# KEY CLUB

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## Megha's Magazine

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### Meet your Lieutenant Governor

Hello Key Clubbers,

My name is Megha Gupta. I served as LTG for the 2018-19 school year, and am so happy to be back again for another amazing year. I live in Wilton, Connecticut, and am a junior at Wilton High School. I play for the varsity girls golf team. Also, I am heavily involved with my hometown's Key Club, Marine Biology, Student Government, and Girls Who Code Clubs. You will almost always find me either studying at the library, playing card games with my dad, or volunteering and helping out with my community. I love spending quality time interacting and creating strong relationships with others. This year, I hope to strengthen relationships between all of District 31's Key Clubs and conduct more events in our Division. Through this position as your Lieutenant Governor, I want to create excitement in students and adults about different service projects in which everyone can participate. I am looking forward to continuing my work with each Division 31 Key Club. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours in service and friendship,

Megha Gupta Lieutenant Governor Division 31 New England and Bermuda District Key Club International <a href="https://lieutenation.org/lieutena



Important reminder for ALL clubs:

Please update the District Directory. You can find a blank directory form on the District website's home page.

(http://www.newenglandkeyclub.org)

Sígn up to go to ICON @ newenglandkeyclub. org

### A Key Club Survival Guide & DECON Summary

Below are a few basics about Key Club. I know when I first joined Key Club I knew nothing about it, so hopefully this helps you. If you still want to know more about something, ALWAYS feel free to email me!

Okay, Megha, what is Key Club and what does it mean to be a member?

Well, when you join Key Club, you join members the world over in living by the Key Club Pledge and upholding the core values of Key Club international:

The 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."

#### Core Values:

- 1. Leadership
- 2. Character Building
- 3. Caring
- 4. Inclusiveness

Key Club members perform acts of service in their communities, called service projects. Later I will hold divisional meetings and each club will have one! Examples include:

- cleaning up parks
- collecting clothing and organizing food drives
- fundraising for a specific charity or any of the district projects (below!)

### **District Projects**

Kiwanis Pediatric Institute or KPTI: KPTI is the first pediatric trauma center in the world to provide medical care for injured children, medical research of pediatric trauma, and injury prevention programs for children and families, for example, Kiwanis Family Safety Day, the Bike Rodeo, and Key Clubby Bear fundraising Camp Sunshine: Camp
Sunshine supports children
with life threatening
illnesses and their families
and allows them to attend
FREE weeklong camps
focused on alleviating the
strain that a life-threatening
illness takes not only on
the sick child but also on
other family members, by
rebuild their relationships
together and meet other
families facing similar
challenges.

Children of Peace International or COPI: COPI is a humanitarian organization dedicated to helping the people of Vietnam develop the ability to help themselves. COPI offers hope and help to those in need. COPI provides care for orphans, education, healthcare, and social assistance.

#### My DECON experience:

I have had the wonderful opportunity of attending DECON two times — one as a regular key club member and one as a LTG — and they were both amazing experiences! I met so many new people and created so many friendships. I will definitely be in touch with your individual key club. In order to give out more information about this informational event. I hope to see you at the event next year!

Words and Acronyms to know Knowing these will be very useful as the year goes on!

KCI - Key Club International

NEBD or NED - New England and Bermuda District

LTG - Lieutenant Governor

CKI - Circle K International
(basically Key Club at the
college level)

KPTI - Kiwanis pediatric
Institute

COPI - Children of Peace International

YOF - Youth Opportunities Fund (Throughout the year till the deadline, I will be stressing that each club apply to this grant to support their service projects!)

CMN - Childrens Miracle Network

## Important Information!

From District Editor Ava Jarell -

If you would like to be featured on the @humansofnebdkeyclub instagram page, please email/text me a picture of yourself along with a introduction as to who you are and a paragraph discussing one of these things,

- Why you joined Key Club
- A favorite Key Club experience
- How Key Club has impacted your life
- Anything else key club related

From District Treasurer Jonah Cote:

Hello Key Club members and treasurers,

Here is my General Financial Calendar for this year: Early October: Membership Update Center opens. Mid-October: Submit dues for Early Bird Dues award.

October 15: YOF (youth opportunities fund) applications are due.

End October: Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

November 1: Early Bird dues must be processed.

December 1: General dues deadline.

February 1: Unpaid Key Clubs become suspended.

From District Governor Andrew Kirdahy:

Hello Key Club Members,

At the April Board Trainer, the District Board worked together to brainstorm a list of goals we have for this upcoming year. Then, we chose the four we felt strongest about and made them into SMART goals. The goals that we will be working to reach this year are as follows:

- 1. GROWTH: Each Lieutenant Governor will make an active effort to charter, reactivate, or save one faltering Key Club in their Division before the end of the year.
- 2. DECON: Have at least 50% of active Key Clubs come to DECON 2020.
- 3. ENGAGEMENT: Double the level of engagement with general members across different platforms by the end of the year.
- 4. DISTRICT PROJECTS: Increase fundraising for District Projects by 25%.

#### District Social Media

#### **Instagram:**

@nedkeyclub @humansofnebdkeyclub Snapchat: @nedkeyclub

#### Facebook:

New England District of Key Club International (@nedkeyclub)

Twitter: @nedkeyclub

From KCI president: Emily Rice



maternal/neonatal tetanus

supported by KEY CLUB

"Since 2010, Key Club members have teamed up with the entire Kiwanis family and UNICEF to help save and protect women and their future babies from tetanus with The Eliminate Project. Through The Eliminate Project, the Kiwanis family is changing the world. To date, we have helped save and protect lives by eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in 25 countries. This year, Key Club International is projecting to raise US\$700,000 as part of Key Club's US\$3 million pledge to The Eliminate Project. You can help meet that goal by participating in The Eliminate Project Week from May 6 to May 10. Let's help finish the fight against tetanus and protect mothers and babies from this deadly, but preventable disease!"

## Important Dates!

July 2-7, 2019 - International Convention, Baltimore, MD

Sep. 20-22, 2019 -- Key Leader, West Ossipee, NH

Oct. 10, 2019 -- First secretary report due

Nov. 1, 2018 -- Early Bird Dues Award Deadline

Dec. 1, 2018 -- Dues deadline

April 3-5, 2020 -- District Educational Conference (DECON) Springfield, MA

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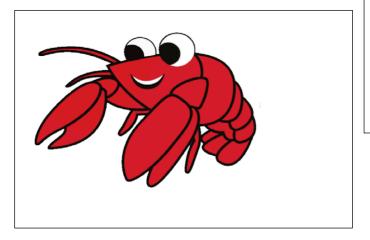
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