

The Shooting Stars Scoop

A Note from Your Lieutenant Governor

Dear Division 23 Key Clubbers,

We are already one month into the summer, and so far, it has been a very slow start for all of us. Even though the first month had very little activity, we still have the whole summer to volunteer and help those in need in our community. We should take advantage of each day we have, and remember that there are plenty of organizations and people who need our help.

As the summer progresses, please stay true to your Key Club duties by organizing projects and fundraisers and by volunteering at community events. In these difficult economic times, many organizations are not receiving as many donations as they need, which is causing the people who depend on those organizations to suffer as well.

Every one of you is busy this summer with jobs, vacations, and other commitments, but you must also make sure to keep Key Club on your priority list. Do not let your performance slip just because it is summer, and always remember that you can ask me for help with anything you need.

Sincerely in service,

Alexis Taitel

Project Ideas

- Have your club's members hand make "get well soon" cards at your meetings, and deliver them to the pediatrics ward of a local hospital. (Note: Renown is a Kiwanis affiliate)
- Get your club's members together and make bird feeders using peanut butter, birdseed, pinecones, and anything else you want, and hang them from trees in a local park.
- Set up an informational table at an event or public place to gather donations, reach out to new volunteers, and provide information about an organization, such as the Nevada Humane Society. To help NHS with tabling, make an appointment with the Development staff by calling (775) 856-2000, and they will provide you with a kit of literature and other information.
- Hold a rummage sale by selling your own members' unwanted junk, including clothes, furnishings, and books.

Organizations that need help:

- ☆ Angel Kiss Foundation
- ☆ Casa de Vida
- ☆ Children's Cabinet
- ☆ Circle of Life Hospice
- ☆ Join Together Northern Nevada
- ☆ Solace Tree

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June SSSP Winner:

Galena High School!

All clubs are bound to encounter problems throughout the term, and I encourage you to communicate with me (by phone, e-mail, meeting, or smoke signals), so that I can help you. The more you talk to me, the better our division will be. Communication is "key" not only within the division, but also within your clubs amongst the officers.

Useful Websites:

Divisional- www.d23keyclub.weebly.com,
District- www.cnhkeyclub.org International- www.keyclub.org

"If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, I have achieved success."

~Alex Nobel

KTMB Litter Index

Who: Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB)

What: Volunteers are needed to evaluate the cleanliness of our community through the annual Litter Index

When: Tuesday, July 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: KTMB office, 2000 Del Monte Lane

Why: The Litter Index is a national initiative of Keep America Beautiful that provides a starting point for the litter prevention process.

D23/45 Key Club Car Wash

Who: Lieutenant Governor Alexis Taitel and ALL D23/45 Key Club Members and Officers

What: A car wash with all profits going toward future divisional projects, such as Adopt-a-Family

When: Saturday, August 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Sierra Car Care, located at 1101 California Ave.

Why: To raise money for charities and future projects

Please begin pre-selling tickets to the car wash to friends, neighbors, and family members. The tickets are available online, so please print them and cut them out. Bring the money you raise to Alexis either at the July DCM or on the day of the car wash. Each officer is expected to sell a minimum of 6 tickets, or \$30. Donations are also accepted.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Who: Lieutenant Governor Alexis Taitel

What: A lemonade stand with all profits going to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, an organization that combats childhood cancer

When: Saturday, July 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: On Plumb Lane, between Alexander Hamilton Dr. and Benjamin Franklin Dr.

Why: To raise money for research to find a cure for childhood cancer.

☆ Please wear bright yellow!

☆ For more information about this organization, please visit www.alexslimonadestand.org. Also, to make a donation online, please visit <http://www.alexslimonade.org/stands/17053>.

Ronald McDonald House Chef Program

Who: Ronald McDonald House Charities and Lieutenant Governor Alexis Taitel

What: Six volunteers total are needed to go to the house and cook a meal for 15 family members; food products will be provided by Alexis, but volunteers are needed to help cook and clean up

When: Tuesday, July 14, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (Cooking will be from 4:45 to 6:00; serving and cleaning will be from 6:00 until finished)

Where: 323 Maine St.

Why: To help the families at the Ronald McDonald House get through these tough times with a hearty, home cooked meal.

☆ For more information about this project, please read the Chef Guidelines on the divisional website.

Anderson Elementary School Food Drive

As a result of the economy, many of the parents of children at Anderson Elementary School have lost their jobs and are currently unemployed. The children are bringing hot lunch home every day to share with their families as dinner. Some families have even returned to Mexico because the conditions here are so dire. They desperately need our help, and I hope we can raise a lot of food for them. There will be two aspects to the food drive: 1) a neighborhood collection and 2) a store collection. The neighborhood collection consists of delivering empty paper grocery bags with attached fliers to houses in your own neighborhoods. (If you need bags, please contact Alexis, and she will get them to you. Also, check your e-mail accounts and the divisional website for the fliers). The residents will then fill the bags with canned food and other non-perishable goods 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. To get started, please take at least 20 bags, and staple a flyer onto each of them. Circulate them throughout your neighborhood, and keep track of which houses you go to, so that no one is forgotten. For every 20 items of food that you collect, you get 1 hour of service, with a maximum of 5 hours. Of course you can collect food past that amount as well.

The store collection will be taking place on Sunday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Save Mart located at 10500 North McCarran Boulevard. We will be standing inside the doors of the store handing out fliers to customers as they walk in, requesting that they donate fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy food choices. On their way out of the store, they will donate the items to us. We need lots of volunteers and participation in order for this food drive to be a success.

When you are deciding whether or not you want to participate in this project, ask yourself what you would want if you were hungry every single day of your life.

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Monthly Web Tip

- Would you like to create a website for your club, so that members can access information, updates, and a calendar at their convenience? If so, visit any of the following websites, which allow you to create a free website tailored to your needs: www.weebly.com, www.webs.com, or www.webstarts.com.

Goals:

- ☆ Have one fundraiser per month (more in the summer)
- ☆ Have two self-created projects per month
- ☆ Raise \$175 per club by September 15 for Pediatric Trauma Prevention (PTP)
- ☆ District Goal: \$75,000 for PTP

DCM Update

- ☆ Last month, only two officers attended the DCM in the Rose Garden at Idlewild Park, which was very disappointing. The three of us went on to pick up trash and recyclable bottles in the nearby parks, but it was not nearly as successful as it could have been if more people attended. There is only one divisional meeting per month, and I work very hard to provide you with important information and training materials. You all need to put in the effort to attend these meetings; your clubs and the community will thank you for it.

Cheers:

Start teaching these cheers to your members, so that we can show our Key Club pride at Fall Rally and District Convention:

How do you feel?

WE FEEL GOOD! OH!
WE FEEL SO GOOD! OH!
WE FEEL FINE!
ALL OF THE TIME!
ABOOGA! ABOOGA!
ABOOGA, BOOGA,
BOOGA!

We've got spirit

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT,
YES WE DO.
WE'VE GOT SPIRIT,
HOW 'BOUT YOU?!!
WE'VE GOT SPIRIT,
YES WE DO.
WE'VE GOT SPIRIT,
HOW 'BOUT YOU?!!

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CALINEV-HA!
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ABOOGA, BOOGA,
BOOGA!
HA, HA, HA!



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