

The Shooting Stars Scoop

A Note from Your Lieutenant Governor

Dear Division 23 Key Clubbers,

Hello! My name is Alexis Taitel, and I am your new lieutenant governor for the 2009-2010 Key Club year. I am so excited to begin working with each of you, and I would like to say how honored I am to represent our division and lead you this year!

Before we get started, I would like to outline some of my goals for our division:

- To increase divisional membership by 15% or more,
- To have all clubs pay dues for Early Bird status by Nov. 1,
- To raise \$2000 for the Pediatric Trauma Program (PTP),
- To have at least 2 members of each club attend both Fall Rally and DCON,
- & to increase divisional spirit.

This year, it is also my hope to make community service personal and local once more. I hope to help more of the local organizations and charities that are currently not receiving as much assistance in these dire economic times. We need to help people in our area in order to make Nevada an even greater place to live.

Throughout the year, you should never find that you have no

projects or events to help with because if there are none available, you can simply create your own! Organizing a project is not as daunting a task as it may seem, so do not hesitate to solve a problem if you have the means of a solution. As Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

I believe that service is the greatest measure of success, and I hope that you will give 150% effort this year. You are all leaders, just as I am. Just because you are officers or members and I am a lieutenant governor does not mean that I am better than you. We are all equal because we are all a team. We should all commit ourselves to being supportive of everyone in our team and realizing that help is always just a phone call away. If, at anytime, you feel overwhelmed or confused, you have an abundance of people and resources right at your fingertips. All you have to do is take the first step.

Sincerely in service,

Alexis Taitel

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Check out the new divisional website:

www.d23keyclub.weebly.com

The Regional Banquet has been postponed until later in the month, so please support your past lieutenant governor and attend it! It will be at Reno High School and will be a potluck!

Our Clubs:

Albert Lowry · Damonte Ranch · Edward C. Reed · Elko · Galena · Hug North Valleys · Reno · Spanish Springs · Sparks · Spring Creek · Wooster

“Living is the art of loving. Loving is the art of caring.
Caring is the art of sharing. Sharing is the art of living.
If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”

~Booker T. Washington

“Quilting” Comfort to Sick & Needy Children

By Sarah Byrnes
Galena High School Key Club President

This year, Galena has been doing many projects as a club, including our biggest two, “Local Heroes and Comfort Quilts.”

“Local Heroes” happens once a month, and each member is required to sign up for it. On the first Thursday of each month, one clubber makes enough goodies for the office and counseling staff at our school. The faculty always looks forward to these days. The purpose of this project is to show our appreciation for the staff of our school. It rarely, if ever, gets any type of goodies from other people, so this is really great way of giving back. Every member of our club believes that the staff does so much for our school's well being that it deserves something as a reward for all its hard work.

Our second big project this year was “Comfort Quilts,” a project that was started through one of our members. Many members of our club—and non-Key Clubbers as well—have been participating in this all year. For the project, you make a quilt in any style that you prefer. This does not cost much and is a lot of fun to do with your friends. Once you finish making the quilt, you bring it to school, and

each quilt counts as one hour of community service. The quilts are then gathered together and donated to children's hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters, and other charities in need. The purpose of doing this is to help out the people in our community who do not have as much and need help making it through everyday life.

With the new Key Club year just beginning, Galena's club already has many plans underway. We have a lot of upcoming events that we will be participating in, including National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5th. For this day, Galena's five Key Club officers will be splitting up the school's staff and bringing in goodies for every teacher. This is an important event that our club really wanted to be involved in because we love all of our teachers in the school and wanted to show them our appreciation for all that they do.

Our club has already set up many new and challenging goals for the upcoming year. We hope to achieve all of these goals (and more) this year by following Key Club's standards and most importantly by working together as a team.

Executive Assistants

Attention all Key Club members! I, your lieutenant governor, am looking for two Executive Assistants (E.A.'s) for the 2009-2010 year to help me with certain tasks and aspects of my job. For example, I might need one person to help me manage the divisional website and another person to help me with project development. If you are interested in applying to be one of my assistants, please talk to your club officers, or, for the application itself, visit www.d23keyclub.weebly.com/resources.html. Please apply soon, so that I have a lot of choices when making my final decision. The deadline for all applications is May 15.

Monthly Web Tip

- Use www.blackle.com instead of Google for all search engine needs. Blackle uses a black screen instead of a white screen, saving energy. You are still using Google, but are being environmentally conscious.

Project Ideas

- Spend time with elderly citizens once a month; play games with them, read to them, or even sit and talk to them.
- Do a street or neighborhood clean up near your school; post signs in your school with facts about littering to encourage students to clean up.
- To adopt a highway, visit www.adoptahighway.com.
- To adopt a park, visit www.washoecounty.us/parks.
- Have a lemonade stand (or other stand) for local disaster victims or natural disaster victims.
- Have a fundraiser, and use the money to send care packages to soldiers in Iraq. For more information on the USO's Operation Care Package, visit www.uso.org.
- Have a blanket, pajama, or book drive at your school, and donate the items to a local charity.
- Spread literacy by reading to children at a local library or bookstore.



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