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December Newsletter

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Dues Reminder:

The end deadline for dues is December 1st, so hopefully everyone has turned them in! 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! If the dues-paying process was stress-inducing this year, try getting together with the officers and discussing how to better prepare for the process next year (the easiest way is to start mentioning it at meetings earlier as well as having multiple meetings where members can turn in dues).



Winter Wonder Drive:

The District Board wanted to let everyone know that the Winter Wonder Drive has been extended through December 31st. Keep up the good work! Remember, the club with the most clothing donated will receive the following prizes:

- Social Media Shoutout

- Recognition at DSLC

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

Make sure to take pictures of all the clothing articles you raised and share them with Kylie (nebrionaeditor@gmail.com) so we can highlight the event near DSLC! Items will be donated to local organizations.



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SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 20-22, 2020

District Service & Leadership Convention

MARCH 20-22, 2020

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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[DCON Information!:](#)

The District Service and Leadership Conference is coming up quick this spring, from March 20th-22nd. Every year, the convention has a theme that defines the decorations, fundraiser concepts, and underlying "fun". This year, the District Board has decided to make the theme very interesting, not only in the theme itself, but also in the way that they will reveal it. Clues will slowly be unveiled, giving clubs more and more information to discover the 2020 DCON theme. 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!

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Connor's Commentary:

Hey, Area 6! The holiday season is upon us, and with it comes the dreaded snow. I've been having a blast hopping all around to visit and volunteer with all the area clubs! In my free time, I've been preparing for the upcoming robotics season, hanging out with friends, and starting some new projects. Almost all the clubs in the area have been visited twice, so I will be trying to come around another time to meet with everyone!

The most exciting recent event I attended was the Key Leader Camp held in Louisville, NE. Throughout the weekend, I had the pleasure of being a student facilitator alongside some other great people (a few of which are on the District Board!) and attendees. I had a blast learning about integrity, respect, and so

much more. Our next district-wide event is the District Service and Leadership Convention, so I hope to see a whole bunch of you there!

[Email me!](#)



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Presidential Council Meeting **Recap:**

The first Presidential Council Meeting was held on November 17 in Ankeny. I had a great time talking and working with the presidents and vice presidents of the area. We discussed ways that we keep our meetings interesting, various service projects we participate in, and brainstormed ways to help encourage inter-club collaboration! The next PCM will be held in December, where we will be discussing ways to sustain club involvement over winter break. Thanks to everyone who attended!



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Fundraising for DSLC:

With DSLC coming up in March, it might seem like a long ways away. However, it will be coming up faster than you think. Due to the cost of attendance for the event, club members normally talk to a few sources to help diminish the cost of attendance. 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. Some fundraising options include:

- Sponsoring/Local Kiwanis Clubs
- School Key Club
- Local Businesses
- Hold a fundraiser (bake sale, car drive, coin drive)

I hope to see a bunch of you there!

[Sponsorship Resources](#)

[Fundraiser Ideas](#)



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[Children's Miracle Network](#)

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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.

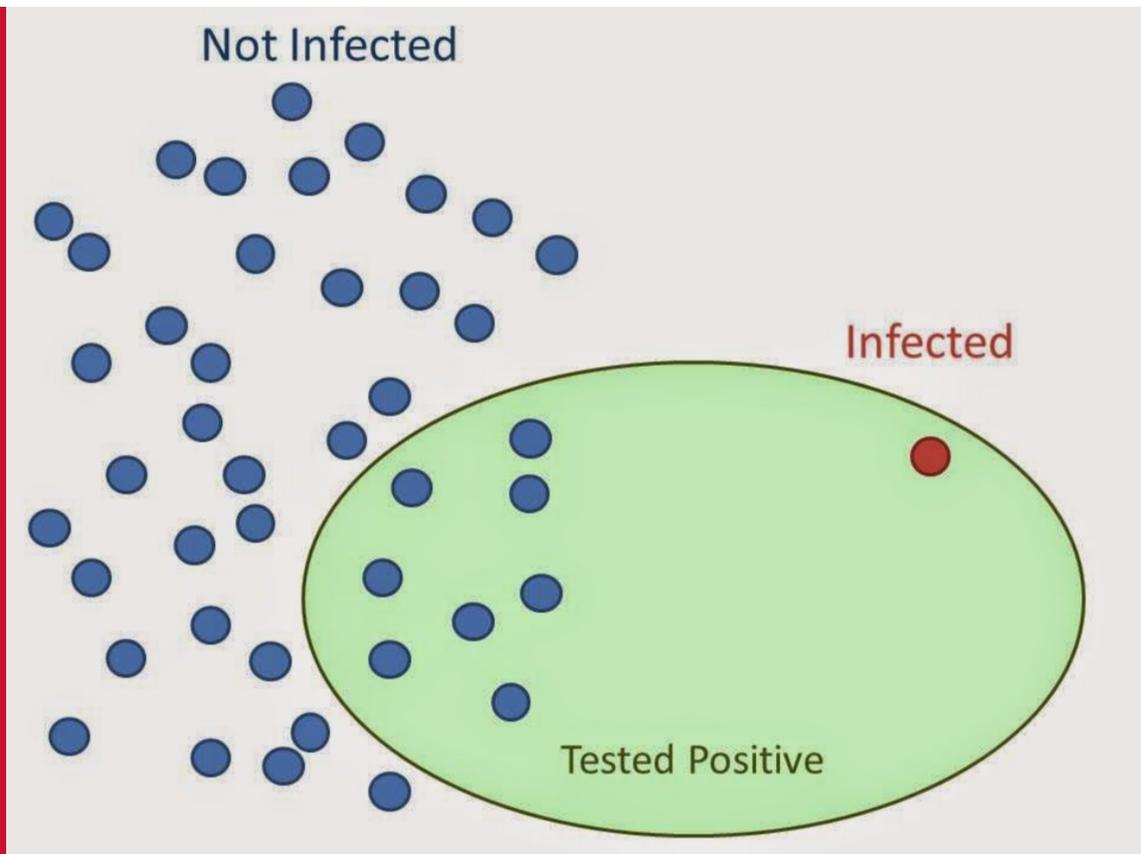
Key Club has made the Children's Miracle Network one of its preferred charities since 1997 and has been working hard together in order to make a difference.

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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Fun Fact of the Month!: Topic: **Statistics/Logic**

Yes, I know statistics are a branch of mathematics, but this topic was just so fun I decided to include it. Two fun facts about math never hurt anybody.

This fact is called the "paradox of the false positive", or the base-rate fallacy. Suppose that there is a disease outbreak. This disease is very rare, infecting only 1/1,000,000 people. Kiwanis is working to develop a test to determine who is infected with this terrible disease (which we will hereby refer to as "bad flu"). After months of research, Kiwanis has a test that detects whether someone has the bad flu with a 99.99% accuracy, incredibly high and unrealistic, but we'll roll with it. If Kiwanis volunteers take a sample of 1,000,000 people (let's assume just one person of that sample has the bad flu) and tests the group, 100 people will test positive for the bad flu ($1,000,000 - 0.9999 \times 1,000,000 = 100$). So the test returns 100 people as having the disease, but in reality only 1 of the 1,000,000 does. Therefore, the 99.99% accurate test performs with a 99% inaccuracy. Moral of the story: understand the situation before you draw a conclusion.



Club Secretary Monthly Report Forms

Each month, the District files what are called Monthly Report Forms to help the Executive Board understand what we are accomplishing and how they can provide any assistance.





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Key of Honor Award:

- How Key Clubbers Recognize Important Mentors

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. 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.**



Club Elections:

As in line with what Kiwanis states in the Key Club handbook, the District Board is pushing for clubs to move their elections to earlier in the year. This is for multiple reasons. First off, if club members indicated their interest in running or are elected to office, they can then attend DCON and meet other people in their position, as well as attend DCON workshops for Officer Training to better prepare them for their future role. In addition to this, if club officers are elected in February/March, it gives them 2-3 months to start learning and understanding their position with their corresponding retired club officer, which will better prepare them for their duties in the following year. On top of all of this, it will also allow the clubs to file their Officer Report Forms sooner, meaning the District has an established email list earlier, leading to more sustained communication and less lost information between the clubs and the board.

From the Key Club International Guidebook

ARTICLE VI. CLUB OPERATIONS

Section 2. The president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor and webmaster or technology associated position of the club should be elected at a meeting in February. These officers-elect shall serve as observing members of the board of directors from February to May in order to become more familiar with the administration of the club and shall take office in May, service for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

Once elections are completed, clubs should fill out the [Club Election Report](#) as soon as possible. The timely completion of this report counts for points in the Distinguished Club contest.

[Club Election Report](#)



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.

A fillable version of the award is linked below:

[Fillable Report](#)



Scholarships

Key Club International provides two scholarships: The new Sally Nininger Award and the

[Harry S. Himmel Scholarship](#): (Applications are only accepted online and are due February 1).

Important: 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.

Long story short, high school seniors should investigate every corner of the various levels of the K-Family if they are interested in not having a bunch of debt. Linked below is the Kiwanis website for scholarships

[Kiwanis Scholarships Website](#)

[Harry S. Himmel Scholarship](#)



Club Spotlight!

This month, I've decided to highlight the Southeast Polk Key Club! The SEP Key Club is really doing great this year, participating in and hosting plenty of events. Some of these include holding a "Safe Trick-or-Treat" for their respective Builder's Club, Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, helping with the Kiwanis Club at the Fireman's Breakfast, and many more! The officers of the SEP Key Club are...

President: Regan Henderson (also the Area 5 LTG!)

Vice President: Noah Turner

Secretary: Alie VanDeVoorde

Treasurer: Kailey Inman

Editor: Alex Moats

Thanks to the SEP Key Club for their great work, keep it up!

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Social Media and Website Links! (usernames: @neiakeyclub)



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