

Kentucky-Tennessee

Membership

Handbook

2023 - 2024



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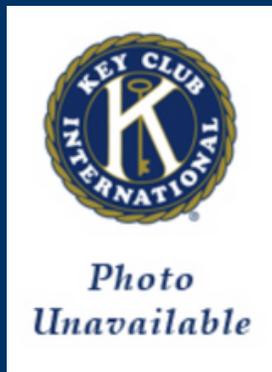
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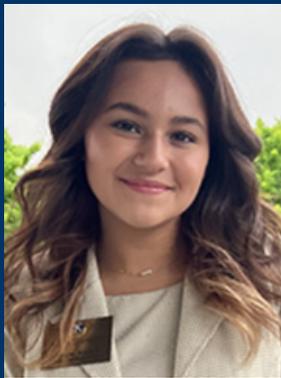
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Kiwanis Family History

The Kiwanis Family was originally started in 1915 by the Kiwanis Organization and has grown substantially since then. The Kiwanis Organization's goal is to perform meaningful service, with service to children as their priority. They started with sponsoring Key Club and went on to sponsor other clubs, including Circle K, K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, and many other programs that benefit local communities and the world!

Overview of Kiwanis Family ⁷

K-kids: The primary school level of Kiwanis, K-kids stands for Kiwanis Kids. It is one of the only opportunities for primary students to learn about self empowerment and leadership through service.

Builder's club: The middle school level of Kiwanis builds on the self empowerment skills and leadership taught in K-Kids.

Key Club: The high school level of Kiwanis, continues on the same path as K-Kids and Builders Club. It is the oldest and largest student led service organization in the world.

Circle K: The college level of Kiwanis; it is an opportunity for students to lead through service after school. It is the largest student led organization for college students.

Aktion Club: One of the only opportunities for adults living with disabilities to lead through service.

Kiwanis International: Kiwanis international is a community of global clubs, members, and partners devoted to helping children. Kiwanis international offers clubs for adults, Kiwanians are adults who serve their community, annually raising more than \$100 million and 18.50 million hours of service to build communities and help families.

History and Structure of Key⁸ Club International

Key Club International was founded in 1925 in Sacramento, California by two Kiwanis members who were also high school administrators. Key Club gets its name from the original intention of the “key” boys of the school providing service and building school spirit. The purpose of the organization is to provide students with opportunities to serve their homes, schools, and communities. The club also provides students with an opportunity to gain leadership skills and build character. Currently, Key Club has 1000s of clubs in 45 countries.

Members

Clubs

Divisions

Districts

International

Member Level

More than 276,000 members make up Key Club International. This is the most important level of Key Club. Members are the ones who motivate the other levels to work harder and stay dedicated to our passion for service.

Club Level

Clubs are found in high schools around the world and consist of members, an advisor, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Class Representatives. Elections are held for officers of clubs.

Division Level

Each division elects a lieutenant governor to serve them, provide support, and carry out district responsibilities. Clubs in a certain area form Divisions.

District Level

Multiple divisions make up each district. There are currently 33 organized districts, and each one is led by a District Governor. The District Board is made up of each division's lieutenant governor, District Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Bulletin Editor, a Historian, and a District Governor.

International Level

The international board is composed of trustees, an International President, and an International Vice President. Key Club International consists of 33 organized districts and other countries that are not included in those districts.

Key Club Pledge

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school, and community; to serve my nation and God; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

Vision

Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership.

Objects of Key Club International:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship, and social contacts.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

Core Values

- **LEADERSHIP**

Leadership is grounded in humility and service to others. A true leader listens, recognizes, and empowers.

- **CHARACTER BUILDING**

Character is built by everyday acts of kindness, integrity, and teamwork to grow stronger relationships and communities.

- **CARING**

Compassion for others is a cornerstone of the Key Club experience, inspiring action and service to one's community.

- **INCLUSIVENESS**

We welcome people of all backgrounds and ethnicities to join in serving and making a positive difference in our world.

*"Caring –
our way
of life."*



Service Partners

CollegeWise- This college counseling organization offers college admission counseling, test prep, and tutoring services. Key Club members have access to various resources for navigating the college application process. This is Key Club's only member benefit partner and offers free and virtual resources.

Schoolhouse.world- This organization connects students with free peer-to-peer tutoring over Zoom. Key Club members can become tutors and host live tutoring sessions. There are currently more than 5,500 tutors active around the globe, but there is always a need for more.

Erika's Lighthouse- This organization promotes mental health and growth for teenagers through resources to help start more conversations about mental health in students. It uses four pillars as a guide: classroom education, teen empowerment, family engagement, and school policy and staff. Over 2 million teens have been positively impacted by this organization.

Seasons of Service (District Service Project)

Ronald McDonald House Charities-

The Ronald's McDonald House Charities' mission is to create, find, and improve the overall health and well-being of children and their families. RMHC provides families a place close to their hospitalized children at little to no cost. Key Club supports the Ronald McDonald House of Charities by donations wish list items, supplies for their families, fundraising, or simply volunteering at their local chapter.

Contact Your Local RMHC:

Chattanooga, TN: (423) 778-4300

Huntington, WV: (304) 529-1122

Knoxville, TN: (865) 637-7475

Lexington, KY: (859) 268-0757

Louisville, KY: (502) 371-1442

Nashville, TN: (615) 343-4000

Southern Appalachia: (423) 975-5437

Cincinnati, OH: (502) 371-1442

District Convention

District Convention, known as DCON, allows clubs from all over the Kentucky- Tennessee district to meet for a weekend long convention. This year, our DCON will take place from March 21-24, 2024 in Franklin, TN at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs Hotel. While at DCON, you can attend a variety of workshops, such as information about running for a higher office position, general Key Club knowledge, and more! (Add information about Keynote speaker once finalized) DCON is also where you will elect your next district board after listening to their speeches and participating in caucus sessions. As always, there will be a district dance, oratorical contest, and a talent show contest that you can enter and perform in front of other Key Club members. During free time, you'll be able to tour around Franklin with your friends, and definitely meet other Key Clubbers. Attending DCON is a great opportunity to meet people who are passionate about serving their community just like you and gain valuable leadership skills. We hope to see you at DCON!

International Convention

International Convention, also known as ICON, is a week-long experience. Unlike DCON, ICON allows Key Club members from all over the world to attend! This year, ICON will be located in Atlanta, GA from July 10-14, 2024. At ICON, you will be able to meet other Key Club members and candidates for the International board, pin trade, attend workshops and caucus session, and hear multiple keynote speakers. ICON is also when you will be voting for the next year's board, as well as voting on proposed amendments. The KT district will be touring Atlanta and more information about the tour is to come!

Dues Payment

In order for a Key Club to be active, members must pay dues. Dues are \$14 per member. \$7 goes to Key Club International and the other \$7 goes to the K-T District. Clubs/schools may add extra fees onto this price.

- *Annual Key Club dues become payable October 21, 2023.*
- *Submit dues by November 1, 2023 to receive the Early Bird Award!*
- *Annual Key Club dues become Delinquent December 1, 2023.*
- *Unpaid clubs become suspended February 1, 2024.*

Tips for Building Your Club ¹⁸

Use resources such as flyers and videos from the Key Club International website!

Increase engagement on your club's social media accounts!

Keep members updated on service and leadership opportunities!

Let Key Clubbers and non-Key Clubbers know what resources are available!

Implement diversity, equity, and inclusion in your club!

Make your meetings as fun and engaging as possible!