

*Spring 2000*

## **CONVENTION 2000**

They came like a great migration. From the far ends of the state to the near ones, Key Clubbers trekked toward Billings. Some traveled more than 10 hours to finally arrive at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center and when they did...WOW!!! The 52<sup>nd</sup> Mighty Montana District Key Club Convention was incredible! Under the theme "Superheroes of Service" about 350 Key Clubbers (bringing 50 advisors/chaperones) from 33 clubs celebrated a great year of service March 12-14.

The K-Family Banquet welcomed everyone to Convention and got things underway. Besides for food, the banquets were a time when awards were given, board members gave reports on different aspects of the year, and speeches were given.

The 17 candidates for 2000-2001 District Board survived the grilling of the 8 divisional caucuses. The caucuses, with themes ranging from "Studio 54" (Div. 1 and winners of Best Caucus) to "The Luau" (Div. 7), listened to speeches, asked questions on the candidates' platforms, and tested their Key Club knowledge. Crazy questions also found out just how much the hopefuls *really* wanted their office. (Quick—Compare Key Club to a banana!) In the end, the House of Delegates chose the new board. (Check out intros on pages 2-3.)

Workshops, an important part of Convention, gave information on topics including Special Olympics, IDD, Public Speaking, International Tour, fad diets, the MEP, and much more. Club officers had the chance to attend workshops to learn more about their new position.

And then there was the entertainment! Andrew Blout, "the happy fat guy," was our hilarious keynote speaker. He told a sometimes hysterical, sometimes touching, story of his years in Key Club and friends he made there. For the first time, a talent show was held on Sunday night. Members from across the state amused the crowd with their singing, dancing, acting, or other talent. Next came Montana Madness, orchestrated by our great Trustee, Bobby Chapin. He led icebreakers to loosen everybody up and end the first night in style. Of course, our dance finished off Monday, with a packed floor dancing (and singing!) the night away.

Tuesday was the sappy day, with final awards being given, everyone saying good-bye to new and old friends, the retirement of the 1999-2000 Board, and the installation of the new Board.

So then, they dispersed, back to their corners, both far and near, to continue their service. Until next year...

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**Thank You, Montana  
District Board 1999-2000,  
for all you did this past  
year!**

# MEET YOUR 2000-2001 DISTRICT BOARD

## Governor: James Schave, Billings Senior



Hey Key Clubbers! I am James Schave and I am the 2000-2001 District Governor. I am 18 years old. I live in Billings Montana and I attend Billings Senior High School. I was President at my home club last year and I have been an active member for three years. I have attended the past two District conventions, Leadership

camps, Youth Conferences, and last years' Presidential Leadership Seminar. I have two siblings, one brother and one sister. I enjoy playing in band (the baritone), snowboarding, repelling, and of course Key Club. My hobbies include listening to music, meeting new people, playing pool, and swimming. If you ever need anything just get in touch with me. Here we go for another great year!!!

## Secretary: Erin Lynch, Havre



Hello everyone, my name is Erin Lynch and I am your new Montana Key Club District Secretary. I am extremely excited to be serving you this year at the District level! My interests include band (I play French horn), cross-country, swimming, track, my job at the pool (I'm a lifeguard), and my favorite - Key Club! I am looking forward to all the district events in the coming year and hope to get the opportunity to meet each and every one of you. But I can't do this unless you're there, so attend as many District functions as you can and I'll do my best to make sure they are as fun as possible!

## Treasurer: Lindsey Brandt, Havre



Hello Key Clubbers!!! Can you believe it's already the new Key Club year? I am totally PUMPED for this year, and I hope you guys are too! I look forward to getting to know a lot of you, but first, you will need an introduction, so I am going to tell you a little bit about myself. I am 17 years old and a junior at Havre High

School. I love to read, sing, play the piano, jog, and hang out with my friends. I absolutely LOVE traveling!!! I am also, like many of you, a complete Internet addict!! In school, my favorite subjects are chemistry and A Cappella choir. Oh yeah....just something to remember -- I am a die-hard Griz fan!!! (But I still love you guys from Bozeman!!) Well, enough on me. All I can say is that I am really, really, REALLY looking forward to this year, and since Key Clubbers are so incredibly awesome, I know we can make a huge difference. It's up to you guys -- without the

members Key Club is nothing, so take some action!!!! Make someone smile, make the world a better place. Have a great year!!

## District Bulletin Editor: Shannon Brady, Malta



Hey Montana District!!!! This is your Bulletin Editor, Shannon Brady! I am 16 and a sophomore at Malta High. I love being busy. My hobbies include writing, photography, running, hanging out with friends, traveling (also know as "getting out of Malta"), listening to and playing music (I play bassoon and flute),

camping and the list goes on. I also participate in NHS, Student Council, youth group, and other activities, but Key Club is always the best! I love meeting new people and hope that you are one of the ones I meet this year if I don't already know you! Have a great year in service, fun, and friendship, and let me know if I can help in any way!

## Lt. Governor, Division 1: Kimmie Boldt, Hamilton



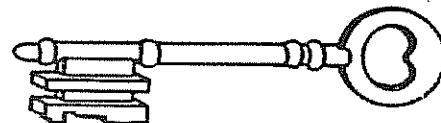
Hey everybody! My name is Kimmie Boldt and I am the new Lieutenant Governor of Division 1. I am a student at Hamilton High School and I am so excited to serve on the District Board! At school, I'm very involved with choir; I love singing! I also enjoy snowboarding, traveling, hanging out, etc. Really, I

could go on and on about the subject of "what Kimmie enjoys doing". I love meeting new people, getting to know them, and having the chance to work with them. With that, I can't wait to get to know all of you! Please don't be afraid to call or write to me about anything! This is going to be an awesome year and I'm going to give it all I have to give and a lot more!

## Lt. Governor, Division 2: Katie Adams, Shelby



Hi my name is Katie Adams, from Shelby High School. I participate in cross country and track. I work at a nursing home on weekends. When not working or running I find time to help out with Key Club and NHS. I started Key Club in my sophomore year and I was appointed Sargent-at-Arms. In February, I was voted president-elect for my club and am now finishing out my term so I can serve you as Lieutenant Governor of Division 2.



# MEET YOUR 2000-2001 DISTRICT BOARD

## Lt. Governor, Division 3: Damian Guillen, Dillon



Hello! I am Damian Guillen. I am a sophomore at Beaverhead county high school in Dillon and the new Lieutenant Governor of Division 3. I have been in Key Club for two years now. I have various hobbies besides Key Club; I am in Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Pep Band. I play the flute for symphonic, and

the bari sax in pep band and jazz band! I am also in journalism, helping to make the Beaver each month! I am a first year senator this year for Youth Legislature! I am involved in a lot of church related programs, such as Youth Group and Bible studies! I like to sing, so I am in Men's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, and Mixed Ensemble. I sing baritone/tenor. I like to meet people so I hope to meet you soon and I will do my best in this office!

## Lt. Governor, Division 4: Wendy Hilderman



Hello Mighty Montana District! My name is Wendy Hilderman and I am your newly elected Lieutenant Governor of Division 4. I am 17 and currently a junior at Red Lodge High School. Besides being a member of Key Club, I am an active participant of band and student council. I love to

play volleyball and enjoy hiking. I am looking forward to a great year, full of new friendships and exciting places. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need anything. "We must always look to the future, by never forgetting the past."

## Lt. Governor, Division 5: Sarah Spangle, Glendive



Hello Mighty Montana District! My name is Sarah Spangle, and I am your Lieutenant Governor of Division 5. I am involved in many activities, but my top priority, besides school, is Key Club. Some things you might see me at are speech and drama (I'm in serious events), band (I play the flute and piccolo), track (I'm in weights),

DECA, and other odds and ends. I am currently a sophomore at Dawson County HS in Glendive and I am 16. You could say that I have a very outgoing personality. I love to meet and talk with people. I am very excited about this year and I hope you are too. I look forward to meeting all of you, and representing Division 5.

## Lt. Governor, Division 6: Bobbi Brown, Lewistown



Hello Everyone!!! My name is Bobbi Brown and I am the Lieutenant Governor of Division 6. I am so excited for this year and the opportunity to get to know you all. I am a student at the Fergus High School and enjoy spending time in Tennis, AFS, F-Club, National Honors Society, and the best and most

loved - Key Club. When I'm not busy in any of these, I'm out spending quality time with my friends and family. I am going to do my best to meet all of your expectations this year, and can't wait to see you all. I hope you all have a wonderful year, and don't forget - the more people you get to know, the more friends you create, and more friends you have, the better life you make.

## Lt. Governor, Division 7: Erik Faaborg, Malta



Hello Key Club! My name is Erik Faaborg, and I am the new Lieutenant Governor for Division 7. I currently attend Malta High School. I really enjoy music, and play the trumpet and the piano. I also enjoy Key Club, and meeting new people. I am excited to serve you all on the district board, and hope you all have a great year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need to!

## Lt. Governor, Division 8: Josh Persson, Eureka



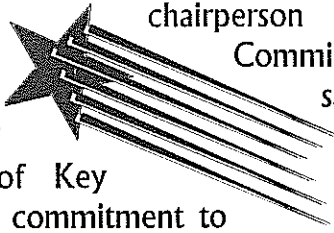
Hello, this is Joshua Persson from Eureka, the new Lieutenant Governor of Division 8. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you. I'm involved in Key Club, of course, and am a member of the Ksanka Chapter of National Honor Society. I

also belong to a group called Hooked on Fishing, which is a program that shows local youths the fun alternatives they can choose from to pass their time other than using drugs. In school, I am currently taking Chemistry, AP English, and pre-calculus along with the required classes. I am self-employed in the local area doing many different jobs. I really enjoy outdoor activities especially hiking and mountain biking, but pretty much anything that involves being outside. My favorite place to go hiking is the Ten Lakes Scenic area, which is close to where I live. Have a great year!



# Shape the Future...

...a child's future, that is. At the District Convention, Bobby Chapin, our International Trustee, unveiled "Children: Their Future, Our Focus" as the new Major Emphasis Program (MEP) for the 2000-2001 Key Club year. Of the new MEP, Laurie Dimmock (an International Trustee and chairperson for the International Committee on Service Programming) says, "There is no better way to state the service mission of Key Club. Key Club has a strong commitment to serving children. Today's children are tomorrow's decision makers, so it is vital that we focus on their well-being, nurturing their futures."



## Project Ideas:

Mentoring  
Story Hour  
Picnic  
Family Night  
First Grade Socials  
Sports Team Coaches  
Holiday Get-Togethers

Don't forget to check with your local schools and Kiwanis club for suggestions!

The International Board found the new MEP so important that they chose to make "Children: Their Future, Our Focus" an ongoing theme. It will be the MEP for an indefinite number of years to come, but each year, subtopics to the theme may be added or changed. For 2000-2001, the two subtopics encourage projects targeting "social interaction" and "personal development."

So now that you know the MEP, help your Key Club focus on the future of children in your town!!!

## **Why Create a Permanent MEP?**

International decided to make the MEP an ongoing theme partly because many districts, divisions, and clubs had reported that by the time a great MEP project was planned and started to get underway, the MEP changed because it was a new year. It will also save money in videos and materials.

**Division 7 Trainer: Food Collecting**



# Leadership Camp

"Learning How to Lead Others By Leading Yourself"

**WARNING:** Participation may result in incredible friends, a better understanding of yourself and others, and more excitement than ever about Key Club.

Are you ready for the week of your life, or at least your summer? Then Leadership Camp is it! Imagine six days of fun, Key Club style, with about 50 Key Clubbers from all over the state. Better yet, it is held on (well, by the shore of) Flathead Lake, July 23rd-28th. Oh, and you get to jump into the lake every morning too! Now how can you resist all of that? As for the rest of what happens there, it is top secret, classified information. You'll just have to go and find out. The cost is \$200 and applications must be in by the middle of June. (Ask your President or Lt. Governor for an application now!) Each club is reserved two spots and may be able to send more. Most campers say that this was the best district event they ever attended!



## DESTINATION:

## ORLANDO

Nearly 50 Key Clubbers from around the state will board a bus on June 24th in Billings for the ride of their lives. These lucky members will travel Montana District Tour to International Convention held July 1-5 at the Disney World Dolphin Convention includes the election of the forums (workshops), a college fair, free time Attendees will get the chance to listen to "Mr. Phil" Gugliuzza (anybody remember him at comedian John Pinette (recently named American Comedy Awards). Of course, there of fun, friendship, and spirit; and that's just at the Convention!



across the nation for two weeks on the Convention. International Convention will Resort in Orlando, Florida. The International Board, contests, a dance, at the resort, and even a beach party. Keynote Speakers Scott Greenburg and from District Convention '99?) and laugh Stand-Up Comedian of the Year by the will be the regular Key Club-sized dose

The rest of the tour promises to be at least *almost* as much fun. Tour-ees will see the Kennedy assassination site and the Martin Luther King National Historic Site, experience Six Flags Over Texas and Universal Studios, get a swamp tour, eat at the Varsity Diner and the Hard

Rock Café, see the St. Louis Arch and Mt. Rushmore, visit the French Quarter of New Orleans, and much more.

The Tour costs \$1000, which includes travel, accommodations, some meals, convention registration, and all scheduled attractions. The trip begins June 24<sup>th</sup> and ends July 8<sup>th</sup>. Departure and arrival will be in Billings. There has been much interest in this trip, so if you are interested and have not yet registered, contact Ed Leland **IMMEDIATELY!** ([eleland@wtp.net](mailto:eleland@wtp.net) or (406) 652-5625) Hope to see you there!

For an online trip of where the tour will go, visit [www.mtkyclub.org](http://www.mtkyclub.org)

## Calling All Presidents!

So you're the President, huh? Then grab a marker—PLS (Presidential Leadership Seminar) will be held in Great Falls August 13-15. It is a combination training conference, brainstorming session, and question/answer period all rolled into one and packed into three days. And of course, it will be a blast too. The cost is \$50 dollars for Club Presidents and \$120 for Vice Presidents. Every President in the Mighty Montana District should try their hardest to go to PLS! Clubs whose Presidents have attended PLS have more (active!) members, do more and better service projects, win more awards at Convention, and are just generally stronger clubs. In other words, PLS is the stuff dream clubs are made of. Remember that marker? Now use it to write P-L-S in big letters on your calendar (and forehead if you need to). If you do not have an application, talk to your Lt. Governor TODAY!



## (Fundraising)

Coming a couple dollars short on money for International or Leadership Camp? Here are some ideas for you on how to raise those few precious dollars:

1. Go to all of your hometown businesses for a donation. (Don't forget to be prepared and have a description of the reason why!)
2. Go to your local Kiwanis club and ask them for some money.
3. Don't stop at your Kiwanis club, but ask other local clubs too.
4. Have a good ol' summer car wash or a bake sale.
5. Go to the banks at your hometown, they are usually willing to help.
6. How long is your grass? Go and mow lawns.
7. Have your school and businesses save the paper they use and recycle it for cash.
8. Schedule a walk-a-thon.
9. Put up a donation box at sport activities and restaurants.
10. ASK YOUR PARENTS.

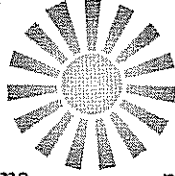
If you need more ideas on how to raise money, call your Lieutenant Governor. Have a wonderful time at International and Leadership Camp; I hope you will all be there!!!

Lieutenant Governor of Division 6  
Bobbi Brown

- ☉Happy 50th Birthday to the Beaverhead High School Key Club!  
(Chartered April 10th, 1950)
- ☉The Mighty Montana District will soon have a new club! Florence (Division 1) should have their charter in soon. Welcome and Congratulations!

## Stayin' Alive in the Summer

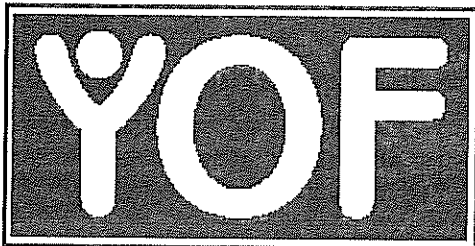
Ah, summer: those lazy days of freedom from school, meant to be spent hanging out with friends, getting a good tan, and just general relaxation. Many clubs continue their service right through the sun, using the break to take on projects that the school-year crunch doesn't allow for. However, the season can be a difficult time for clubs to stay together. Family vacations and summer jobs take valuable members away from projects. Seniors have graduated, the upcoming freshmen have not usually arrived yet, and some people just don't want to serve during their break, adding an extra element of challenge to summertime service.



So how does a club beat these "Summertime Blues"? Here are some hints:

- Continue to have meetings (and board meetings), but not necessarily as often.
- Keep communication strong. Maybe members aren't showing up because they don't know what's happening.
- Plan activities with a club in another division.
- Have ongoing projects that happen every week or every other week. Then they won't be as easily forgotten.
- Combine a service project with a social. For example, clean the highway and then go swimming to cool down and clean off.

Hopefully, your club can remember this summer, not as a time of slacking off, but as a time of good projects, good friends, good times, and most importantly—good service. Real service knows no season and keeps no time; it is seizing the opportunity to help those in need!

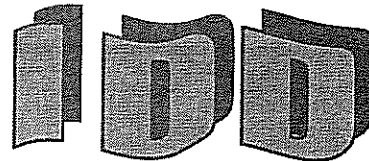


### Youth Opportunities Fund

Have an awesome idea for a project, but can't find the dough to make it happen? Don't give up, there is still hope! This hope is the YOF (Youth Opportunities Fund), managed by Key Club International. YOF grants are given to clubs or club members that have an outstanding project in mind, but may not be able to complete it because of lack of money. The grants range in value from \$500 to \$5000. Hurry, deadlines are fast approaching!

More information and YOF applications are available online at:

[http://www.keyclub.org/yof\\_what.html](http://www.keyclub.org/yof_what.html)



Current Total: \$1,936,738.42

Goal: \$2,500,000

Deadline: International Convention (July 1-5)

If every Key Club in the world donated \$200, our goal would be reached! In light of this, and the nearing deadline, Key Club International has come up with a new incentive program, I Doubled the Dosage (also IDD!) to recognize clubs that go above and beyond the call of duty to eliminate this disorder. Every club that "Doubles the Dosage" and donates \$400 between Jan. 27, 2000 and June 1, 2000, will be recognized at International Convention and presented an award in caucus. (To qualify, your club must submit a form, postmarked no later than June 1. Your President or Advisor should have the form.)

So let's get going and finish IDD off with a bang! Double YOUR Dosage!

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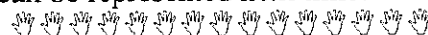
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# Division to Division



Due to the reporting format, only Divisions 1, 2, 3, & 4 have sent in reports so far, so they are the clubs in Division to Division this edition. If you are from Division 1, 2, 3, or 4 and your club is not mentioned, tell your reporter to send their reports in so that you can be represented next time!



## Division 1

**Sentinel** helped with a volleyball tournament, maintaining the locker rooms, helped out at a homeless shelter, attended Kiwanis luncheons and a Kiwanis get-together, and sent two member to Convention.

**Frenchtown** had been planning a blood drive since February, and finally pulled it off, working the registration table, and keeping donors comfortable until they were allowed to leave. They also created a club scholarship.

**Hellgate** called to remind citizens to vote, attended a K-Family Weekend, sold concessions at hockey games, timed swim meets, went to Convention, and worked at a children's home.

## Division 2

**Conrad** sponsored a JH dance to help with 8th grade recruitment, built a bench for their Senior Hallway, held elections, and (for the first time ever!) sent members to Convention.

**CMR** started a mentoring program at a local elem. school. They are also helping with the BUG program and babysitting for Kiwanians during the Kiwanis meetings.

## Division 3

**Butte Central** organized many events recently, the largest one being Daffodil Days, where they went to businesses and sold daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society.

**Beaverhead County** sent 20 people to Convention and elected new officers, and began recruitment of new members for next year.

**Butte High** sent 13 members to Convention, held an Installation Banquet, and reads books to youngsters at a local daycare once a month.

## Division 4

**Billings Senior** attended Convention, held an Installation Banquet, had a club trainer so the new officers would know how to do their jobs, worked concessions at the Radisson Senior Classic, and sold lunch concessions.

**Skyview** played Bingo! at a retirement center, held elections, went to Convention, fundraised with an elem. school to buy new playground equipment, made Gak with local kids, and entertained at an elem. School's Activity Night.

**Red Lodge** mentors twice weekly, attended Convention, elected new officers, had a social with swimming and pizza, ran a Kiwanis meeting, collected writing utensils for Pencils for Pupils, baked cookies for Meals on Wheels, and sold Italian sodas during Spirit Week.

**Billings West** has been incredibly busy preparing for Convention and electing new officers for 2000-2001.

**The Montana District  
web page has moved!  
Visit it at:  
www.mtkeyclub.org**

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Suggestions?  
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**Tell me, and I forget.  
Teach me, and I  
may remember.  
Involve me, and I  
learn.  
~Benjamin Franklin**

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## District Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
International Tour	June 24-July 8	Orlando
Leadership Camp	July 23-28	Flathead Lake
PLS	Aug. 13-15	Great Falls
Youth Conference	Nov. 10-12	Lewistown
Convention	March 11-13, 2001	Billings