tree, the mentoring program takes kids to a local basketball game, and have volunteers go to the local boys and girls club.

Bozeman- selling candy grams, Trick or Treat for Uniceff, helped Kiwanians with pancake breakfast, and painted faces/made balloon animals. And cleared tables at a annual event.

Division 7

Glasgow- pop tab collection, attending weekly Kiwanis meetings, sang to elderly residents at nursing home, block of bucks and “The popcorn project.”

Havre- Elf project (Everyone loves a firefighter), concession stands, state speech meet timing, getting ready for convention! ☺

Malta- Division 7 rally, sent nine kids to youth conference, christmas gift exchange, and concessions.

Division 8

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Whitefish- Christmas decorations around town, sponcered a family, recycling program for school, and a annualhigh school key club talent show.
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The Shelby High School has been very active with a lot of projects involving children. With the Major Emphasis Project being “Children their future our focus”, we decided that we should all gear up to help the children in the need of joyful christmas. One of the projects we did was we went to the local welfare office and asked if there was anything we could help do. Reassuring us that there is always something we ca do, they gave us lists of children that we could buy christmas gifts for. So with our trusty wallets in one hand, and another key clubber in the other, we set off to help out the children. We also had Pizza Hut donate personal pizza’s and McDonalds donate happy meals! It was fun to see the childrens faces as they received their christmas gifts.

~Josh Peters, Shelby High School Reporter

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One of the main projects the club has done was presentnig to Kiwanis during their weekly noon meeting in December. The Sidney key club created a powerpoint presentation of our key club since last March. It contained the new officers, projetcs, fundraisers, pictures of events, abd upcoming ideas and projetcs. President hannah Warfield-Ruffato, Vice President Kim Dahl, Reporter Kelsey Lee, and new member Darcy Peters presented the powerpoint presentation by describing the events and explaining the photos. At the end of the presentation the Kiwanis members said “That is the best presentaion that they had ever seen.”

The powerpoint was also shown at the Christmas party and new member installation banquet.

~Kelsey Lee, Sidney High School Reporter

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The Bozeman High School Key Clubbers made balloon animals, painted faces, and helped clear up tables at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. We also sold tickets prior to the event to help raise money for our club. It was wonderful to paint the faces of the children (even the ones that squirmed) and to watch the kids engage in battle with balloon swords and armor. Despite all the fun we had, this project was a very valuable to our club in other ways too.

~Autumn Giles, Bozeman High School Reporter

DISTRICT BOARD CONTACTS

Star Reports continued...

Allow me to introduce one of the messiest projects that Glasgow High School Key Club has done all year thus far! Ladies and Gentlemen... THE POPCORN PROJECT!!!! Grades K-4th at the Irlle Elementary school this year had their annual Christmas party to celebrate the season. As key clubbers, we volunteered to buy and pop tons of popcorn. You see, each child in the Elementary school needed a lunch bag-size popcorn to eat while watching their movies, so we set to work with a committee. We used our release periods at GHS and the concessions stand equipment to pop the popcorn. We filled, salted and seasoned more than 6 big white garbage bags full of popcorn and transported it to the Irlle School. The teachers got the honor of filling each designated bag with the popcorn, but they managed to get out of the popping part this year! This was really messy, because each batch of popcorn needed a scoop of popcorn seeds and a BIG icky scoop of "butter" to make it greasy!~☺

~Echo Sampson, Glasgow High School Reporter

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- February 1st – Letter of intent due to Sarah Kaleva
- February 10th –Reporter and Secretary reports due
- February 13th – Awards postmark sent to Lindsey Larkin
- *Candidate forms to Ed Leland
- February 15th –Awards and candidate forms MUST be received
- February 22-23rd - Kiwanis Midwinter
- February 23-24th - Circle K Conv.
- February 23rd - Judging Meeting
- March 8th – ALL convention forms should be in!
- March 11th – Scholarship Deadline (unless brought to convention and given to ED)
- March 17-19th – CONVENTION 2002!!!!

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