

# JacKEY Updates



October 2014

Salutations, Club Secretaries!

I hope those of you who attended Fall Rally had a wonderful time! This month the rest of the NJ District board and I focused on Fall Rally, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the upcoming Key Leader, the upcoming November board meeting, and more. We are especially encouraging attendance at Key Leader, a Kiwanis-sponsored leadership event that will take place on December 5-7. It is a life-changing experience! I have also been compiling club rosters for a newly-created club directory, so if you have not sent yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Below are, as usual, some organization tips and new district information---as well as some International information on The Eliminate Project! If you have any questions about anything, Key Club related or not, just send me an email or message---I would sincerely love to hear from you!

Join the “**New Jersey District Key Club Secretaries**” Facebook group for secretary tips as well as updates from International!

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P.S. Good luck to all the seniors dealing with college apps right now!

We reached 3031 attendees at the 2014 NJ District Fall Rally! Great job, everyone!

Remember to turn in your officer roster, CMRF, and dues this month!  
Early Bird Dues Deadline = November 1  
Regular Dues Deadline = December 1



What new things have been uploaded to the NJ District Website by Webmaster Srikar?

- Event pages for and information about Key Leader and our upcoming district fundraiser: the Elimination Volleyball tournaments
- Ltg-club search bar
- Past *JacKEY* updates
- The first issue of this year's *Jersey Key*



## ELIMINATION VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS



Co-divisional volleyball tournaments are occurring this November and December so get your volleyball gear ready! The winning teams from each tournament will go on to the **state tournament** in late January. Raise some funds for **The Eliminate Project** while you raise the ball over the volleyball net, and make dive for some awesome saves---of babies' lives as well as of points. Contact your lieutenant governor to learn more about your division's tournament!

### Update from UNICEF:

We are thrilled to tell you that the estimated number of babies who die every year from tetanus dropped from 58,000 in 2010 to 49,000 in 2013. Today there are 25 less babies dying every day from tetanus than there were just a few years ago. This kind of progress simply would not be possible without The Eliminate Project and Kiwanis International's tremendous generosity in supporting UNICEF's work to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

The updated neonatal tetanus mortality figures for The Eliminate Project:

An estimated **49,000 newborns** die every year from tetanus

Approximately **134 newborns** die every day from tetanus

One baby dies every **11 minutes** from tetanus



Make sure to send in the donations you raised from Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF so we can continue to lower those numbers!

### Organization Tools and Tips:

With lots of school work during this time of the year, it can sometimes be difficult to stay organized! Here are some tips and tools to hopefully help declutter your life (and dashboard)!

- Work on projects a little at a time. Spend half an hour each day on something and suddenly it does not seem so overwhelming! Sending out **monthly updates** on members' hours instead of one annual update makes it easier later when people want to see their service hours from the entire year.
- Make reminders for yourself. Use **Google Calendar** for your email and hook it up to your **smartphone**, if possible. That way, you can more conveniently keep track of everything that is going on in your life. Large wall calendars can also be very helpful!
- Use **Google Drive** and all the tools it offers when you have a Google email. You can make **spreadsheets, questionnaires** (helpful when making member rosters--you can have members type in their information themselves or have the other officers help you type up information and then just alphabetize the name column in the resulting spreadsheet of responses), and more. You can also have other people work on those Google documents at the same time as you do.
- Set deadlines with your other club officers at the beginning of the month for all the projects you plan to do. Have one officer be in charge of checking to see that those deadlines are met!