

Official Newsletter of Key Club Division 34 South/Region 17/California-Nevada-Hawaii District

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KEYnotes

A Message from the Editor

Dear Key Clubbers,

I hope that you have been soaking up the sun and getting in some service during your summer vacation. Officer Training Conference was a blast! A big thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed an informative Key Club day at the beach.

The school year is quickly approaching. Now is the perfect time to set some personal goals – for both your academics and for Key Club. What do you hope to learn this year? How many hours of community service do you aspire to perform? *What difference will you make in the community?*

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I wish you the best of luck with the start of the school year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Kaufman-Gomez

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A Note from the Lt. Governor

Hello my purple (beastly) penguins,

Summer is already winding down even though it feels like it just started. I hope all you enjoyed your summer and relaxed for these past two months. Hopefully, you aren't like me and finished all your summer homework too!

But don't worry too much! This upcoming school year doesn't have to be something you have to dread. You get to meet all your friends and enjoy school events such as sport games. AND you can get excited for your schools' club rush. Proudly show of your penguin spirit and make all the other clubs envious of our high levels of service and enthusiasm.

And, for all of you starting school on the 22nd, we have a special TREAT for you before school begins. Our August DCM will be a Minute to Win It competition on the 21st, with your school competing against all the others. So get pumped, excited, and ready to represent at the DCM! I hope to see you all there!

Much love,

Anika Dhamodharan



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- August DCM: 8/21 / 12-3pm / Wilson Park (10298 S Portal Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014)
- Regional Training Conference: 10/8-10/9 / Camp Jones Gulch

Relay for Life



Key Clubbers attended local Relay for Life events throughout June and July. Not only did they have a fantastic time, but they also raised funds for the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society raises awareness and money to fund cancer research and programs for cancer patients. The event goes back to 1985, when colorectal surgeon Dr. Gordy Klatt spent 24 hours running and walking around a track to raise money for the American

Cancer Society. Over 3.5 million people in 5,000 areas of the U.S., in addition to 20 other countries, participate in Relay for Life each year. (Source: <http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/whatisrelay>)

At Relay for Life, Key Clubbers took turns walking around the track for 24 hours – symbolizing that cancer never sleeps. They had time to bond with their fellow penguins, and volunteers from other clubs and organizations. Each step taken was a step closer to finding a cure.



Interested in Contributing to the Newsletter?

Do you have any photos you would like to contribute to *KEYnotes*? Have you attended an inspiring project? Send your pictures and/or project testimonials to Melissa Kaufman-Gomez (m_kgomez@yahoo.com). All contributions will be published in the newsletter. Please include your name and your school's name. Don't hesitate to email with any questions, comments, or concerns!

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Photos courtesy of James Chen, Jeremy Liu, and Fremont High School Key Club

Recap on Summer Events

International Convention

Hello Key Clubbers! I hope you are all having fun waddling in the sun throughout your summers :)! Throughout the last week of June, I had the amazing opportunity to attend Key Club's 68th annual International Convention, from June 27th to July 3rd in the hot hot hot Phoenix, Arizona! It is a very cliché description, but out of all of the wide-scale events throughout Key Club, International Convention is arguably one of the best experiences and in line with DCON. Our very first day, June 27th, was meeting up with the NorCal Key Clubbers at the Oakland airport, and a smooth flight to Phoenix. As soon as I had stepped out of the airport, it was blazing hot. The hotel's air conditioning felt fantastic! Did you know that under Arizona law, it's required that they serve water everywhere? The Key Clubbers from SoCal had arrived early in the morning, and everyone met new people, caught up, and checked out their rooms. The entire day was simply relaxing, swimming at the hotel pool, meeting new people, and exploring the marketplace down the street (that's what they all said, it was actually a very long walk...).

Our second day was spent exploring the massive Grand Canyon. Everyone throughout Cali-Nev-Ha woke up early in the morning and went on the bus to the Grand Canyon. It was a 4 hour ride one way, and we went across through several rest stops, and again, meeting new people, relaxing, and simply having fun with everyone! As we arrived at the Grand Canyon, we hiked several miles throughout the area, exploring the canyon, continuously meeting new people, and we eventually hiked to a lodge which was our rendezvous point for the bus. We spent roughly 3 hours at the canyon, waited for the bus, and rode another long 4 hours back to the hotel. Back at the hotel, I had conversed and met with several other Key Clubbers from other districts, but I pretty much crashed when I entered my room.

The third day was supposedly the beginning of International Convention. However, it was simply registration, and if we registered early, the entire day was ours. Another simple yet relaxing day, I spent my time meeting people from SoCal or the other districts throughout Key Club. The SoCal Key Clubbers are as spirited as we are up here in NorCal. But the Key Clubbers from other districts function completely differently compared to CNH. Some districts don't have mascots in their divisions or districts, some LTGs have divisions that are many hours apart, but we are all Key Clubbers under the same purpose. Wednesday night was our meet and greet, and every district was there to show off their spirit and have fun. Some Key Clubbers and advisors hosted a game of Twister, I had actually made it to the final round, but I fell before the round was finished. In the end, the organizers gave all the participants free hats!

The fourth day was when business actually began, and conducted similarly to our fifth and sixth day. These three days were filled with workshops but our highlight was the House of Delegates, where our CNH candidates, Cole Hickman and Austin Wu, ran for International board. Although they were a total of a long 6 hours, the House of Delegates was a very interesting experience. It's intriguing to listen to other candidates describe where they come from, what their Key Club experiences are like, and what kind of ambitions they had to offer for Key Club International. In the end, Cole Hickman was not voted for International President, but Austin Wu was elected International Trustee! Congratulations to both of them for their hard work and service to Key Club! We also had a Recognition Session Friday night where our IP District Governor, Diana Nguyen, MC'd for the talent shows, and people/clubs were recognized for their hard work and service in Key Club. On our last day, Saturday night, the Closing Session, was Key Club International President, Xin Lei Wang's, farewell speech to all of us. And like most farewell speeches, it did make the audience somewhat teary-eyed. July 3rd was our last day and our flight home, everyone was suffering from Post ICON Syndrome, everyone embraced each other and said their goodbyes, and everyone got 100+ friend requests on Facebook as soon as they got home.

Like most events, International Convention was an indescribable experience. It was fun, amazing, rewarding, and so much more. Next year, ICON 2012 will take place in Orlando, Florida where Disney World is located, and we WILL have the opportunity to go! If any of you have the opportunity to attend this convention, I highly encourage you to go. It may be the most expensive event you'll ever go to, but I personally think it was worth it in the end. And I know you will all enjoy that massive increase of friends on your Facebook at the end of your ICON adventure.

Officer Training Conference

Key Clubbers attended informative workshops, met members from other schools, and participated in a sandcastle contest at Manresa State Beach on July 30th.



Noteworthy News

CNH Key's International Trustee

At International Convention, Yoo Eun Kim was elected as one of the eleven International Trustees. She will represent the California-Nevada-Hawaii, Michigan, and Utah-Idaho Districts. Below are some of her goals:

- ❖ Promote communication between International and the districts
- ❖ Provide resources and updates from international
- ❖ Focus on issues such as membership, service partners, and recruitment
- ❖ Collaborate with District Governors and District Board members
- ❖ Meet members at District Board Visits
- ❖ Effectively serve the districts, clubs, and members

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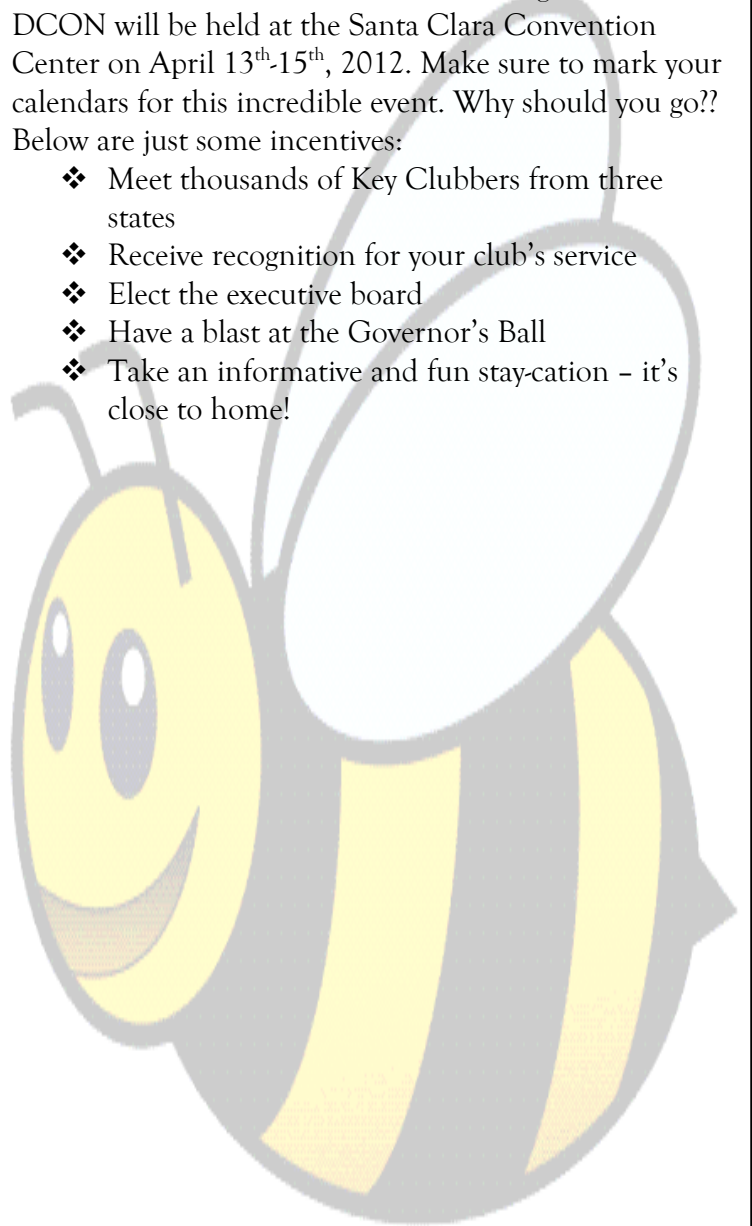
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The DCON Official Theme

The theme for the 66th annual California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention is BEElieve – the Magic of Service. DCON will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center on April 13th-15th, 2012. Make sure to mark your calendars for this incredible event. Why should you go??

Below are just some incentives:

- ❖ Meet thousands of Key Clubbers from three states
- ❖ Receive recognition for your club's service
- ❖ Elect the executive board
- ❖ Have a blast at the Governor's Ball
- ❖ Take an informative and fun stay-cation – it's close to home!



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Quote of the Month

“ How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ”

-Anne Frank



Anne Frank



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