

## Official Newsletter of the Georgia District of Key Club International

### GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Georgia Key Club Members:

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season, and your second semester is going well. As you all know, we are less than a month away from our annual celebration of service. There are several things that I need to remind all of you about and update you on. I understand that this time of year is very busy for many Key Club members across the state. We all have homework, tests, and extracurricular activities, and many of us participate in athletics and part-time jobs. However, we must not forget about our role in Key Club International and the commitment to service that each of us has made. So please continue working hard for your local Key Clubs and participate in as many service projects and activities as you possibly can.

Some of the Georgia District events that I will address in this letter include: the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia District Key Club Convention, the Georgia Sheriffs Youth Homes, new club building, and website updates. The Key Club International portion of the letter includes details about: International Convention 2010, Kiwanis One Day, the Major Emphasis Project, UNICEF, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, and the Youth Opportunities Fund.

This is one of the most important publications of the year, and it is one of the last times I will address everyone before our District

Convention. Therefore, I urge you to read the entire newsletter, familiarize yourself with its contents, and share all of the details with other members of your club and division.

As I conclude my introductory greeting, allow me to express how truly grateful I have been to serve as your 2009-2010 District Governor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the leader of this phenomenal organization and experience the service of thousands of dedicated Key Club members in the state of Georgia. I am thankful for all of the things that all of you have done in order to make this year one of the best. I encourage all of you to remember that together we have no boundaries and there are no limits to our service. Always exemplify the Key Club International motto: "Caring - Our Way of Life". Remember - you can make a difference. You are a leader. You are a life-changer. I wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, and I am truly confident that all of you are going to accomplish great things in your futures. Thank you for your unrivaled commitment to this organization and your unprecedented dedication to service. All of you serve as an inspiration to me, and I will remember each of you forever.

Serving with you,

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### UPCOMING EVENT!

Georgia District Key Club Convention 2010/Norcross, Georgia/March 12-14, 2010

# District Reminders and Information

## Mid-Year Membership Drive and New Club Building

People tell me all the time that they did not know what Key Club was when school started, but wish they could join later on during the year. A great way to gain new members is to allow your current members to host a membership drive at your school. You might be surprised how many people will join mid-year and increase the activity of the club. Another plus is that new members will help reenergize the current members for the rest of the year. Start planning and increase your membership! Maybe you will even inspire other schools in your area to charter a Key Club and begin serving their homes, school, and community.

## Website Updates

Numerous updates have been made to our district website: [www.georgiakeyclub.com](http://www.georgiakeyclub.com). There is now more information available concerning District Convention, awards, contests, scholarships, and awards. The user interface has been improved in order to allow viewers to navigate the web page more easily. There is even a survey about District Convention on the website. Check out the new updates, and give us your feedback!

## Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes



The District Project for this year is the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes. The youth homes are a safe place for neglected or abuse children to live at and receive love and care. This year the project is "Living the Legacy". All money raised will go towards expanding the Learning Center at the GSYH LaGrange Campus. We ask that all clubs donate at least \$400.00 to the District Project. We are confident we can reach our District Goal of \$25,000 and continue changing the lives of these wonderful children. If you would like to be considered for an award for your contributions, all money must be postmarked by February 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Star Struck by Service!

Our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia District Key Club Convention will be held on March 12-March 14, 2010, at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast - "The Castle on the Hill" - in Norcross, Georgia. This year's theme is Hollywood. The District Board of Trustees is working very hard to make this year's convention more fun, more exciting, more informative, and better than ever before! So please plan on joining us on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta for our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia District Key Club Convention! This is a Key Club Convention you do not want to miss! Visit [www.georgiakeyclub.com](http://www.georgiakeyclub.com) for more information!



# International Service and Updates



Kiwanis One Day:  
April 10, 2010

Kiwanis members work in their communities all year long. But for one day in April each year, the entire Kiwanis family—Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club and Kiwanis clubs—comes together for a day of hands-on community service that is felt around the world. It's called Kiwanis One Day—and the more hands we have helping, the more lives we will touch. Any project, big or small, is worth tackling. Projects include anything from building playgrounds to volunteering at a shelter to stocking shelves at a food pantry. Save the date: April 10, 2010!

## Youth Opportunities Fund

The Youth Opportunities Fund was established to give Key Clubs an alternated funding source for service projects. Clubs are able to submit a grant request to Key Club International ranging from \$200.00 to \$2,000.00. Grant requests must conform to the objects, guidelines, and by-laws of Key Club International. These grants are

given to chartered clubs and official club members only. For more information concerning the Youth Opportunities Fund and other International service projects and partners visit [www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org).

## “Children: Their Future, Our Focus”

In 1946, Key Club International challenged all Key Clubs and members to focus energies on making an international impact. This program is still followed today through the Major Emphasis Program: “Children: Their Future, Our Focus.” To fulfill the mission of the MEP, Key Club International serves children in many ways. By working with Key Club International’s partner organizations, Key Clubs serve children by aiding other organizations committed to serving children. Key Club International celebrates its three partnerships: UNICEF, March of Dimes and Children’s Miracle Network.



## Key Club International Convention 2010

The 2010 Key Club International Convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee. The convention is scheduled for July 7-11, 2010. Join the Georgia District as we go rockin' in Memphis and meet thousands of other Key Club members from around the world!



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