

# The Ryan Rundown

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## August Reminders

Hello, Division 15!

As many of us begin school (whether it be online or in person), our clubs are also beginning to reassemble. With that in mind, I encourage all of you to hold your new officer elections in the next few weeks! It's important that those positions are filled, especially if the previous holders were seniors. Once you get these new officers, please send me their email addresses via [anna@ktkey.org](mailto:anna@ktkey.org). Also, remember that it's never too early to get started on your hours! On the next page, I have added a few ideas for those of you who would like to host service projects. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Sincerely,  
Anna Ryan

# Service Project Ideas

If anyone is looking for an early opportunity to gain service hours, there are still many options in the midst of social-distancing. Here is a list of ideas that you and your club are welcome to use!

1. Raise money for The Thirst Project by holding fundraiser events at your school. Or, visit <https://www.thirstproject.org> for more ways to help their cause.
2. Make your own masks and donate them to local hospitals.
3. Donate your old backpack(s) to a local thrift store.
4. Become a big brother or sister (a mentor to youth) through <https://www.tennesseebig.org/>
5. Deliver meals to homebound senior citizens.
6. Be a digital advocate for The Red Cross.
7. Scan or edit books for people with learning disabilities on <https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>
8. Translate texts into different languages for NGO's and non-profits with Translators Without Borders.
9. Help the Ronald McDonald House by raising funds, distributing educational flyers and wish lists, hosting pop tab collections, and volunteering in person after scheduling in advance with the house manager.

## Dates to Remember

October 1st: Dues become payable

October 17th: Fall Rally at Dollywood

December 1st: Dues become delinquent

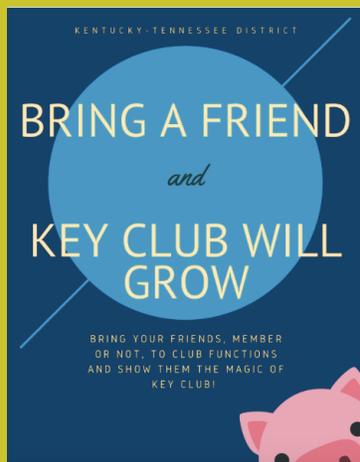
February 1st: Unpaid clubs become suspended

## Officer Training

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out a date for our upcoming officer training. Stay tuned!

# Membership Development

Since we are kicking off the new school year very soon, I encourage each of your clubs to strive for new members! One of the best ways to do this is by inviting non-members to club meetings. Urge your current members to bring their friends! Then, when your meetings are held, be sure to grab their attention through fun ice breakers and engaging service projects! Make sure they're aware of the benefits Key Club holds. You can also host school-wide fundraisers and events to raise awareness for our club! Lastly, hand out flyers! Our board has provided you with two great ones for you to use, or, you can make your own! Be sure to email me if you'd like to request the full version of either of these!



# Fall Rally Update

I regret to inform all of you that this year's Fall Rally has been cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

Unfortunately, a large gathering is not a wise idea at this time.

Because of these disappointing circumstances, Dollywood has offered Key Clubbers discounted ticket prices! If you are a part of the K-T District family, you can get tickets for the generous price of \$48.27 (the original price is \$89.80)! Be sure to purchase these between September 24 and September 30. They're valid for one trip between the date of your purchase and the end of the 2020 Dollywood season.

# Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

With Halloween getting closer, that means we're also approaching Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF season! UNICEF, or the United Nations Children's Fund, is an agency that provides aid to children around the world who are in the midst of a crisis. During Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, I highly encourage clubs to participate in a variety of Halloween-themed fundraisers for their cause. These can include Trunk-or-Treats, parties, pumpkin pie bake-offs, or simply collecting funds by going door to door! Let me know if your club plans on participating, and if so, how!

## Ronald McDonald House

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, The Ronald McDonald House is our District service project. Their charity provides a place for the families of critically ill children to stay while they receive treatment in the hospital. For those who are looking to volunteer or raise money, there is one located in Nashville that could use your help. You could do this by hosting fundraisers or pop-tab collections at your schools and distributing educational pamphlets and wish lists. If you would like to volunteer in person, you can host a work day for your club, preparing a meal in their home, or bringing wish list items after collecting them. Be sure to contact the house manager before doing so, as you should never show up unannounced. I hope I'll see you and your clubs helping out this very crucial charity!