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Pledge Update:

Key Club International prides itself in its four core values: leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness. These pillars create a foundation for the service our members provide to the world. This organization is comprised of students of all religions, cultures and beliefs and it is important that we continue to provide student leaders around the world the opportunity to experience Key Club as it should be – welcoming to all.

At the 2019 International Convention in July, delegates from all 33 districts debated and ultimately passed a resolution updating the Key Club Pledge. This resolution was formally approved by the Kiwanis Youth Programs (KYP) board at a meeting in October 2019.

The new pledge now reads as follows:

I pledge, on my honor,
to uphold the objects of Key Club International;
To build my home, school, and community;
To serve my nation and **world**,
and combat all forces which tend to undermine these
institutions.

More details and the full text of the resolution will be sent to club officers and advisors in a later email.

This pledge will be used at all International, District, and Area functions, and it is expected that club leaders will in turn notify their club members and adopt this change.

Please email nebriowagovernor@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



Winter Wonder Drive:

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", where clubs will be competing to see who can raise the most hats, gloves, socks, and scarves for charity! Whichever clubs (one from Nebraska, one from Iowa) have the most clothing items will win fabulous prizes!

- Social Media Shoutout
- Recognition at DSLC
- A framed pair of socks signed by our very own International President, K'Lena Schnack!

The Winter Wonder Drive will run from November 18th through December 1st. Each pair of socks, pair of gloves, hat, and scarf will be worth one point. Donated articles will be donated to local organizations within each individual area. The school with the most points by the December 1st ending date will win! Make sure to take pictures of all the clothing articles you raised and share them with Kylie (nebriowaeditor@gmail.com) so we can highlight the event near DSLC!



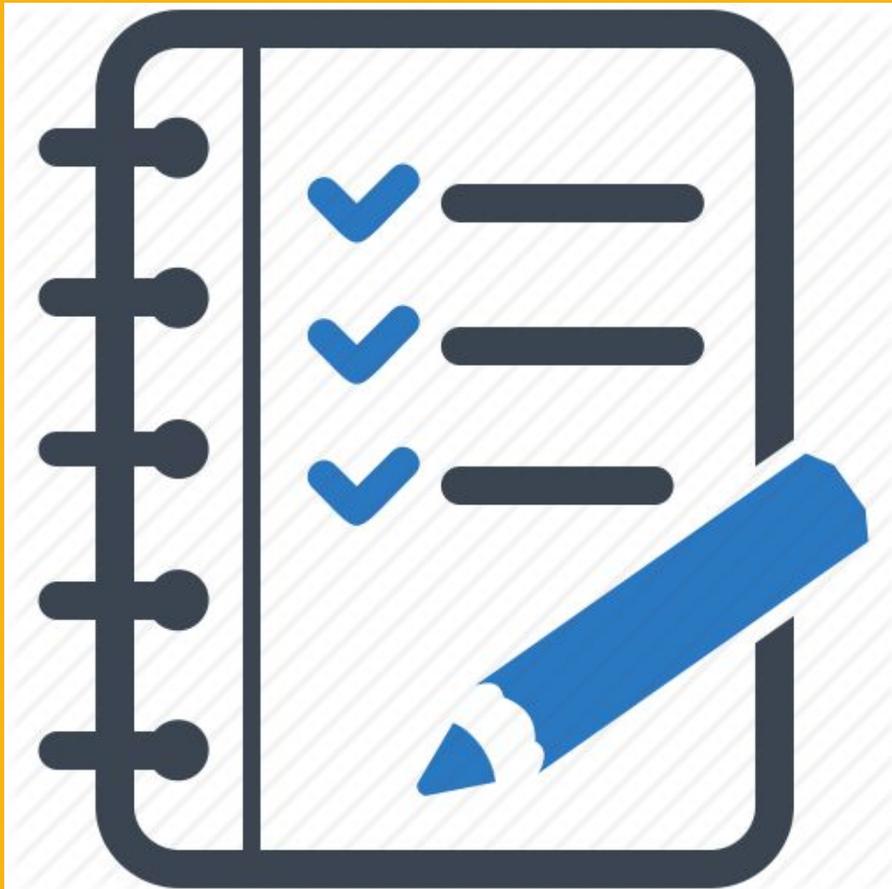
Connor's Commentary:

Hello, Area 6! October was a pretty busy month, filled with plenty of service opportunities, a club chartering ceremony, a whole lot of trick-or-treating for UNICEF, and of course the dreaded *college applications*. If you ask me what I want to major in, I'll probably give my cop-out answer of Applied and Computational Mathematics with a minor in actuarial science, which is just a drawn-out way of saying "math that's useful".

The District Board also got together in-person for the first time since last May, and I had a great time hanging out with everyone! I've been trying to keep on top of club visits, but I've got a few more remaining before I finish out the first round, so let me know when your clubs are

meeting-and put me on the email list :). I hope to see a lot of you at Key Leader this November!

[Email me!](#)



ORF Reminder:

The only ORFs I have left to receive are those from schools that haven't elected officers yet, so great job to everyone for getting them in! These will be a great help to me and the rest of the D-Board!

[Click Here to Download ORF Template!](#)





Fall Service Project Ideas!

Fall is a great time to be a Key Clubber, because there are plenty of different ways that you can get involved! The biggest one would be Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF. I know many of the schools are already involved, so if you are a school that isn't, you can talk with other clubs and see if you can collaborate, or start doing it on your own! Some other project ideas include:

- Raking leaves for faculty or Kiwanians (pretty self-explanatory)
- Tie blankets (great for groups!)
- Canned goods collection (make it competitive!)
- Last but certainly not least is my personal favorite: **Host a charity walk/run!**



Youth Opportunities Fund

The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) is a grant through Key Club for either individuals or Key Clubs that need money to do a service project. The application date was October 15th. I know at least a few of the clubs in our area applied for this grant. If your club didn't consider doing it next year for some great grant-writing experience and effectively free money to sponsor a service project of the club's choosing! For those of you that did, I look forward to seeing what you accomplish!



WHAT'S UP WITH DUES?

Early Bird Dues

Any club that pays dues by November 1st is awarded a patch for their banner. The District Board is really pushing all clubs to get this award this year, so make sure to get started collecting dues as soon as possible. The end deadline for dues is December 1st, but we'd love for everyone to get them in before then! Dues are \$13, covering both international and district dues. These allow members access to things like scholarships when they are seniors, along with the ability to attending great events like DSLC!

[Info about Dues!](#)



International Partner

Spotlight:

U.S. Army



U. S Army works to empower the youth by providing them with a number of opportunities to assist in their education and or career plans for the future. They provide two programs:

The March2Success Program is an online course that aims to prepare students for standardized testing material, improve school work, and even give educators and parents tools to

track and support their kids.

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) offers specialized schooling for specific career paths, helps with college debt, and supply a number of academic resources to the classroom.

[March2Success Information!](#)

[ROTC Information!](#)

[US Army Website!](#)

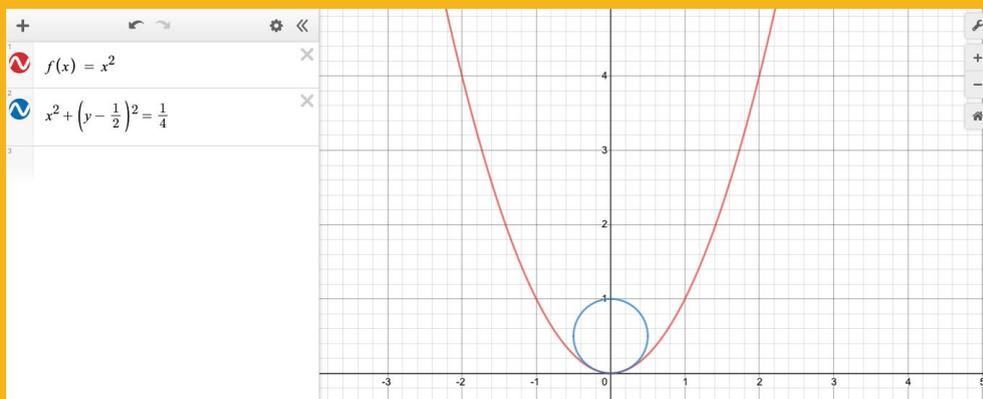


Fun Fact of the Month!

Topic: MATH

I know that when I get long emails full of important information, a lot of times it's a real drag to read all the way through. In an effort to remedy this, I will start including random fun facts! I hope I can make your day better with some random fun fact. If not, at least I tried.

Did you know that it is possible to use something called the "curvature" of a two-dimensional function to approximate values for the function close to a given point? The ancient Greeks liked to experiment with circles, and found that the curvature can be reasonably used in this way. The circle fits right into the bottom of the parabola (see image below).



Officer Training No. 2:

The second officer training will be held before the end of November, at Cafe Diem in Ankeny. More news will be coming about that soon, so be sure to watch your emails for anything about that! We will be covering some simple duties of the typical officer positions and other things like KCI International Partners and the YOF Grant, along with some networking opportunities with other Area 6 officers!





Presidential Council Meeting

The first PCM will be held on November 17th from 2-3 PM at the Ankeny Cafe Diem. PCMs will be approximately monthly meetings where the presidents of the area get together and talk about how we would like to cooperate and help each other grow over the next year. I'm also open to vice presidents attending, so feel free to invite them along with you!

(Presidents) Fill out the Doodle Poll!



October Board Meeting Recap:

The District Board got together this weekend for the first time since May! We met in Clive, IA, and spent Saturday talking about our upcoming year and what we had to get done. It was a great time getting to know each other, and we are excited to start working out the intricacies of this year's District Service and Leadership Conference (DSLK), along with seeing if we could put on something in place of Fall Rally! Here's some pictures of all the fun we had!



Club Spotlight!

This month, I've decided to highlight the Gilbert Key Club. In October, they had their official club chartering ceremony, already have a blood drive and Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF as upcoming service projects, and more than doubled their member count from last year! The Gilbert Officers are listed below:

President: **Drew Hawthorne**

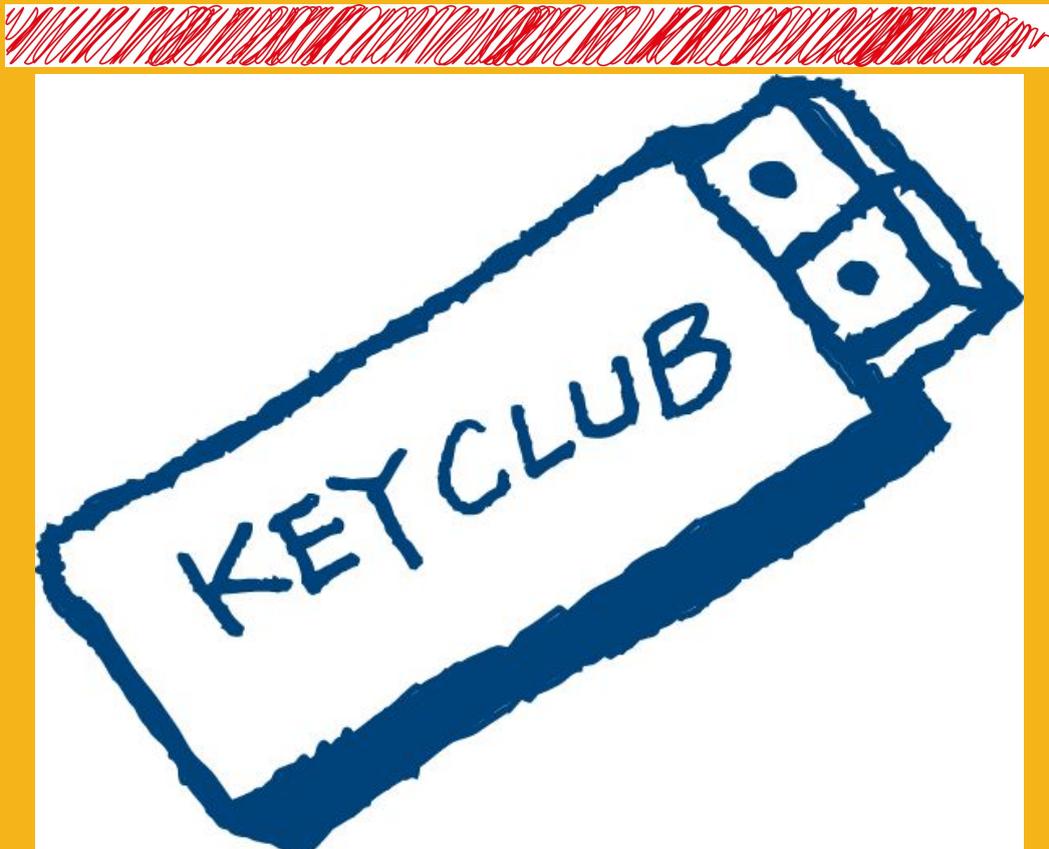
Vice President: **Sara Howell**

Editor/Webmaster: **Amy Taylor**

Secretary: **Katie Kessel**

Treasurer: **Nathan Patel**

I'm sure they are willing to cooperate with any willing clubs, so let them know if you'd like to do that (email me if you need their contact information)!



Club Visits!

Everyone is doing a great job of getting back to me as far as club meeting times, so let's keep up that great work! I only have a few more to visit before I finish the first round, but I want to be able to visit as well as volunteer with all the Area 6 clubs more than just the bare minimum, so let me know any upcoming service projects or meeting dates!



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