



THE CNH KEY

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE CNH KEY!

Q: What's this?

A: The CNH Key is a compilation of articles from members all over the California-Nevada-Hawaii District! Each month, members send in articles about one of the three topics that I post on the CNH CyberKey (www.cnhkeyclub.org). I read through them and put them all together to create the CNH Key!

Q: Can I send in an article?

A: Of course you can! Send in an article to me by the 15th to cnharticle@gmail.com and you're good to go! Every month I will post up three article topics under the CNH Key tab on the CyberKey. There is also a template there that you can use to type up your article.

Q: What's the point of this?

A: The CNH Key can be a good read for members or a great source to find ways to improve your clubs! It also can keep members updated about what's going on in other parts of our amazing district

Q: Who are you?

A: For those of you who don't know me, hello, my name is Hillary Yuan and I'm your CNH District Tech Editor! I will be releasing the CNH Key every month on the 20th!

Q: What's with this layout?

A: If you haven't noticed, the CNH Key is PURELY Graphic Standards from the layout to the font to the colors! If you want to create newsletters, articles, brochures, etc, I really recommend you to use Graphic Standards. You can find some templates on here:

<http://slp.kiwanis.org/KeyClub/fad/Templates.aspx>

Please refrain from printing this newsletter out to conserve paper. Keep a digital copy to use as reference throughout the year or email your clubs to let them know

about it! This is for R (Reduce Global Warming) of our DP, C.A.R.E!

As this school year comes to a close, keep in mind that the Key Club year is just beginning! Let's have a great kickoff with awesome summer events—and record them so you can send in amazing articles!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at cnh.dte0910@gmail.com.

Buzzin' with service,

Hillary Yuan



JUNE TOPICS

1. Your District Convention experience
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3. Your favorite service project

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SUMMER PROJECTS

Hey KEY Club!

SCHOOL IS OUT!!! AHHHH! Finally!!!! Now we will all be able to focus all of our energy on Key Club, right?! Of course!

Seriously, one of the best things you can do this summer is community service. Remember the District Convention 2009 theme, "BEE a Hero!?" Now is your chance! Not only do you have all this uncommitted time on

your hands, but we also have a District Project Week coming up. That means from June 21st to June 27th, the division and your home clubs will be hosting service projects to "Reduce Global Warming," the focus of the upcoming District Project week. After the 27th, keep your spirit of service going: volunteer at a library, visit a Kiwanis meeting, clean up a park, assist at a senior center, or fundraise for charity. When you are done, write an article about it and send it to me for the newsletter.

Also, don't forget to stay in touch with the division. Share your project ideas or maybe you just have a question for me. Whatever the case, don't forget to stay involved with your club and attend the summer DCMs. Also, officers, keep working on those MRFs!

So go ahead and keep Key Club in your summer plans - it's better than being bored all summer!

Nivi Balu | Division 44 N | Folsom High School

A DCON POEM

DCON you've enlightened me,
as a hero and a buzzing bee;
During those three days at Anaheim,
I really wish I had more time
to meet more spirited Key Club members
and write down extra cell phone numbers;
At the lunch line is where I eagerly stood
for an hour each day to see what was good;
Seminars with others were plenty of fun,
as well as the many awards we won;
In a plane filled with laughter and yawns combined,
there still existed open parenthesis equal sign (=)
With the ramen in our bags that never went stale,
the trip to DCON was anything but fail!

FAVORITE PROJECT: FOOD DRIVE

Poverty has always been a roadblock in our country, ruining lives and hindering fulfillment. It is continuing to pose problems for between 12 and 17 percent of American citizens, and, as Key Clubbers, it is our absolute duty to combat poverty as best as we can.

One simple way to help those who have fallen behind is to organize and hold a food drive. Many charities and organizations hold food drives throughout the holiday season, but that is not the only time that families are in need. People are hungry every minute of every day, and while many families are eating large meals in heated homes, others are digging through dumpsters, struggling to survive. At this point, we all need to step back and reevaluate what is truly important, so that we can improve the lives of those around us.

Traditional forms of food drives may vary, but I have found that the most successful ones follow a three tier program. The three tiers include the store collection, the neighborhood collection, and the school collection.

The store collection is typically the most successful of the tiers, and in my last food drive, we collected over 60 paper bags filled with non-perishable foods from the store collection alone. The chair of the service project needs to follow these steps:

- 1) Call the manager of a local grocery store (SaveMart is a great option) and set a date for the project; also discuss any regulations that must be followed while in the store
- 2) Assemble all necessary materials for the food collection, including a table and chairs, signs, flyers, and boxes
- 3) Secure a total of between 10 and 20 volunteers to work in shifts for six or seven hours, including an adult or advisor
- 4) Secure a form of transportation to move the food after the drive is over.

Once the aforementioned steps have been completed, it will be time for the event itself. On that day, arrive at the store a little early to set up the collection area. Then, as customers enter the store, hand them a little flyer explaining what the cause is and what types of items are needed. The idea is that as the customers walk through the store, they will buy a few items for the food drive and drop them off in your boxes on the way out. Also make sure to have a money envelope or cash box in case shoppers wish to make monetary donations. Then, use the money raised to buy any food items that are lacking from the other donations. I have found that the most successful store collections take place on Saturdays or Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00/5:00 p.m.

The next tier of the food drive is the neighborhood collection, which consists of Key Club members delivering empty paper grocery bags with attached fliers to houses in their own neighborhoods. The resi-

dents then fill the bags with food from their own pantries and place the bags by the street on the designated day of pickup. The bags should be delivered at least one week in advance, so that residents have the opportunity to go to the store and buy any extra items they wish to donate. Make sure to keep track of the neighborhoods that bags are delivered to, so that no one is forgotten, and also list a contact's phone number on the flyer in case of any confusion or questions.

The final tier of the food drive is the school collection, which consists of students, not just Key Clubbers, collecting food and bringing it to school. It is easy to set up collection bins or even have a drop-off in the main office. To make the collection more successful, have a class competition and offer a prize to the class that raises the most food.

By following these simple steps, you can have an extremely fruitful food drive. Remember, these projects need to be done throughout the entire year, not just during the holiday months. Good luck, and no matter how stressful your projects become, never give up!

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 63rd Annual District Convention at Anaheim, California was a very interesting experience, especially for a Lieutenant Governor Elect. As an "Elect", one would have to go through several hours of training before District Convention actually started for the general members. The information that we needed to process was off the charts; there were so many things that we had to learn to make our divisions and our district proud. As an Elect, we arrived to Anaheim, California around 12:4PM on Thursday to immediately make friends. I was able to meet a lot of new people that I knew I would be working with in the future! It was so nice asking people the typical, "What division are you from? Oh, where's that?" The Elects were extremely friendly and everyone got along with one another.

When Friday came around, we all woke up early, dressed up professionally, and went to training. At the training sessions, we learned how to walk on stage, how to use parliamentary procedures, and how to lead our divisions with pride. When it got to the afternoon, Key Clubs from all over the place arrived and started checking in. We, Elects, went to go meet up with our clubs and made sure they were well situated! At the General Sessions on Friday night, we had lots of fun battling other divisions as well as cheering on the

amazing DCON Speaker, [Patrick Maurer]. As we exited the room on Friday, there were fun and interesting workshops to prepare the members for the intense workshops on Saturday. There was also the Meet and Greet session to meet the Candidates running for district and international positions. As a campaign manager for Larmon Luo, I made sure that Larmon knew where to go, had his speech prepared, as well as looking spiffy.

On Saturday, we woke up early in the morning to have some breakfast and prepare for caucusing. During caucus, it was very nerve-racking for all the candidates, but in the end, House of Delegates came around and the delegates voted for their future leaders. At the last general session on Saturday, they announced the winners and I was thrilled to hear the results. After that general session, Governor's Ball took place and the enthusiastic Key Clubbers danced the night away.

On Sunday morning, all the Key Clubbers ate some breakfast and then got ready for the last general session. Although it was sad to see the current board retire, it was amazing to become officially installed as the Lieutenant Governor of my division. When it was time to go, everyone said their goodbyes and went back home. See you at next year's District Convention in Sacramento, California!

OFFICER TRAINING CONFERENCE

Leadership, one of the four core values of KEY Club International, is a vital aspect to the organization of Division 19 South KEY Club. In order to train current and future officers of her division, Kristin Au, Division 19 South KEY Club Lieutenant Governor, held her Officers Training Conference on June 13th, 2009 at the Lomita Kiwanis Hall. Hoping to bring in a few special guests, she invited Willy Hoang, the current California Nevada Hawaii District Secretary, and Stephanie Au, 2005-2006 club president of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Lasting for two hours, the attendees not only learned about their duties to the club but also were able to meet many other officers and members from other clubs.

The event began after official business (club roll call, introduction of guests, pledge of allegiance, and KEY Club pledge) was taken care of. Kristin Au started off with an overview of what being a leader meant and the necessary qualities of a leader. She emphasized for the officers to manage their time and prioritize, stay responsible, and be a good role model for the club. She then

went over general KEY Club knowledge, trivia such as their divisional mascot, district mascot, district project, and many other facts about KEY Club, which she felt her officers should know.

After the general overview, the attendees were split into groups: President/Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President/Vice-President group was led by divisional assistant April Wu from West High School KEY Club and special guest Stephanie Au, the Secretary group by divisional assistant Daniel Hanaya from Narbonne High School KEY Club and CNH District Secretary Willy Hoang, and the Treasurers group by Kristin Au. Each group was trained in its respective officer's duties. When each group session was concluded, they were able to take a break and enjoy a snack of lemonade and chocolate chip cookies.

In order to lighten the mood of the official atmosphere, April Wu suggested playing a game. Attendees were once again split into groups, although this time the groups were created by numbering off members. The objective of the game was the act out using the whole group a certain given object. For example, if "sailboat" was called

out, each person had to act as a part of the sailboat. There was one catch however; no words were allowed to be exchanged. The last rule was followed by all except one group, which had to be disqualified for a single round. The activity was fun as groups had to act out being a bus, a clock, a chair, and an umbrella.

After the activity, it was necessary to reinforce the material that they had learned previously. Each group leader took turns quizzing their respective group of the things that they had learned that day. Whoever answered the question right received a lollipop. Because many questions were asked, all the members were able to receive a lollipop. The Officers Training Conference was a success as all the officers were able to learn how to not only be an effective leader but to fulfill their duties.

Catherine Chao | DIVISION 28S | Coronado Key Club

DCON 09: BEE a Hero!

Hi CNH Bees! My name is Catherine Chao and I'm Coronado Key club President and Executive Secretary of Division 28 South. My experience at District Convention this year is definitely one of my most memorable Key Club experiences. It was my first time going to DCON because last year I was misled into thinking it was only offered to officers. As soon as I arrived at the Hilton Hotel in Anaheim, I immediately felt the energy of the other Key Clubbers. I was a bit tired from the long bus ride coming from Las Vegas, but as soon as I saw how excited everyone was I became excited as well. At DCON I learned the true meaning of spirit after the numerous spirit competitions!

Day 2: I had the opportunity to attend various workshops which showed me

how to be a better leader, and overall a better Key Clubber. In between the workshops, I attended caucusing of the District/International candidates. Seeing these candidates caucus showed me how small everyone is in our large district! It really put my mind into perspective, but I learned to dream even bigger than I ever have. Before, I dreamed of becoming LTG, but now my new goal now is to become a District board executive officer next year! :) At the workshops I attended I was able to meet new people from all over. Meeting people from all over the Cali-Nev-Ha District showed me how diverse Key Club is. I also learned about all of the different awards your club can win, and how easy it is to win them! After the general session, the governor's ball came rolling around. This huge dance was extremely fun and very packed at the same time! By the end of the night I was tired from dancing so much, but

sad that it was my last night in Anaheim.

Day 3: After breakfast, I attended the final general session. After all the general sessions with awards, speeches, videos, etc. this General Session had IP District Governor Jennifer Zhu's goodbye speech. To be honest, her speech touched me and actually made me tear up a bit. The impact Key Club has made on her is similar to the impact Key Club and DCON has made on me. All in all, during DCON I met new people, created stronger bonds within my Region, learned how to be a better leader, learned how to dream bigger, and had tons of fun! I know I'm definitely attending DCON next year, and I hope to see more CNH Bees there!

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DISTRICT CONVENTION

DCON 2009!!! There were so many things about this year that made it so wonderful!! Arriving to the hotel and seeing all my other LTG-Elects in the lobby was both intimidating and exciting. This year is full of so many laughs, new friendships, and inspiring leadership. I have to say, the speeches about

PTP were perhaps the most inspiring and moving pieces I have heard about the wonderful work that Key Club has done.

The best part of the weekend was when I walked out across the stage, squinted out over the lights to look at the audience, and became an official LTG. I felt both proud

and anxious, knowing that when I went back home I had the division I love to take care of; GO DIVISION 13 NORTH MONKEYS!!!!!! DCON did so much for me and was the perfect beginning of what I know is going to be an amazing year.