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# KEY CLUB®

## *Eddie's Edict*

*Area 4 Lieutenant Governor*

*December 2019*

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## *Lieutenant Governor's Note*



Happy December Area 4!

This December marks not only the end of the year but also the end of the decade I mostly grew up in. 2019 has been such a memorable year for me; I suffered through my first AP exams, traveled across Europe over the summer, and decided to serve and lead Key Clubs in and around my community on the district level. Additionally, the events, memories, and experiences from this decade as a whole have really shaped me into who I am today.

If we take a peek at my last month, we can see that there was a lot of Key Club related activities in November! I attended Key Leader 2019, a weekend-long leadership camp in Louisville, Nebraska and met so many amazing people! I also learned so much about leadership and myself. I also participated in Key Club Week with my home club. It was so fun to show off my Key Club pride and give back. I hope that everyone else had an amazing November!

Now as the days get shorter, the weather gets colder, and the snow (hopefully!) falls heavier, I hope that everyone is able to experience the beauty of winter and spend time with their loved ones. With so many festive activities in full swing, the opportunity to help and give back to your community is unlike any other time of the year. Consider helping decorate your neighbor's house or wrap presents-- you can even help shovel snow if you like physical activity! No matter what holidays you celebrate, I hope you have a great month!

Yours in Service,  
Eddie Wei

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## *Reminders*

### **Dues**

The dues deadline was today! If your club did not submit it on time please contact me ASAP. Advisors, if you had trouble using the Membership Update Center, please let me know as well! If your club submitted your dues on time, congrats!

### **Officer Report Forms**

Thank you to all of the clubs that have sent in their officer report forms! However, if your club has not sent theirs in, please email me them as soon as possible. I have attached below a link to the form.

[ORF Form](#)

### **Training + Club Visits**

I still need to train the majority of the officers so please be on the lookout for an email regarding when it will be. This is crucial so please try to make time for it.

I will also need to 'visit' (video call) your clubs so please email me when your club meets so I can fit it in my schedule! In doing so, I will be able to talk to your club members and answer any of their questions.

### **2020 Club Elections**

The Key Club International Guidebook strongly recommends that officers should be elected in February. With such an early election, the newly elected officers will be able to observe the administration of the club in action. These officers-elect shall take office in May for one service year. Once elections are completed, clubs should fill out the Club Election Report as soon as possible.

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## *Annual Achievement Report*

The filing of the report is required for every Key Club, per Key Club International Board policies, and should be submitted to the District on or before March 3, 2020.

The district may recognize clubs achieving predetermined scores as "Distinguished Club" or "Distinguished Club -Diamond Level." These clubs will receive a patch for their club banner recognizing them as such.

The AAR requires submission of information that needs to be kept track of regularly or planned well ahead in advance, including, but not limited to,

1. Average club meeting attendance percentage
2. Timely submission of the Club Election Report
3. Number of inter-clubs held
3. Percentage of sponsoring Kiwanis club attendance at club meetings
5. The description, date, number of members in attendance, and amount of service hours for each service project
6. The average number of service hours per club member
7. Dollar amount of service fundraising

The AAR serves as a guide for clubs, informing them of Key Club International's expectations. Since the AAR is mandatory, we encourage clubs to take it seriously and treat it as a challenge to meet and improve their club in the process.

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The Key of Honor is the highest recognition award presented by the Key Club International board, honoring either a person who has made a lifelong positive impact upon youth in general and Key Club specifically, or an organization that has shown long-term support of youth and Key Club programs. If you believe that you know someone or some organization that could qualify for this, consider applying. The complete Key of Honor criteria, as well as nomination instructions, can be found on page 48 in the Key Club Guidebook. Nominations must be received at the International Office on or before January 10th, 2020.

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## *Scholarship Opportunities*

### **Harry S. Himmel Scholarship**

The Harry S. Himmel Scholarship is given to a graduating senior in good standing (paid dues). The due date is February 1 and applications must be submitted online.

### **Nebraska-Iowa Scholarships**

The Nebraska-Iowa District will also offer 2 \$500 scholarships to be awarded at the District Service and Leadership Conference. The application for the district scholarship will be included in the awards application (soon to be released). In addition, individual Kiwanis clubs often offer their own scholarships.

Harry S. Himmel Scholarship

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## *Winter Wonder Drive*



If you did not know already, due to the Fall Rally cancellation, the District wanted to put together an event-of-sorts where all the NE-IA areas can collaborate and compete. We have decided on a Winter Wonder Drive!

#### **Prizes**

Highest raising club will receive:

Social Media Shoutout

Recognition at DCON

A framed pair of socks signed by our very own International President, K'lena Schnack!

#### **Details**

Donate new or lightly used hats, gloves, socks, and scarves

Each item is worth one point

Donated articles will be donated to local organizations within each individual area.

Runs until December 31st (note this is a change!)

Share photos to our district editor: [nebriowaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:nebriowaeditor@gmail.com)

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## *International Partner Spotlight*



Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization that raises money for children that are hospitalized. Donations made by the Children's Miracle Network help with purchasing up-to-date equipment, training staff, conducting life-saving research, implementing outreach programs, and providing healthcare for children whose parents can't afford to pay. Over 170 hospitals across the country work with the Children's Miracle Network in order to spread awareness for children that are hospitalized.

Key Club has made the Children's Miracle Network one of its preferred charities since 1997 and has been working hard together in order to make a difference. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club

District Include Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City, and UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's in Sioux City. This year, consider holding a fundraiser for a Children's Miracle Network Hospital near you or even get creative and make tie blankets, hats, or socks to pass out to the children at the hospital.

Learn More

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## *Club Spotlight*

Since this is my first month with Area 4, I don't have a club to spotlight! However, if your club is interested in being spotlighted, please make sure to reach out at me through my email. It would be great for me and the rest of Area 4 to know how your school's Key Club works and what special projects you do!

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## *District Service and Leadership Convention*

### **What is DCON?**

The District Service and Leadership Convention (commonly referred to as DCON) is the Nebraska-Iowa District's weekend long conference celebrating the end of the Key Club service year. Attendees will participate in service projects, attend interesting and informational workshops, compete for awards, elect the Nebraska-Iowa District Governor, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, and Lieutenant Governors for the upcoming year, have fun during the dance and talent show, network with club members and advisors from across our district, and strengthen their service and leadership skills as a Key Clubber. Registration packets, award applications, and election paperwork will be released soon!

### **DCON Fundraising**

The projected cost per student is about \$210. This may seem like a large amount, but we suggest using the Rule of Thirds to divide it up: 1/3 paid by the student, 1/3 paid by the school club, and 1/3 paid by the sponsoring Kiwanis Club or other sponsoring organization. Don't forget to contact your sponsoring Kiwanis club early on to verify the amount of financial assistance they can offer for DCON. To lower the cost even further, we also encourage students to reach out to local businesses and organizations asking for donations or fundraise on their own. Here is a link to a sponsorship kit that can help you ask for donations, and here is a link to 20 fundraiser ideas.

Sponsorship Toolkit

**DCON Social Media Posts**

For the next few months leading up to DCON, our social media pages will be posting hints to the theme of the convention. The first person to correctly guess the theme will win some sort of prize at DCON. We will also be posting other exciting posts so make sure to check out our page. I have linked our social media at the bottom of the newsletter.



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*What's the National Holiday Today?*

Today, December 1st is National Eat A Red Apple Day! It's a great chance to test if the classic saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," with all of this cold weather! Nonetheless, go out and eat a red apple and enjoy it for this special day!

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## Contact Info and Social Media

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

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The Nebraska-Iowa District social media is linked below!



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