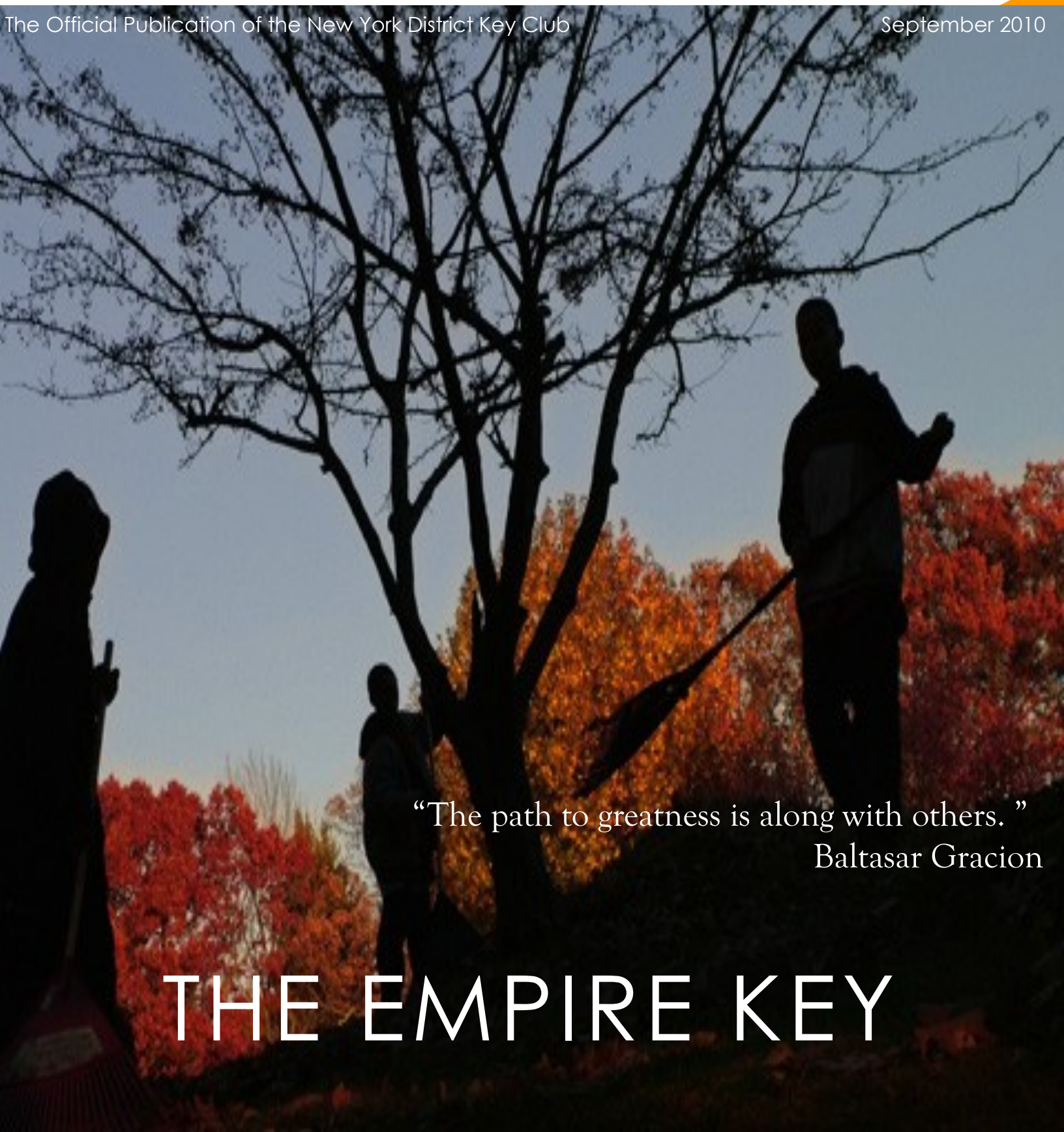


*“Caring– Our Way of Life”*

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*“The path to greatness is along with others.”*  
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In this second issue of the Empire Key, you will find statements and resources from all members of the district board as well as reflections on past events. Please take time to read through all the articles and take in the information.



I would like to thank all clubs who have submitted a service spotlight to me. I received more than enough to make the decision to put all service spotlights up to this issue in a separate publication. You may view all the service spotlights in this new publication. As usual, please continue to submit articles about your projects and events to me and I will be happy to share it with the rest of the district.

Lastly, as your year progresses, you will begin to feel the strains of your school work again. I wish everyone the best of luck and to those seniors like myself, good luck on your college applications. Enjoy the last bits of 60+ degree temperatures!

Yours in the spirit of service

District Bulletin Editor Jensen Cheong

## Governor's Greeting and Message from District Secretary

Now that school has started, it's time to return to classrooms and learn! Though Key Club is important, school always comes first. I hope that every student does well. Every year is important but remember that all work and no play isn't good.

Your club should be promoting Key Club. Students are looking into extra curricular activities to join. To properly advertise, you must appeal to students. What do they like? What do they want in a club? You may love service but someone who has never really served their community may not find it to be too much work. Many current Key Club International members initially joined Key Club because their friends did or they were looking to make some. A handful joined because there was food. People join Key Club for reasons like to make friends but they stay for the service. Once they attend a few projects, they love it. Promote the long lasting friendships they will have and the many cool people they will meet (maybe some food too).

Work with your club to insure that the first few service projects will be a lot of fun for the new member. If they have a good experience attending a service project, they are likely to attend more. Slowly they will love waking up at five in the morning to help set up for a walk or another event. Again, it is about appealing to the members. Make it a surprise so that members have to attend every meeting to see if there will be something to munch on.

Good luck everyone with promoting Key Club! Wear t-shirts, make announcements or just bring it up in conversation.

-District Governor Nadyli Nunez



Hello mighty New York District! My name is Grace Na and I am sophomore at Shaker High School. I have been in Key Club since my freshman year, and I have become a dedicated member ever since. This year at the Leadership Training Conference I was elected your new 2010-2011 District Secretary. My responsibility as the District Secretary is compiling all the Election Report Forms into one large directory that is sent out to clubs. Also, I keep in track of the totals and monthly report forms that club secretaries submit. When I get the monthly report forms I compile them into a chart where the District Board can see the progress of our Key Club year. I'm very excited and motivated to help lead New York District Key Club to a strong, prosperous year. I will be working closely with secretaries all over New York, to make communication stronger. Through the NYDKC Secretaries Google Group secretaries will be able to share their problems and ideas. I will be posting up important files (monthly report forms) and updates on urgent information.



-District Secretary Grace Na

## Money and Technology : The 21st Century



To all the treasurers out there, brace yourself for a difficult time of the year. Meetings will be hectic, collecting the \$11.50 plus club dues, and you'll find yourself staying long after these meetings to count and recount the money, checking off members on your "paid" list. Throughout the year, you'll find yourself working closely with your club advisor, keeping track of the money in your account. At times like this, it is crucial that you stay organized. Record transactions neatly and photocopy everything before sending anything out. For the dues submission process in particular, accomplish your tasks in a timely manner and try your best to reach the November 1<sup>st</sup> early bird deadline by paying 15 members by that time. Be sure to have the minimum paid by December 1<sup>st</sup> when clubs become delinquent. If you're not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, your club will lose privileges it has on the district-wide level. If your club hasn't paid last year, on September 30<sup>th</sup> it will be placed on the inactive list. The status of a club depends on the diligence of its treasurer and may require some nagging, so get those dues in on time! For more details, visit <http://nydkc.org/leadership/membership-update>. E-mail me ([safanahsiddiqui.treas@nydkc.org](mailto:safanahsiddiqui.treas@nydkc.org)) with any questions or concerns, and I'll be glad to help you. Best of luck!

-District Treasurer Safaah Siddiqui

Finally, it's back to school for Key Clubbers again! For this summer, we've had many issues with the Monthly Report Forms that were provided for the District Board, but no worries we're all fixed and up to date now! The NYDKC website is still not used as much as it should be. It has much more updated resources up that not only the District Board can use, but also normal key club members that strive to do even more and contribute more. Service spotlight is also a great contribution that normal members can give, anyone can submit an article and anyone can use spotlighted projects as an idea or motivation of their own.



### Useful Links and Groups!

[www.nydkc.org](http://www.nydkc.org)

[www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org)

Google Group for Secretaries: <http://groups.google.com/group/nydkc-secretaries>

Google Group for Treasurers: <http://groups.google.com/group/nydkc-treasurers>

## Message from your International Trustee

Greetings New York District!

This year I am pleased to serve as the international trustee to *and* from the New York District! Having once served as a Lt. Governor on the New York District Board, I am fully aware of the hard work and dedication New York Key Clubbers put into the meaning of service. This year I will also be serving as the international trustee to the Ohio and West Virginia Districts.

My duty as an international trustee is to keep you well-informed about what is occurring within the organization, relaying important information. In addition, my job is to make sure each and every one of you has a voice on the International level. During my term as your trustee, I hope to enforce a stronger connection between New York Key Clubbers and Key Club International, by means of strong communication between all of you and myself.

This month as settle back into our routines of balancing school and extracurricular activities, there are a number of topics to keep in mind for the Key Club year. The beginning of the school year is a great time to add more names on your club roster. Think about starting a public relations campaign or holding a membership drive.

In addition, the beginning of the year is also a great time to start thinking about Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and Kiwanis Family Month. Remember that the first week of November is Key Club week, in which we can raise membership and connection with members of the Kiwanis Family.

I hope you all have a great first several months at school! Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Yours in caring and service,  
Nancy Zhang  
International Trustee



### Editor's Note:

Trustee Nancy Zhang is one of many new international board officers elected at the International Convention in Memphis this past summer. For a complete list of international officers, please go to the end of the Empire Key or visit the Key Club International website at [www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org)

## Governor's Project Committee

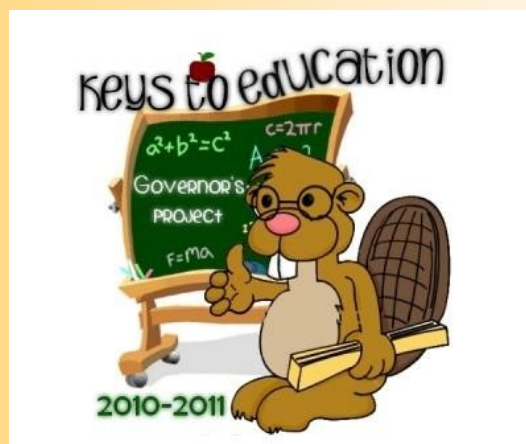
The Governor's Project for the 2010-2011 Service Year focuses on the reading and learning aspects of education, asking Key Clubbers to look beyond simply tutoring younger students and instead inspiring them through fun activities. The "Keys to Education" project ranges all ages, from preschoolers to the elderly, and includes helping the blind, children in adoption centers, and the underprivileged.



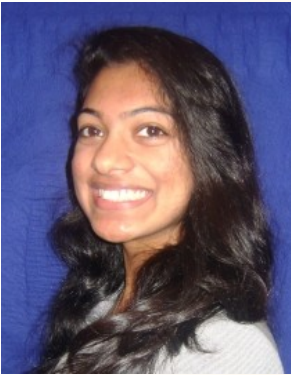
The Governor's Project is led under the direction of Governor Nadyli Nunez and the Committee is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Nicole Murray. Committee members include Lieutenant Governors Greg Barron, David Morehouse, James Passarelli, and Stephanie Salinas. The Committee works to bring Key Clubs ideas on how to work on the Project as well as finding resources to help clubs start their projects.

As a Key Clubber, you can help out by organizing a book drive, volunteering to read at a local library, or making crafts with kindergarteners. Feel free to get creative as well, maybe by organizing an elementary school scavenger hunt, hosting a book themed dance, or even refurbishing a library! The Governor's Project Goal is **1400** hours and the New York District needs the help of every one of its members. A packet will be published soon to help you and your clubs begin your own project, but you can start right now by going online and researching volunteer opportunities in your area (try contacting an event coordinator at a nursing home!). Good luck and keep serving!

-Lieutenant Governor Nicole Murray



## District Projects Committee

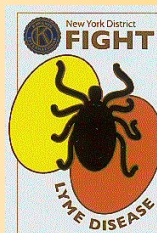
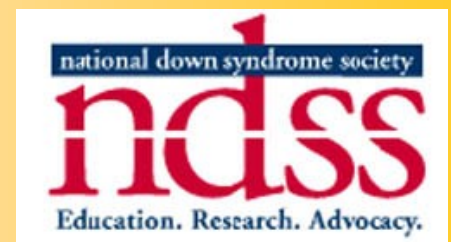


As we all begin a new school year, a question will appear at your club's first meeting. "What should we fundraise for?" Well, have no fear for, the District Projects Committee is here! The district projects consists of ten worthy charities; and we need your fundraising skills and stamina to reach our goal of \$175,000. So far Key Clubbers from the Mighty New York District have fund-raised about \$31,000, or 18%. Starting in September we as Key Clubbers have to step up our fundraising abilities and reach our true potential!

This is where the District Projects Committee arrives. The committee is here to provide a support system for you in your endeavors at all times. We will serve you in your fundraising for the district projects in any way possible. Even with the very first step : brainstorming! September brings along not only school, but Leukemia Awareness Month, and National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We recommend fundraising for American Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and St.Jude's. There are a multitude of fundraisers you and your club could hold. A few examples are a bake sale, an items drive for St.Jude's, a (Insert a word here like sleep, math, or read. Etc)-a-thon; the possibilities are endless!

Feel free to contact me at anytime at [rheasingh.ltg@nydkc.org](mailto:rheasingh.ltg@nydkc.org)!

-Lieutenant Governor Rhea Singh



## International Projects and Programs Committee



The International Projects and Programs Committee works to raise awareness and increase key clubber involvement in fundraising and providing service for the international projects and programs we work with.

Our International Projects and Programs are UNICEF, March of Dimes and the Children's Miracle Network. These charities do so much to help the needy children of the world. They do their best to tackle every issue that poses a threat to children. Every dollar or cent you can raise has a substantial impact on child who needs you, so get involved and save lives.

One way you guys can help is by participating in the annual Trick or Treat for UNICEF. The money you raise helps UNICEF provide nutrition, medicine, and education to children who need it. You can do this no matter where you are.

Every Key Club will receive a fundraising kit right after Labor Day that includes Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF collection boxes, a campaign kit, poster, DVD, and other resources to help you conduct your campaign. You do not have to trick or treat to raise money for this cause. Other ways you can fundraise are by:

- Having a Halloween Candy Sale: You can tell local supermarkets you are raising money to support UNICEF and ask them to donate candy or sell it to you at a discount. Then ask kids to set up a lunch-hour booth at school and sell the candy to classmates and teachers.**
- Creating a walk for UNICEF where you can collect donations.**
- Getting competitive with activities such as penny wars, contests, and fundraising wars.**
- Hosting a Halloween party, dance, or talent show!**

Be creative and don't be afraid to think outside the box. Do your best because the kids are counting on you and have fun!

-Lieutenant Governor Susanna Novick



## *DTC and Rally Dates*

These are the dates and locations for all the Rallies and DTC's in New York State

### **Divisions 1,2,3– Eastern Long Island**

Date: November 6th, 2010

Time: 10AM-2PM

Location: Patchogue-Medford High School

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governor Stephanie Salinas

### **Divisions 4,5,6,7– Nassau County**

Date: October 23rd, 2010

Time: 1PM-5PM

Location: Levittown Public Library

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governors Dylan Gross and Domenick Pesce

### **Divisions 8,9,10,11– New York City-Metropolitan Rally**

Date: October 10th, 2010

Time: 9:30AM-4PM

Location: John Dewey High School

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governor Susanna Novick

### **Divisions 12,13– A Little North of New York City**

Date: November 6th, 2010

Time: 11AM-5PM

Location: Suffern Middle School

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governor James Florakis

### **Divisions 19,21,22– Somewhere Upstate**

Date: October 24th, 2010

Time: 9AM-5PM

Location: Old Forge, Adirondacks

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governor David Morehouse

### **Divisions 23,25,26– Somewhere closer to Buffalo than New York City**

Date: November 8th, 2010

Time: 2PM-7PM

Location: West Seneca East High School

Contact Rally Chair: Lieutenant Governor Nicole Murray

**To Be Determined: Divisions 15, 16, 18, and 27. Please contact those respective lieutenant governors for more details.**

## Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee is a very important part of the New York District Key Club. Along with our duties of tracking advocacy points and projects, we are also responsible for researching topics to advocate for and writing sample letters based around these topics. Anything from advocating for equal facilities for the less fortunate, to seeing better conditions in prisons, our committee researches a broad host of topics so the voices of Key Clubbers all across the state can be heard. So let your club's voice be heard, research a topic you feel strongly about, write a letter, get signatures, host an event, and start advocating!



At our most recent meeting, the advocacy committee brainstormed more ideas of what we want to advocate for in the upcoming year. This month's topic goes hand-in-hand with the governor's project. We are advocating for equal education for all rich or poor, suburban or urban resident. We feel that everyone deserves a good education with all the latest equipment and technology. If we can enforce the New York State Department of Education to spend more funds in providing schools with better facilities, our students can learn in a better and more interactive environment.

Remember, our committee's goal is 12,000 points by February. You earn 5 points for every hour of an advocacy event and one point for each signature on a letter. Get your feet wet by signing our newest letter included in this issue of the Empire Key, then fill it out on your Monthly Report Form. Underprivileged teens will thank you, and so will we!

-Lieutenant Governor Katie Cieplicki



Advocacy Letter Here

# KEY CLUB

Your School Address. Ex. 345 Chambers Street New York NY 10282

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear New York State Department of Education,

The No Child Left behind act of 2001 has, without a doubt, had a positive impact on the educational standards of the United States. It pays a reasonable amount of attention to minority populations and has increased public school funding from the government. The law, however, is far from perfect. Not only does it provide incentive against underachieving students but against gifted students as well. It encourages and promotes average test scores and average education. Schools do not need to be extraordinary to gain funding, only average.

One has to wonder if this is New York State's best way to promote equal education for all. As Alfie Kohn, education critic, argues - the NCLB law's "main effect has been to sentence poor children to an endless regimen of test-preparation drills". The children aren't learning educational tools they will be able to use later in life, only how to pass tests that may or may not accurately gauge their mental capacity anyway.

Key Clubbers come from all areas of New York State and all walks of life. More socio-economically privileged Key Clubbers, in general, receive a more well-rounded education with faster computers, newer books, and more helpful teachers. Making it so that every student in New York State has a similar, and positive experience in the public school system should be the state's priority. Not to keep making more and more standardized tests for students to take.

With this change, New York State will be creating more well-informed U.S. citizens with a passion for learning and the knowledge of how to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

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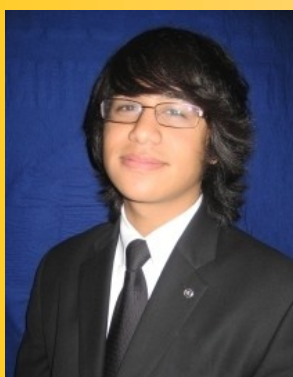
a Kiwanis-family member  
keyclub.org

## *K-Family and Distinguished Key Clubber Committees*

The role of the Kiwanis-Family Relations Committee is to help improve the relations between Key Club and the other branches, which include K-Kids, Builders Club, Circle K and Kiwanis. It's September, which means school...and weekly Key Club meetings...are back in action! This is a perfect time to improve your communication with the other branches! Invite members of other branches to your meetings and projects and they will do the same! Keep in touch with the officers and members of your corresponding branches through emails, phone calls and other means that work for you! November is Kiwanis-Family Month, so start planning a project with the other branches in your community! The service you can do together is endless! Start your correspondence at your first meeting by talking with your Kiwanis Liaison, and get everyone on board!



-Lieutenant Governor Dylan Gross



The DKC Award is the signature award of the New York District. It is noncompetitive, meaning if you're qualified and you apply for it, you will receive it! We highly recommend every Key Clubber apply for the award.

The application for this year's DKC Award has already been made. It is projected to be released sometime during October 2010. If you need a sample of what you should be working toward, you can either contact your lieutenant governor or look at the DKC Application from last year as a guideline.

The DKC Committee is also working to get feedback from Key Clubbers like you. It is very important that we know why people aren't applying for the DKC Award. We don't know for sure unless you tell us why. Please contact us if you have any comments or concerns about the application.

If you ever have feedback or would like to know more about the DKC Application this year, feel free to contact DKC Committee Chairperson Sharif Mahfouz at [sharifmahfouz.ltg@nydkc.org](mailto:sharifmahfouz.ltg@nydkc.org).

-Lieutenant Governor Sharif Mahfouz

## Major Emphasis Project and Youth Opportunities Fund

The major emphasis project for the 2010-2011 Key Club year is Live 2 Learn. Live 2 Learn is an organization that is coordinated by students for students. Students work to help others be able to learn to their full potential. This organization works to put students who are in need of help on the correct path to achieve their dreams. This is done through study habits, extra study classes, and help from other students. The goal of this organization is to help all students reach their goals that seem out of reach to them. This organization is free to the students seeking help. However, no organization runs for free. That is why us Key Clubbers are here. When we raise money for organizations we are helping them stay alive. As a major emphasis project our goal is to help this organization out as much as possible. Make sure Live 2 Learn is near the top of your organizations to help list.



-Lieutenant Governor Anna Glessner



Have you ever had a great service idea but were not able to see it through because your home club didn't have the money to carry it out? If so the Youth Opportunities Fund may be the perfect helping hand to allow your home club to accomplish their service goals. Every year a portion of the dues paid to Key Club International by each member is put into the Youth Opportunities Fund and by application your home clubs can apply for and receive a grand ranging from \$100-\$2000 to complete your service projects. If your club is interested in applying for a grant, then they must submit their application no later than October 15, 2010. If you would like more information on the Youth Opportunities Fund and to access the application then log onto [keyclub.org](http://keyclub.org) and click on the link "Service" in the menu bar. From here you can find the link to the Youth Opportunities Fund.



-Lieutenant Governor James Passarelli

## Public Relations and New Club Reactivation Committees

The Public Relations Committee is proud to announce that they have completed the Public Relations Guidebook. It can be downloaded off of [www.nydkc.org](http://www.nydkc.org). In that guidebook, there are many resources and link you can use to help publicize your club. The committee is also certified to conduct workshops pertaining to public relations at your local rally or divisional training conference. If you have any questions regarding the committee and it's publications, please contact me or any member of the committee.



The Public Relations Committee is currently working on projects involving using video and the internet as a way to educate members on public relations. We plan to open a YouTube channel dedicated to The New York District and upload short videos that serve as informational, how-to, and updates. We want to keep you informed as best as we can.

-District Editor Jensen Cheong



As the school year begins and your club starts advertising to freshmen, it's also a great time to start up Key Clubs at other schools! Clubs can be built by chartering, which is starting a club from scratch, or reactivation, which is rebuilding a suspended club. The New Club Building and Reactivation Committee's goal for this year is to build - either by chartering or reactivating - at least one new K-Family Club per division. Other than Key Club, we are working on chartering new K-Kids, the Kiwanis organization for elementary school students, and Builder's Clubs, the middle school Kiwanis organization. These clubs can be co-sponsored by Kiwanis and Key Club.

If you, or one of your friends at another school, would like to start a Key Club, K-Kids, or Builder's Club please contact your Lieutenant Governor, any of the New Club Building and Reactivation Committee members, and/or myself, the New Club Building and Reactivation Chair James Florakis. And be sure to check out the New Club Building and Reactivation Packet which will be released in mid-September on the district site for a ton of chartering and reactivation information! With your help, we can grow our district and provide more service in the process. Have a great start to the school year!

-Lieutenant Governor James Florakis

## *The Eliminate Project*

The ELIMINATE Project is a partnership with Kiwanis and UNICEF to eliminate a disease called Maternal / Neonatal Tetanus (MNT). Did you know that MNT kills one baby every nine minutes? That's not all, its effects are unbearable. The babies suffer from repeated, painful seizures and are very sensitive to both light and touch, thus preventing their mothers from holding them. It is a painful experience for both the mothers and their babies.



MNT is caused when tetanus spores, found in the soil, come into contact with open cuts during childbirth. The disease infects mostly on the poor and those who are geographically hard to reach. However, MNT can be prevented by simply three doses of 60-cent immunization shots. If we can give these shots to protect mothers, they can pass on the immunity to their future babies.

Therefore, the ELIMINATE Project is trying to gather as much funds as possible to provide 129 million mothers and their future babies with vaccines and better health care. The money will be used for medicine, equipment, staff and transportation. It will take about \$110 million and the dedicated work from both UNICEF and from the Kiwanis family to reach this goal of eliminating MNT from the Earth by 2015.

UNICEF has already successfully eliminated MNT in several countries, but there are still many other countries especially in Africa, Asia, Europe and in North America that suffer from this disease due to little or no access to health care. It is so easy to prevent this disease so we should put all our efforts into eliminating MNT from the Earth forever.

-Lieutenant Governor Christina An

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

**With all due respect, the New York District would like to remind all Key Club members that the current partnership with UNICEF on Operation Uruguay has NOT ENDED. The Eliminate Project does not start until the next year. We ask that this miscommunication between Kiwanis International and Key Clubbers not stop you from fundraising and volunteering for Operation Uruguay. Please keep the Eliminate Project in the back of your mind until the current partnership has ended.**

**Thank You**

## Key Leaders: A Different Way To Experience Leadership



Some may have seen within Kiwanis pamphlets a branch of Kiwanis called "Key Leader," and may have wondered to yourself, what is that? Well, Key Leader is a Kiwanis leadership education program for high school students. Its mission is to provide a "life-changing experience that inspires young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership."

Key Leader events are open to students ages 14 to 18. A professional facilitator who brings excellent experience working with young people will lead a Leadership training. The following description is to give you an idea of a typical Key Leader: you will arrive for registration from 4-6 pm on a Friday afternoon and depart after 11:30 am on Sunday morning. All living quarters, meals and activities will be provided for you at your event site. If you are a bit more interested take a look at the Key Leader [sample weekend agenda](#).

Kiwanis will also provide adult supervision at the Key Leader event. They will help coordinate and oversee the event. The cost of a weekend at Key Leader is \$200 for each student. Don't forget that a school, Kiwanis club, community organization, church group, family or others can sponsor a student and pay that cost or portion of that cost. Also, thanks to a very generous grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation, the first 1,000 members of Key Club who register for a Key Leader getaway for the 2010 year will receive a \$25 discount.

If you are interested in learning more about the [Key Leader Program](#), the [locations available](#) for 2010, or how to [register](#) please feel free to click the links!

-Lieutenant Governor Domenick Pesce



## Friend-A-Gorilla

What is Friend a Gorilla? Is it like meet a gorilla and become friends and face-book and text them? Well, not quite, Friend a Gorilla is an initiative by Uganda Wildlife Authority. The purpose of it is to promote education of the endangered Ugandan mountain gorillas. With only 720 mountain gorillas left on earth this initiative is very important. Friend a Gorilla now supported by Key Club International, this year at the International Convention in Memphis, Tennessee the charity walk, we walk for Friend a Gorilla. The walk raised over \$13,769 for the Friend a Gorilla initiative! Your club can raise that much too. If Key Club raises over \$250,000, the club that raises the most money will have the opportunity to send a faculty advisor and two Key Clubbers on a safari to see the mountain gorillas. If Key Club raises over \$500,000 then we will have the opportunity to name a baby gorilla and it grow up. They seem like very hard goals but we as members of Key Club international can achieve anything if we put our minds to it. For more information on this wonderful initiative, please check out <http://www.kcgorillas.com/>.

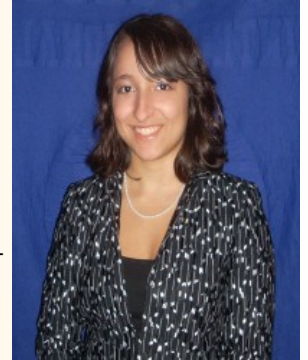


-Lieutenant Governor Emily Glewicz



## 63rd Annual Conference Committee

For a weekend every year, hundreds of Key Club members get together. They learn more about the organization, their role in it, participate in the social events as well as mark the end of the previous year and the start of the new one. The weekend cannot be made possible without the dedication and planning of a very important group: the *Conference Committee*. Comprised of eight chairs, the committee plans how every minute at the conference is organized. The positions include: Conference Chair, Contest Chair, House Chair, Program/Assistant Technology I Chair, Assistant Technology II Chair, two Sergeant-At-Arms Chairs and Public Relations/Hospitality Chair.



Want to be part of making the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership Training Conference absolutely memorable? If your answer is "yes!" then submit an application! Any Key Club member who do not hold a position in the New York District Board of Trustees and are in good standing with Key Club International can apply. The application is now available on the homepage of the New York District Key Club website ([www.nydkc.org](http://www.nydkc.org)). The document includes a brief description of every position, directions on how to apply and the application. All submissions must be mailed to me and post-marked no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [nadylinunez.gov@nydkc.org](mailto:nadylinunez.gov@nydkc.org). Do not leave things for last minute! Good luck to all applicants!

-District Governor Nadyli Nunez

### Leadership Training Conference 2010 AT A GLANCE

Date: April 8th-10th, 2011

Location: Holiday Inn Hotel, 205 Wolf Road, Albany NY 12205

Capacity: 900 Key Club Members and Other Attendees.

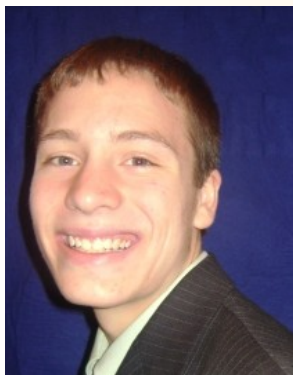
That means register as early as possible to ensure your spot at LTC.

## ICON 2010: Memphis, Tennessee

District tour was the perfect start to what would be a wonderful key club filled week. Our first official day of the tour was spent at the amusement park Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. There we got to enjoy a fun day of roller coasters, water rides, and, since it was July 4<sup>th</sup>, even some fireworks! After some traveling and resting we left for Memphis on July 6<sup>th</sup>. On the way there we stopped at St. Jude's Children's Hospital and took a short tour of one of the buildings there. We got to learn a lot about how the hospital was founded and all that goes on there. Later that day we were able to relax and enjoy some beautiful scenery on our dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. On our last day we did what everyone must do upon visiting Memphis Tennessee, we toured Elvis Presley's Graceland! After our tour and a little exploring of Mudd Island we finally settled ourselves in Memphis and were ready to enjoy three event filled days of ICON.



-Lieutenant Governor Lexii Dellapena



International Convention is where Key Clubs from around the world come together. From Germany, Australia, Aruba and many other nations, ICON is the place where all Key Clubs are rewarded for their efforts that they have done for the previous year. Once at ICON you will be attending the opening session which informs you on what is going on and what is expected from you.

The opening session was an amazing experience that I was a part of. When a Key Club nation was called, a representative would walk up on stage holding their nations flag. The fact to see that there were so many nations involved with Kiwanis just amazed me. We sang the United States national anthem because we were in the United States but I would have been astounded if I could have heard other nation's anthem to.

Like at the Leadership Training Conference, ICON did have Sergeant-At-Arms. The two heads of the sergeant-at-arms informed us on what was expected from us and what was not expected from us. I just thought that what they told us was a no brainer and that all what they said was common sense. The fact that they ended up threatening people with nerf guns was not fearful at all, but the fact that I could get kicked out of ICON did scare the life out of me. (Editor's Note: lol Tyler)

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Later on after the guests that came to ICON were introduced, the President of Key Club International Abigail Mckamey was welcomed on the stage as well as the Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom. The fact that I got to meet the International President too good to be true and I also got a picture with her as well. The District Governors were introduced later on as well and in my perspective, I believe that Nadyli is the shortest governor out of all of the governors.

I knew that I would have to vote for somebody because I had to hand in a delegate registration form. The fact that I had to help decide who was going to be part of the new board just shocked me. At the opening session all the Candidates were introduced and I wondered if I could really vote for one and not the other. Even though voting was along the way I was still pumped to hear a speech from the speaker Bo Shafer. Bo Shafer was the past president of Kiwanis International and he talked about the good that Key Club was doing for the world. He also brought up in the session about setting higher goals to achieve for this upcoming year.

After Bo Shafer spoke the vice president of Key Club International Lance Wilson talked about the announcements and Abigail Mckamey adjourned the open session. Even though that the session was long and I lost my name tag during it, I still learned a lot at that session. Kiwanis is a large organization and with the help of Key Clubs around the world, Kiwanis will be an even larger organization.

-Lieutenant Governor Tyler Geurds



## New International Board



**XinLei Wang**

**Key Club International President**

**Goals for 2010–11:** To expand the influence of Key Club, I firmly believe that the effort begins at the core. International must serve the members the way they have served their communities: to take care of our members, to better our clubs, and to encourage overall awareness and efficiency.



**Ikwo Morris**

**Key Club International Vice-President**

**Goals for 2010–11:** Growth and retention. We often make outrageous aims of growth in this organization without realizing that to grow means to build on what you already have, not start fresh. I hope not only to zone in on current members but also the reasons why it is that we are not as large as we would like this organization to be.

### International Trustees

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Lisa Nicholson

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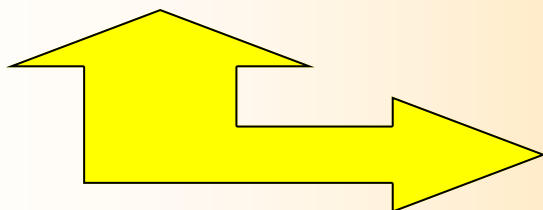
Will Robertson

David Velasquez

Ashley Williams

Stephenie Yuan

**Nancy Zhang!**



The Best!

Hands down

## *A Word from Your District Administrator*

As we begin a new school year we should pause and think of what we can do to make this a better New York, a better America, and a better world. Please forgive me waxing philosophically, but as I look back on my years involved in Key Club, first as a charter secretary, then as a Kiwanian, faculty advisor, and District Administrator, I realize how integral Key Club is, and has been, part of me.

When I first joined Key Club in 1957 [yes, I'm older] it was an all male organization. We were selected for membership by teachers who felt we were the student leaders of the school. We were not all honor students or athletes. What we had in common was a desire to help improve our community through service. I must confess that at 17 I wasn't sure what that meant. I just know that it was an honor to be chosen. I didn't know what Kiwanis was, nor did I know about a division [Long Island Southwest], a district, or Key Club International. I didn't find out about any of this until I became a faculty advisor in the 1990s. Then it was off to divisional and district convention at the Pines Hotel and later Kutsher's.



Since becoming District Administrator in 1997, I have seen the tremendous good the Key Club can do. We, as a district, have raised millions of dollars for various charities, we have come to the aid of hurricane victims, wind and ice storm victims, and those who have been struck by tragedy in our own communities. We have never hesitated to improve the lot of those less fortunate. We have mentored, tutored, done whatever was necessary to help younger students receive an improved education. We, as Key Clubbers, do make a vital difference in our world. I ask that as we continue to grow as an organization, we continue to grow as human beings and consistently give back and always pay it forward.

-District Administrator Andy Lowenberg

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