

Convention Season is now open! Do you have your license to participate?

It's getting closer and closer to March and we all know what that means!! District Convention!!! District Convention is coming up March 14th to the 16th. This is the most important event that takes place the entire Key Club year. District Convention is where we, as a District, come together to honor all of our clubs, officers, and members for doing a terrific job throughout the year. Every person in our District work way to hard not to be rewarded for all of the work they do. These three days are put aside to do just that. We give away awards, show some definite talent at the talent show, party hardy at a dance, and say goodbye to all of our past year officers.

Another important part of District Convention is voting for new officers. At District Convention every member will get a chance to meet and hang out with both last years district officers and those who are running for a position on the district board for the 2000 - 2001 year. This is one of the most important reasons for having a district convention. The district needs officers to represent each of the divisions on the state level in order to keep the district strong. District convention is the place where members and officers come together to learn how to better out district. Every club should send two people to be delegates and represent their club on the district level. If your club does not send people to vote for who your club wants to represent you, then you are letting other clubs make your decisions for you. Please try and have your club represented so that you can take control of your own future. Don't let anyone decide for you!

Caucuses can have many themes such as Grease or Men in Black. The LT of each division should be picking and letting you all know what their caucus theme is going to be. After the LT chooses the theme it's the member's job

to pull it off. Go all out and get costumes and decorations and show those candidates that your division is the best! If the members get active that will make the caucus fun for everyone in the division and all of the candidates who come to speak to your division. And maybe your division will even get the prize for the best caucus!!

Let's dance the night away. Every year there is a dance at the District Convention and if any of you have ever been to a Key Club dance then you know how much fun they are. So put on your party shoes and get ready to boogy all night long.

Unlike many past conventions this year's convention is having a talent show. We know that many of you out there have awesome talents. So here's your chance to show your stuff. Whatever talent you may have, we all want to see it. So practice and get ready for the big applause!

This year's convention has a number of activities that will help each and everyone meet and become friends with a bunch of new people. Convention is a meeting ground for new and wonderful friendships. Every person who attends risks the chance of meeting a new person and a friend for all time. Key Club is an organization filled with the most interesting, outgoing, sincere, talented, and good looking people you may ever get the chance to meet. So is that a risk you are willing to take? I hope so!

Convention is definitely the one thing out of the entire year in Key Club that you do not want to miss!! Three fun filled days with some of the most interesting people in the state of Montana, so are you going to stay home? No Way!!!

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Another Brand New LT

Laura Khor is the new LT for Division 8. Laura is a junior at Flathead High School in Kalispell. She is very active in her school and her community. Laura is a Varsity Cheerleader for her school, a member of her schools Varsity Debate team, a peer court attorney, and of course, a key clubber. She is a very outgoing and business oriented person. She enjoys doing a job and seeing it get done right. Laura is looking forward to meeting as many of you as she can at District Convention and shows some major promise for next year. We are very excited to have as part of the District Board. So if you see Laura at District Convention go and say hello!! She's probably one of the nicest people you will ever meet.

Would you like to run for a District Office?

If interested send a letter of intent to Lauren Hunt. Tell her what position you are interested in, and she will send you all of the information that you need to go about running for an office on the District Board. It's a year that you will never forget, and you will leave with the best memories and friendship than you can possibly imagine!!

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Governor's Project

Once again this year's Governor's Project is support of Needy. Since Convention is getting closer and closer clubs need to start sending in their projects that they completed over the year to Ryan Johnson so that you can receive an award for having the most participation or the best idea for helping the needy. All of you have done a great job with projects and participation all year long, now please send in your project result so you can be rewarded for your hard work. Here are the awards and their criteria, so see where your school fits in and go for it.

The awards and their criteria are:

Award #1, Most service hours/member

When a club does a single project that falls under the SON program, they can take the number of man hours and divide it by the number of members that worked on the project. At the 2000 Montana District Convention, the club who has the most hours/member will receive an award.

Award #2, Most unique or creative project

An award will be given to the most creative/unique project. The creativity level of a project will be decided by the Governor and the winner is determined by the Governor's decision.

The winner of each award will receive a T-shirt for every person that was involved in the project.

All possible winners should send their information to:

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**Want more information on any
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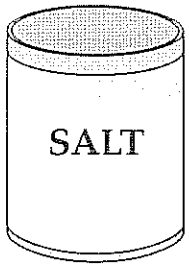
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or call

1-800-Kiwanis

IDD: Iodine Deficiency Disorder

Now that we are getting closer and closer to District Convention, everyone needs to start pooling their money for IDD.



Remember this is our last year to raise money for IDD and we need to get busy and try and meet our goal. The District has set a goal of \$150 per club. This is not a lot of money. If every member gave a little bit, that can add up to a lot. Maybe even go out into your school and ask kids and teachers if they would like to donate a little bit and save some lives. If every club meets the goal of 150 dollars, that will meet our District goal of \$6,600. If we meet this goal we will be saving 132,000 lives. There's still time to gather money so don't let your club give up yet! Push IDD for two more months and let's see how many people we can save!!

"Take a Child's Hand"

This year's Major Theme and Emphasis Project has been great. Many clubs in our District have come up with great ideas for projects that go along with this theme. By getting out there and "Taking a Child's Hand" key clubbers all over the world have made a difference in the generation to come. By working with organizations such as Head Start, Big Brothers and Sisters, YMCA, and elementary and middle schools, key clubbers have had the chance to do some great projects and learn a little something about others and themselves. By reaching out and helping children to grow and develop, we are becoming heroes. Who knows, maybe ten years down the road that child will be thinking of you as they graduate from elementary to middle school, from High School, or even college. Now that's a good feeling. So get out there, get involved, and make a difference in the lives of others.

International Convention 2000 Orlando, Florida

Not too far from now, 48 kids will be loading a charter bus to travel with each other for two weeks down to Orlando, Florida. Why you may ask? To attend the International Convention. International Convention this year has been chosen to take place in Orlando Florida. Key Clubbers from all over the world will be attending this convention to elect next years international officers, meet other key clubbers from all over the world, and to have a ton of fun!!

Every year the Montana District Key Club offers an International Tour. The International Tour costs \$1000 for the entire two weeks. This money covers your bus, hotel rooms, all of your activities, and the International Convention fee. For \$1000 you are getting a steal of a deal. Also, start fundraising your money now!!! Maybe set some money aside or even go to the local businesses in your town and ask them to help you out. Also, make sure you let your Kiwanis and home club know that you are interested in going on the International Tour and maybe they will help you out too.

This year's Tour sounds great so far!! The District is planning on many fun activities. The first stop on the tour is Dallas, Texas. In Dallas key clubbers will get the chance to see the place where President Kennedy was assassinated and ride till they drop at Six Flags over Texas. Following Texas the key clubbers will venture into New Orleans where they have the chance to spend a day in the city and take a swamp tour. Then they are on their way to Panama City!!! No, I'm not talking about Panama the country; I'm talking about Panama City, Florida. Key Clubbers will get the luxury of staying in a beachfront hotel surrounded by activities and of course right next to the ocean. But the key clubbers still have to attend the International Convention. They travel to Orlando where the convention will take place and participate in activities such as

visiting Universal Studios and eating at the largest Hard Rock Cafe in the world. Key Clubbers will also get to drench themselves at the Wet and Wild Water Park which includes waterfalls and slides that drop you about ten feet or more above the water!! Incoming!! Key Clubbers will also spend a lot of time at Disney World meeting the characters and screaming till they can't scream anymore on the rides. Also, the night before the convention the International Board is having a beach party at the Dolphin Hotel. After all of this the Key Clubbers will attend the International Convention, which is a blast within itself. The Convention hotel is also next to a kind of lake with sand beach volleyball courts, and paddleboats. The Convention contains five pools with waterfalls and dolphins that you can swim around. After the convention Key Clubbers will get the chance to go to Cape Canaveral and see the place where all of the space ships are launched. The Key Clubbers can't go through Georgia without stopping in Atlanta and eating at the largest drive in restaurant in the world, The Varsity. Also, while in Atlanta, key clubbers will also pass through St. Louis to see the great Arch. They may even get to ride an elevator to the top of the Arch. Key clubbers will get to stop in Kansas City and spend some time seeing the sites and then move onto Rapid City, Wyoming. There they will get to see Mt. Rushmore, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Then they will return to Billings completely changed. These key clubbers will get the chance to see a lot of the Nation they live in, and make lasting friendships along the way.

Division to Division

These are reports from clubs in all divisions that have turned in their reports since October.

Division 1:

Hamilton has been a very busy and productive club. In November they had a lock in where they taught a lot of their new members about IDD and raised money to fight the disease. They had an awesome turn out of 92 members and newcomers. They were also very sneaky by saying if you aren't a member you have to pay your dues and the rally fee so they gained a bunch of new members. And no one left the rally not wanting to join. They started off the night by teaching square dancing and swing dancing lessons. After the dance lessons they stuffed themselves with pizza and continued into the night. After the pizza they set up for Karaoke followed by a dance, volleyball, basketball, movies, and ping-pong. Everyone who attended had a great time and went home plenty tired!!

Missoula Big Sky spent their time painting a schoolhouse at the Fort Museum. They scraped, sanded, and painted the entire house. They had all of the paint and supplies donated which made the job even easier. They also held a Sadie Hawkins dance that turned out to be a big success. The Key club made about \$1000 that helped them throughout the holiday seasons to help others. They also did an annual candy bar sale that made more money so they could continue to support others.

Hellgate has possibly been the busiest club in the district. They did a Sock Drive, Adopt-A-Family, and a Sadie Hawkins dance in October and November. Their Sadie Hawkins dance is one of their biggest moneymakers throughout the year and they used the money to shop for families that are in need. Their Key Club adopted five families in the Adopt-A-Family project and helped them buy presents for Christmas. They also went to their Kiwanis Club and conducted the meeting for the Kiwanians. They gave reports of projects that they have and are planning to do and the whole meeting turned out to be a big success. The Kiwanis returned the favor by conducting one of the Key Club meetings. Hellgate also managed to survive through Y2K and continue into the year 2000 with a lot of new projects. Key Clubbers from Hellgate spent their New Year's Eve helping a program called Missoula 2000 First Night Celebration. They helped by handing out flyers and booklets a couple of days before the Celebration and then passed out buttons New Year's Eve. After handing out buttons they all returned to the Adam's Center and partied into the New Year.

Missoula Sentinel had done a lot of projects. Over Halloween they "Trick or Treated for IDD" and "Trick or Treated for Canned Goods". They gathered lots of canned goods and money all to go to good causes. They also

participated in typing, picking a cover, and producing a phone book of all of the kids that attend Sentinel and sold them. So if you need the phone number of that girl/guy who sits next to you in math, now you have it!! They also went to their local middle school and started a tutoring program in all different subjects. They're really reaching out into their community.

Division 2:

Conrad's Key Club has been busy as well. They conducted a long term food drive that lasted 6 weeks. They had a competition among all of the 1st period classes at their school to see which one could get the most food. The winning class got a pizza party. They also put boxes in their local grocery stores to collect food. The most they have ever collected is 1250 food items, which is excellent. That can feed a lot of people. This year they came up with a total of 2301 pounds of food, which is a bunch!! Good Job Everyone!!! They also sold Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser and donated \$100 plus all of the food to their local Salvation Army.

Division 3:

Butte High went to their local elementary school and helped out in the festivities over the holidays. They passed out candy canes and sang carols to the kids. They also had a Christmas part at Silver Bow Pizza. They all brought gifts and did a gift exchange. They also went and bundled up and rang bells for the Salvation Army.

Anaconda's Key Club is active again as usual. They also survived through Y2K and continued on to other projects. Their club helped out with concessions at a boy's basketball game for their school. Also right before Christmas their club got together to make 322 food baskets for less fortunate families in Anaconda. Businesses around the town donated foods and things to put into the baskets, and then the Key Club arranged to get the food delivered Christmas Day!! They also went caroling to lift their spirits and get themselves into the holiday mood. There was also a tragedy in their town where a small girl was killed in a burning house. The Key Club donated \$400 to the family.

Division 4:

Billings Senior has been very busy as well. They helped their city library in a book sale and helped their Kiwanis club deliver fruit baskets, and also had an IDD presentation at their club meeting to refresh the minds of their members about IDD. On Halloween they "Trick or Treated for IDD" and raised \$152. They also sent 12 members to Youth Conference in Great Falls that took

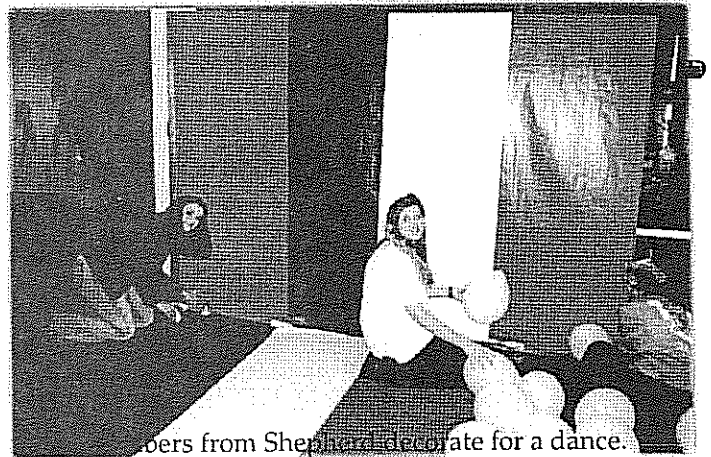
Division to Division (continued)

place in November. And for holiday spirit they did a Secret Santa Gift exchange in their club. They also helped their Salvation Army in a project called "Dress a child" where they get to go to Wal-Mart and they get a money allowance and they buy clothes for their child.

Billings West helped with a project known as Boo at the Zoo. West helped by going to the local zoo and either dressing up in scary scenes or being tour guides as they guided groups of people through a little course of scenes for Halloween. They also helped the zoo with face painting and a costume parade that took place. They also "Trick or Treated for IDD" and collected quite a bit of money. In November West sent a bunch of old and new members to Youth Conference and got a lot of new ideas and information to help their clubs. Over Thanksgiving they helped pack turkey boxes full of potatoes and canned goods to go to families that can't afford a thanksgiving dinner.

Skyview stayed busy as usual. They participated in Teacher's Appreciation where they made a Christmas tree with ornaments that were apples with the teacher's pictures and names on them that was displayed in the library at the school. Also during the teacher's appreciation luncheon, they sold key clubbers as slaves to the teachers. Who ever bid the highest got that student for three hours of class room work whether it was grading papers, putting grades in the grade book or creating bulletin boards, they got them for whatever they wanted. They also had a shopping spree with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They helped kids pick out gifts for their family members. The club also planned a Christmas Party that took place at their local Nursing home. They sang carols to the residents and had a gift exchange and lots of food.

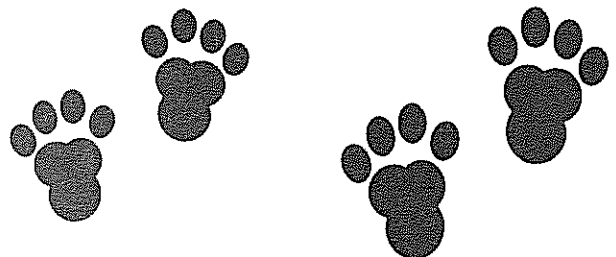
Shepherd has been busy helping out with a lot of projects and attending events. November 8th, four members from the Shepherd Key Club attended their Kiwanis Dinner. Then they helped out a local radio station advertise about boxes being made for Thanksgiving for families in need. After helping advertise, they helped other Key Clubs unload trucks and make boxes with various food items. They also held a dance to raise money for IDD. They raised \$327 and had a great time setting up and decorating for the dance. They also had a competitive food drive amongst the classes in their school, and then they donated all of the food to the Elementary Millennium Food Drive, your doing a great job, guys!! Keep up the good work!!



Glendive's Key Club has been selling lollypops at their school during lunch to raise money and they also ran the clocks and books at the Makoshika basketball tournament that came to Glendive. They went around their town and asked for donations for IDD and have been attending all of their Kiwanis meetings. They made centerpieces for the Veterans home in Glendive and did a highway clean up. They also prepared a Christmas party and everyone had tons of fun!! And then they finished the holiday season off by wrapping gifts at K-Mart.



Glendive's Key Club get's ready for their Christmas Party!



Division 6:

Bozeman's Key Club is still going strong. In the month of November the club helped with a little kids basketball tournament and reached out and "Took a child's hand". They also sent a group of key clubbers to Youth Conference, which brought them back to Bozeman with lots of ideas for projects and their club in general. They also had a food drive where they raised over 900 pounds of food. In December, they picked three angles off of the Salvation Army Angle Tree and bought gifts for each of their angel children. They also participated in their annual Kiwanis breakfast where they painted faces and helped their Kiwanis out. Also, to inform the members of their club about IDD they showed an IDD video and explained the effects of IDD to their members. The officer's felt like they really got their point across and their members are well informed now.

Division 7:

Malta helped at a local swim meet by holding the boundary ropes in the pool. They also had a fry bread cook at their high school with their Kiwanis. They helped at an elementary school book fair and helped with teacher appreciation. At one of their Varsity Football games they painted faces for either team and later in the month had a bring your own banana party. Where every member brings their own banana and they make banana splits. They helped people clean their yards of leaves and sold suckers at a concessions stand. They helped at a girl's basketball game and did a highway cleanup.

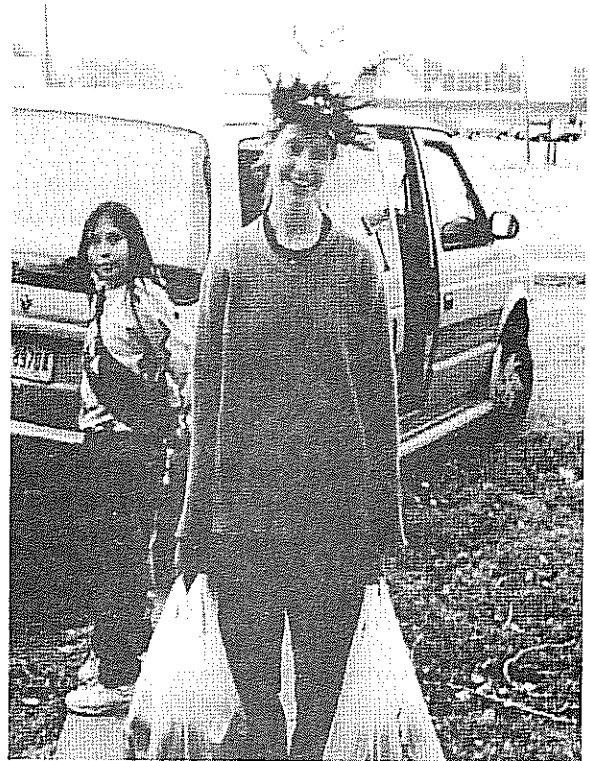
Havre's Key Club helped their school with a blood drive. They recruited people from their school to give blood and ended up with 45 people giving. Then they helped by passing out food from the snack table to those after they had given. They also did a Christmas wrap at their K-Mart and decided that their club elections were going to be held early in February. They are now busy recruiting members to go to District Convention just like the rest of the clubs should be.

Glasgow assisted their Kiwanis with packing peanuts to sell at the Fall Bazaar. They also helped the Pioneer Museum stuff envelopes to go to former residents of Glasgow. And every other week they've been selling candy for IDD at lunch. They also sold balloons at a fundraiser to raise money for IDD. They sold over 200 balloons. They also popped popcorn for a local elementary school. They also took needy kids and their families and went around to local businesses and bought them things that they needed. They ended by selling concessions at a boy's basketball game.

Division 8:

No reports received from Division 8

Good Job Everyone!! Keep up with the great projects!!!



Glasgow's Vice President holds bags of food after their food drive.

Calling all Seniors

If you are still looking for scholarships, you may be eligible for a Key Club scholarship. Key Club International offers over \$773,260 in scholarships.

The qualifications are:

- ~Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- ~Applicant must be a college bound student.
- ~Applicant must have a grade point average of B or higher (equivalent to 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) some scholarships may have additional requirements. Please check each individual scholarship carefully.

To look up these scholarships and get more information, log on to:

www.keyclub.org/resources_opportunities.html

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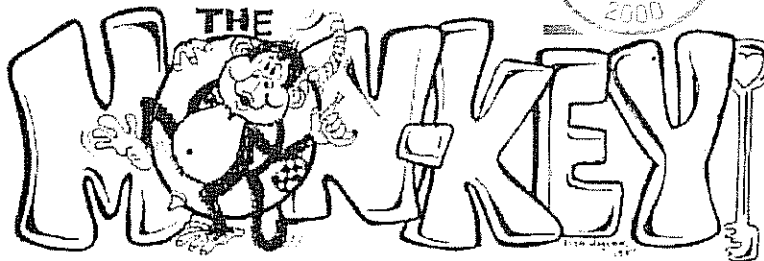
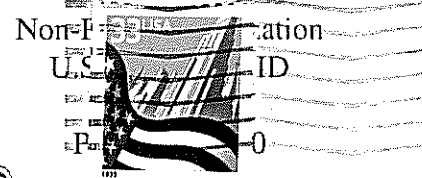


- Have you gotten your District Convention Registration from your President?
- Are you interested in going with us on the 'Tour to International'?
- Have you talked to your parents about going to International Convention?
- Have you considered running for District Office or assisting with a campaign?
- Remember, you don't have to attend District Convention to sell Ads and make \$!

July 1st - 4th: International Convention
 Orlando, Florida
 June 25th - July 9th: International Tour
 March 12 - 14: District Convention 2000

Calendar of Events

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