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Topics of the Month

1. Fall Rally
2. Region Training Conference

Castro Valley at Fall Rally!

Kelly Chan

Division 2
Castro Valley High School

Did you see the mass of lime green at Fall Rally North?? Castro Valley Key Clubbers were decked out and reppin' Division 2!! Freshman and first timer **Alvin Lee** described the experience as "one word- fun!" and said he would definitely attend FRN again. Alvin also had faith in our division to win the spirit battle next year! Senior and historian **Janela Nartates** exclaimed, "It was hot but a lot of people from our division went! Even though we didn't win the spirit stick, we all had fun. The best part was THE RIDES! Meeting and hanging out with other people from different divisions was also great." Both CV members recommended the special event to everyone! Even though I myself didn't have the privilege to attend FRN 2011, members from my club definitely made me feel anxious to go next year! We'll see everyone again at Fall Rally North 2012, because D2's COMIN' THROUGH!!

Besides the hype for Fall Rally, CV Key Club also participated in numerous events to serve the community. From volunteering at local elementary school Halloween carnivals to helping out at a Kiwanis pasta dinner, our Key Clubbers served with smiles! With our weekly events, members have endless opportunities to volunteer despite of busy schedules. We make sure our members don't get bored!

Castro Valley Key Club is excited to continue its role in the community. Our increased membership count definitely doesn't hurt! There are always overcrowded meetings with our 120 members anxious to sign up for events and get hours. President **Sarah Chen** along with the rest of the **CVHS Key Club officers** worked hard this past month, and will continue to do so. The officers love working for each and every one of them!



Custodian Help-Out

Don Le

Division 4 North
Garden Grove High School

Every Thursday after school there is custodian help out. We the Key Clubbers give back to our school and help the underappreciated custodians by picking up trash throughout the school. This is a fun opportunity to ironically take one's mind off school and volunteer while having fun with friends!

At 3:00PM, we meet in front of the school at the Argo Head, patiently waiting for members to arrive. Some days it may just be officers, others dozens of members, somewhat. We get trash bags from a custodian and began our travel around the school eyeing potential trash to be thrown away. We also pick up recyclables goods such as soda cans and bottles. Desperately pulling off tabs from soda cans with fierce force. Going down the hallways is my favorite part. Jumping up and down the lockers looking for trash and possible unopened food(I had a Twinkie before). It usually takes us an hour to go throughout the school. It is great, I get a nice sense of accomplishment every Thursday.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Andy Tran

Division 37 South
Torrey Pines High School

This event was a great experience for me personally. Ever since I was born, my grandpa was diagnosed with Alzheimer. Because of his disease, my relationship with him was very distant. During this event, I learned about how love and hard work can overcome any illness. My grandpa died two years ago, but if I had another chance, I would treat him with the same compassion that I saw today.

During the event, we worked in the food stand. We handed out waters, bagels, and fruits to people who participated in the event. After the walk, we would hand out water to people who just finished the race and congratulate them for their participation. I think that Key Club should do this event again because the energy and enthusiasm put into this event made it wonderful.

One Blanket at a Time

Melissa Chan

Division 34 South
Fremont High School

Recently, Fremont High School held our November DCM in our school cafeteria. In our humble abode, the service DCM attracted the company of about 60 amazing Key Clubbers from almost all of the D34S clubs. The Key Clubbers diligently made tie blankets for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit premature babies as well as cards and goodie bags for their families. We made an impressive 13 blankets, 59 care packages, and 116 cards to show our support for premature babies and their families.

This service DCM was designed with the March of Dimes' Prematurity Awareness Month in mind. March of Dimes, one of Key Club International's service partners, is "working together for stronger, healthier babies." Prematurity affects 1 in 8 babies in the United States, but a whopping 13 million in the world. Not only are the numbers proof of the issue, but also they indicate that this problem is getting larger since the number of premature babies has risen over 36% over the past 25 years. Money that is donated to March of Dimes goes to research, better technology, and treatment for preemies.

Sometimes, as the new generation, it seems like the world's problems are on our shoulders, and there are so many great organizations that we want to support but just don't have the manpower or money to support. But if Key Club has taught me one thing, it is that there are great people out there doing great things. We aren't alone; we are in this together to tackle these big issues like prematurity – one blanket at a time.

Region Training Conference

Kalesha Madlani

Division 30 South
Western High School

My first RTC was definitely an experience. I was asked to represent my division by participating in the spirit attire "fashion show". So needless to say I came in almost full spirit attire!

Upon arrival I immediately got to work and sold lanyards like crazy. I was collecting donations from everyone, and I made friends that way! I was reunited with people I met at DCON and other events so we talked during the hot dog lunch.

My LTG pulled me away from my group so I could go learn the staging for the "fashion show". I got to hang out with Region 3 LTG's and watch all the clubs enter the auditorium. The fashion show was fun and I got a lot of applause. People wanted to take photos with me so I felt super special! After the first session we went to our workshops. I went to Key Club 101 to make sure there was nothing I didn't know! I felt great knowing everything listed, and there were some pretty funny moments during that workshop. After that workshop I went to the Project ELIMINATE workshop to learn more about Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. It was a short and very informative workshop. I felt empowered and I knew I wanted to collect as much money as possible to donate to UNICEF. All in all, RTC was a very fun event, it felt great being the second most represented division there!



Children's Book Festival

Kalesha Madlani

Division 30 South
Western High School

The Children's book festival was a lot of fun! Although I missed set up and I got lost at first, I made it to the actual booth.

Our game was a Winnie the Pooh game in which there were three "bee hives" with holes at the bottom and candy inside the beehive. The children had to throw tennis balls at the beehives to knock candy out, whatever candy they knocked out, they won. If they threw the ball in the holes, they won a ticket!

The festival was slow at first, nobody was coming to play games, but eventually our group was buzzing (get it? Buzzing?!). A lot of kids had really strong arms and threw really hard. Because we had a lot of members at our booth, we had to do it in shifts.

While walking around during my break, I got some food and participated in a radio Disney dance contest and won a Disney ticket with a co-board member of mine!

Back at the booth we checked the winners of the tee shirt drawing and I WON A TEE SHIRT. It was really exciting because I love collecting Volunteer tee shirts.

I got to go to other divisions game booths and play their games. I also met a lot of new friends! It was a very fun day and I'm glad I went.



My Key Club Experience

Janine Raymundo

Division 3
John Marshall High School

To be honest, my experience in Key Club was extremely amazing, yet a little surprising for me. I never expected to love it this much as well as it to be this fun. Meeting all these new people has really made an impact in my life. I have made so many new friends within these two months after joining this "family". Although I haven't even been to any of the events yet, I can tell that Key Club really does care about the community and wants to help it as much as they can. I always get excited for Wednesday meetings during lunch at the Big Gym. I'm always fascinated on what not only our President Baltazar has to say, but all of the other board members too. Haha, I hope one day I'll get to be like one of them. Key Club has truly become my new family that I have come to be in. I can't wait for what the next four years will have in store for me as a fellow D3 SHARKEY ABOOGA~

Round up!

Kevan Loo

Division 3
Glendale High School

On October 12, Glendale High had its 31st annual Round Up, where the school's clubs had the chance to raise money by collecting donations in exchange for various foods and sponsoring activities. This year, our Key Club continued the tradition of exchanging pork and chicken dumplings. The local Trader Joe's donated all of the dumplings we sold that night, so we were able to make a 100 percent profit. Thanks Trader Joe's! In preparation for the mini school carnival, we split the number of bags between two groups of our board members and cooked them at our president's house and our secretary's house. We then delivered them to our school where we sold them at two dumplings for \$0.50 and three dumplings for \$1.00. Before two hours had passed, we had sold out and earned a total of \$85.00!

Franklin's Scary Maze

James Talavera

Division 3
Benjamin High School

Monsters, ghouls, and creatures alike! Nothing like seeing monsters and black walls being set up three days before Halloween! This is what we call, Franklin's Scary Maze. In this event, we had Key Clubbers set up our own area to scare the helpless teens as they pass through the room with chills down their spines. Not only was it successful for us, but we helped La Raza Unida gain over \$200! Wow! How awesome is that?! Before Maze Day, we had to set up our area since it was going to be the entrance. We had short space, but it was enough to give some people a good scare. We had screamers left and right. We had wet sponges that make the maze feel cold and eerie. We had white ladies! Popping children! Sneezing skeletons and much more! In fact, about 85% of the people that entered our section got scared the first time they walked in! We were so good and we felt good afterwards! Honestly, we would have been scarier if we had a bigger space, but overall, we enjoyed our volunteering time with La Raza Unida. It brought us together and hopefully they will be able to help us in future events. If there ever is another scary maze, GO VOLUNTEER! IT WILL BE FUN!



CEC Tutoring

Dorena Tran

Division 3
La Canada High School

On a Tuesday afternoon in October, I left school and headed to La Canada Elementary with another officer of Key Club. At the elementary school, we approached the Child Education Center, or CEC. Young elementary school children scurried around playing games, creatively drawing with chalk, and just having fun. We went inside the bungalow and noticed more children were inside, but they were knitting, playing card games, and doing other less active and leisure free activities. We were kindly welcomed by an adult who was in charge. We explained to her that we were from the La Canada High School Key Club and we came to help tutor the children. She explained to us that the study session starts at 4:00 PM, and we had come fifteen minutes early, so we waited. First, we ventured outside to just observe the children and tried to get along with them. However, the heat was overwhelming, so we decided to go back inside. We enjoyed the refreshing air-conditioning and relaxed on the couch as we watched the children inside. Some worked on arts and crafts, while others read stories. The children seemed to be very scared of us, so we tried to smile and make them feel comfortable. Finally, when study session began, we seated ourselves at tables and worked with the children on their homework. While others needed help with math homework, like addition, others needed assistance with reading. The children were so adorable and friendly. Some were very shy, too. Before I knew it, an hour had already passed and the study session was over. The officer and I left CEC after saying our goodbyes to the children and kind teachers. It was really fun and I look forward to going back every month!

Walk to help. Walk to fund-raise. Walk to cure. AIDS Walk

Charlie Sin

Division 3
Crescenta Valley High School

Walking is one of our essential things we do in our daily life. We walk everyday to school, friend's house, stores, or nearest restaurant. If you think about it, we walk for our benefits, not for others. So if we are walking every day, why not help fundraising for people who have HIV/AIDS by walking?

On October 16, 2011, Region 7 (D3, D25W, D25E, and D16) met at West Hollywood Park to attend AIDS Walk. AIDS Walk is a largest AIDS fundraising event in the country. The volunteers walked total of 10 kilometers. Yes 10 Kilometer, which is about 6.21371192 miles. The 10 Kilometer walk took 3 hours for all Region 7 Key Clubbers to finish. Unlike last year, there were no rain clouds to cool us down. Only the angry sun was shooting its heat arrows from the above. Without any shadows, the 3 hour walk was tiring and hot, but it was a memorable and fun event.

Throughout the whole 10 kilometer walk, each Key Clubbers from other divisions met new friends. Along the walk, we all faced the something new and shared something we knew to each other. Not only we walked and talk to each others, all Key Clubbers showed their division cheers. When AIDS Walk was over, Key Clubbers promised each others to meet at the Fall Rally. But by that time, they will be battling each other for a spirit stick.

Pugtoberfest - October 24, 2011

Thu Hoang

Division 37 South
Mt. Carmel High School

Bright rays of light shone on our shiny heads as my fellow Key Clubbers and I entered the neighborhood block that was hosting the Pugtoberfest. The road was cluttered with people and booths and most importantly, pugs—lots and lots of pugs. There were so many pugs that I wondered how owners could determine their dog from others. Once I found jobs for the members to do, I was recruited back to the registration table to help with wristbands. For two lucky members, they were able to help out at the petting pen and spend time having fun with the dogs. It was a pretty relaxing day for all of us. I got to see wide variety of different people—some were super-intense pug lovers and others were more down-to-earth. Finally, around 5pm, we all pitched in to help the cleanup. Chairs had to be folded and stacked, tables collapsed, trash picked up, and everything in between. Luckily, there was a good amount of helpers there to assist at the end. It was a fun experience that I hope to repeat!

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Visiting Builder's Club

Aviva Tang

Division 7 South
Pleasant Grove High School

Key Club Week was November 7-11, and it was quite the week to remember. Pleasant Grove's Key Club board celebrated the "Connect The K's" Wednesday by visiting our very own, Katherine L. Albani Middle School Builders Club! On Wednesday afternoon we dropped by the middle school in order to witness as much of their board meeting as we could. Unfortunately, due to the time lapse between our schools (the high school gets out eleven minutes later), we did miss a few of the board members and the beginning of their meeting. Lucky for us, their Kiwanis Advisor, Mr. Bernie Bowes, was very gracious and welcomed us anyways, introducing us all to the board members in attendance as well as the new committee members. It was all a great deal of fun, between taking their questions, dealing advice, and even teaching them the "How Do You Feel?" cheer (and making them feel awkward in the process!). However, the fun wasn't over just yet.

Luckily for us, the Builders Club was having their actual club meeting the very next day, "Bring Your Friend to Key Club" Thursday, in fact. To keep close relations with our neighboring Builders Club, it is part of our club's Vice President's job to visit their club meetings, and feeling the Key Club Week spirit, I brought along our Spirit Coordinator, Kendyl Ong, and one of our dedicated members, Rudy Dimacali. Together we led an Icebreaker that got those shy kids to smile a bit. "They were a little awkward, but yeah, it was fun," comments Rudy. We sat through their announcements and updates, until finally we were called upon to talk about our club.

"Who here knows what Key Club is?" There was a question I never expected would be met with silence. Surprised at the club members' lack of knowledge, the three of us educated the members on the high points of our club. We praised our club up and down, until finally time ran out, and like Cinderella we were forced to run back to our own school. But unlike Cinderella, we left more than a glass slipper behind. No, we left behind knowledge of our club, and the club members who were there to

receive the knowledge will definitely become our Freshmen Key Clubbers of 2012.

So who knows what Key Club is? Thanks to the efforts of Pleasant Grove's board on Key Club Week, Katherine L. Albani Builders Club, that's who.

Interested in co-sponsoring a Builder's Club? Check on the [CNH Cyberkey](#) under Resources>Chartering

Region Training Conference

Jenny Li

Division 37 South
Mt. Carmel High School

Although this was my second year as both a member and officer of Key Club, this was the first year I attended RTC. This year, the annual event had the theme of the 80's (Radical Time Change) and was held at William Howard Taft Middle School. Our officer board decided to show our spirit by making our own Pacman themed t-shirts to wear to RTC. When I first arrived at Taft Middle School, it seemed very bleak and desolate with barely any grass or equipment. Most of our club had arrived early, so we didn't have much to do for about an hour. However, once we got started by learning our various Key Club spirit cheers, the fun began! Just moments after learning these cheers, we were engulfed in a spirit battle among our division and then against other divisions. These battles seemed pretty intimidating at first but it turned out pretty fun as we continued repeating them throughout the day. Every Key Clubber gathered in the auditorium for an announcement and fun from our LTGs and then we were off to attend a number of workshops. I felt like all the workshops I went to were really successful and enlightening, especially from the guest speaker. Between the workshops, we also had our DCM, which allowed us to relax more. When it was finally time to eat, we were all extremely grateful. I had a delicious dinner of sandwiches before we watched the talent show. It was amazing to see our fellow Key Clubbers show off their skills! I had to leave before the official end of RTC, but I had to admit that I had had a wonderful time! The only complaints I would have is the lack of food and water not provided until late in the evening. Overall, RTC was a event filled with positive energy and I definitely recommend it to anyone wanting to get into the Key Club spirit!

OC Book Festival

Kim Nguyen

Division 4 North
Garden Grove High School

The Orange County Book Festival hosted at Orange Coast College (OCC) is an annual event that brings authors of children books into one place, providing a fun and exciting day for kids and their families. At this event, we, along with many other members of the Kiwanis family, came early to help the booths set up as well as give the authors and sellers aid whenever they need it. One other exciting thing that we helped with was wear a costume of a book character, a goldfish that taught the values of sharing! Our member in the costume not only aided in story time, but also aided in advertising for the author.

Another thing that must be mentioned is the Kiwanis Carnival, which appears at every OC Book Festival. At this carnival, Key Clubs from multiple divisions create game booths so that the kids may play, ours (Garden Grove High School Key Club), was a painting activity that kids can slash paint at a poster of Curious George. This was a long day, but it was well worth it to see the smile on the children's faces!

Hope

Carlos Manzanares

Division 4 North
Garden Grove High School

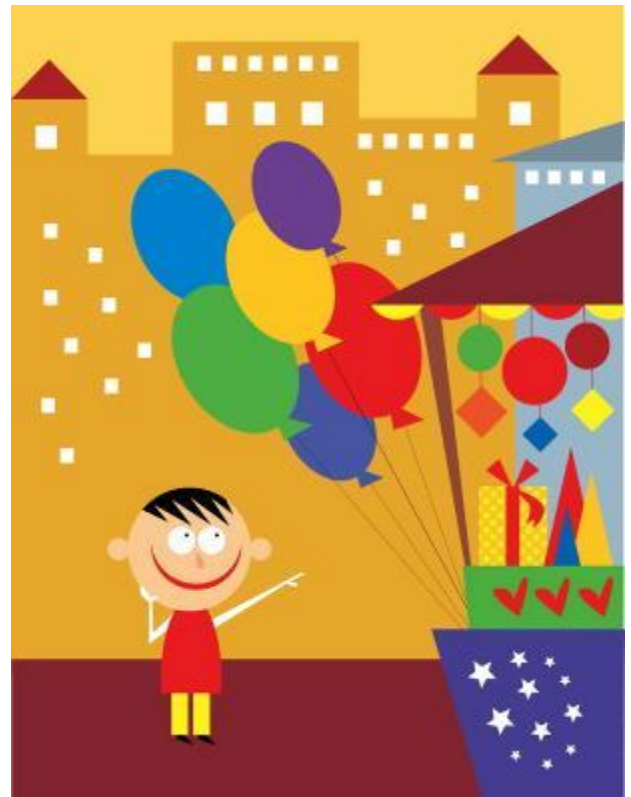
Hope is an area really close to Garden Grove high school and Key Club goes there to help out in any way we can. The day we went we got to help tutor kids and help around. I helped this little girl with her mathematics assignments and after that we helped package some fruits. We had to shove a variety of fruits in a bag and fold them and then section them into an area in the closet. Then we went out and found any trash around the area and picked up and got the key to the trash can and disposed of it. Then we came back and helped out with some inventory. There were many boxes laid out for us and we had to look about what is inside them, and count everything in there and right them down on a piece of paper. Then we helped clean up the area with brooms or helped organize the pencils, pens, or anything the kids might have unorganized themselves. After we were all finished with everything we played games with the children and played the piano.

Crescent Elementary Fair

Faith Bui

Division 4 East
Canyon High School

At our local elementary school, there was a fair for the students to raise money. Every year we always look forward to meeting all of our new fellow Key Club members there. Volunteering here really helped me remember why I love volunteering in the first place. After long periods of separation from Key Club I tend to forget the reason for helping others. Life is just too easy to get self-absorbed. School, family, friends... time is short and most of the time we like to spend it all on ourselves. Volunteering here brought back the feeling of doing something more meaningful. Seeing the kids take enjoyment in the simple things like bean bag tosses and cake walks brings an indescribable joy. It makes me miss all my childhood and just makes me want to help them even more. I really miss volunteering and now I'm even more excited for the rest of our Key Club year!



Ice Cream Fundraiser

Micky Nguyen

Division 7 South
Pleasant Grove High School

ICE-Cream, Ice-Cream!

Pleasant Grove Key Club is starting off great this year! We have not done many fundraisers but we have had one big inflow of cash: ice-cream! We started in the beginning of the year, around the third week of August and we just stopped collecting donations after October. We made a profit of about \$180-\$200 a week which is amazing! We are very sad that the hot weather has ended but we cannot wait to start collecting donations again once May rolls around!

HOW DID WE DO IT?

First we had to purchase the ice-cream freezer. Our club advisor purchased it online for \$60: A pretty good deal considering the amount of profit we make! Then he would restock the freezer with sandwiches, Drumsticks, and fruit bars. The strawberry fruit bars were a great seller! At first, only the board members sold it after school but towards September, we took volunteers to sell. We always had at least one board member that was supervising during that time. But we didn't limit collecting donations just after school, we even sold during lunchtime and the Region 16 Regional Training Conference since it was held at our school. Our advisor, Mr. Tabares, even sold for us during our board meetings, and it was raining outside! This fundraiser was a great success and now that it is ending, we cannot wait for another one to roll around!

Walk It Out

Quynh Mai

Division 30 South
Oxford Academy

The month of October was filled with walks for different causes. There was the Walk for HOPE, Diabetes Walk, and Walk for Alzheimer's. All of these different walks each help a certain special and important cause. Being able to be a part of it was an honor and I felt extremely accomplished after each of these walks.

Walking in it and helping to raise money is one thing, but helping in making sure that it runs smoothly and also just cheering for all the walkers made me feel like I made an impact on someone's life, much like how each of these walks have made an impact on me.

Every time I finished volunteering at a walk, I would go home and just think to myself about how we just helped save lives and motivate those who are sick with diabetes or Alzheimer's or even just help the less fortunate. Each walk's money went to find a cure for the diseases and I felt proud to be part of Key Club because our club helped save lives.

Every walk we volunteer at, we're helping all of the people with illnesses such as diabetes or Alzheimer's. We're helping them find a cure. We're helping to encourage those people to live on.

Even as we simply stand by the sidelines, waving our pom-poms and clapping to cheer on the walkers, we're helping the cause. We're motivating the walkers with the illnesses and we're telling them to never give up.

Families with children or members that have the illnesses show up to these walks almost every year in hopes of finding a cure for their loved ones. As Key Club, we are helping these families and easing their fears even by a little bit by volunteering at these events.

A lot of times, members think we simply go to these walks for the hours, but that's not it. It's not about the hours we get or the great impression we'll receive on our college apps, it's about how we're helping the cause to find a cure for these diseases and we're doing our tiny part in making someone's life easier.

We're showing that we do care and that's all it really takes to motivate someone. Even if it's difficult to find a cure now, there will be a cure in the future. And when there is, we'll be able to say that we were part of Key Club, the club that helped these causes and saved lives.



Behind Closed Doors

Quynh Mai

Division 30 South
Oxford Academy

One amazing event this Halloween weekend was the Fall Festival in downtown Anaheim. At the event we were in charge of working in the haunted house.

First we were given a tour of the haunted house to determine how scary it was. As I walked into the dark halls for the first time I was defiantly afraid because I did not know what to expect. There were some good scares here and there and the whole concept of the maze was a little cheesy but it was well done. After we walked through the maze, we were put into a position. Some people were issued positions as monsters, some were traffic control, but I was in charge of opening and closing the door to the maze. In a sense, I was the gatekeeper to all the scares.

I saw all the people's reactions to the monsters. It was fun because it allowed me to participate in this scary event. Not only was I able to help this fun event, but I also had the opportunity to meet new people from different schools. I made new friends and I had fun time with them.

This event was an interclub event, but this event was also MEP because the whole point of the Fall Festival was to help entertain the children, whether it is though working at game booths, or even through the haunted house, we focused on the kids.

the giant room for about two hours by setting tables, putting up speakers, and serving tea to the senior citizens who had already arrived. Although not all of our volunteers were bilingual, we could still manage to use body language to give tea to the seniors. In the meantime, the seniors were listening to a Chinese orchestra that was composed of only traditional Chinese instruments, so our volunteers were also to experience a taste of Chinese culture. Soon, it was time for lunch, and each volunteer was put to use to serve the Chinese food, which included beef, pork, chicken, fried rice, fish, vegetables, fruits, and even a special moon cake. After about half an hour, the volunteers were also able to enjoy some delicious Chinese food, and after eating lunch, we continued to help out throughout the celebration until finally it came to the end and it was time to clean up. So, we folded the tablecloths, placed the chairs back, and put the speakers back into their original positions. All in all, this was a wonderful volunteering event, because CCASCA appreciates our help as volunteers and we appreciate the opportunity to help make senior citizens happy and as a bonus, to experience Chinese culture through food, music, and a celebration.

Moon Festival

Grace Liao

Division 30 South
Whitney High School

On September 10, Whitney Key Club had the pleasure to work with the Cerritos Chinese American Senior Citizens Association to make their Moon Festival Celebration a success. At this event, seven volunteers set up, served lunch, and cleaned up. Because the event started at 9 A.M., volunteers were setting up



Light the Night Walk

Emily Liu

Division 30 South
Whitney High School

Flashlight and clapper in hand, I was dancing wildly on the middle of the street. Why? It was my way of motivating the walkers to keep walking.

Many family members and friends were gathered for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual Light the Night Walk at Angels Stadium in order to honor those who survived and those who unfortunately didn't quite make it in their battle against leukemia. In order to encourage the walkers to make the complete 2-mile stretch around the stadium, Key Clubbers from around Southern California were stationed around the walk's pathway.

The walk started off slow as the place where I was positioned was around the middle of the entire walk. For about ten minutes, my friend and I chilled and hung around, until our first walker came. All the cheerers stationed around my area began cheering wildly, encouraging them to keep the pace up. This happened for about another ten minutes, but my screaming energy was already dying. Being stationed between two bands made the situation more exciting though, and I thought, why not just dance? Dancing, to me, is another way of sending off energy to people walking by. Plus, my funny dancing could get some laughs coming out. And so, my friend and I decided to have a dance battle.

We started off with some Pokemon moves, eventually shifting to some quirky moves such as a "moustache dance". We got cheers and yelps from the crowd of walkers, and I knew our charm was doing the trick. Soon, the rest of my club stationed near me decided to just jump into the middle of the street and begin cheering and high-fiving people. My friend and I followed suit, and soon, we weren't just dancing, we were high-fiving and entertaining the walkers. The experience was really exhilarating, and I felt my club bond as a family once again.

Even though cheering for a good two hours seemed mundane, by dancing and shouting, not only was the club able to successfully encourage and entertain the walkers, we were also able to enjoy become a family that wasn't board member exclusive. There was a small handful of new Key Club members, and by having them take part in this activity, I felt that they got their first taste that Key Club isn't just a service club. Overall, the event was amazing in many aspects.

Leaders

Cece Working

Division 30 South
Whitney High School

It's never hard figuring out what others need to do, but a challenging aspect of being a leader in my community is figuring out what I need to do so I can better serve others. It's always a personal struggle to find a balance between commanding authority and staying optimistic. "Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." (Henry Van Dyk) Key Club has taught me to really listen. Most of us think about what we're going to say next, but we should give the person speaking to our full attention. We need to thank constantly, praise constantly because these are words long remembered and appreciated. I must constantly remind myself to bring out the best in others, and remind fellow students to sing their songs.

Key Club gives me countless opportunities to act as a leader in my school, and because of this I know: "Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." (George S. Patton) It is immensely rewarding to know that I have led a group of people that have made a difference in the world. "A leader is a dealer in hope." (Napoleon Bonaparte) And these people, these people that work with me to make the world a better place truly mean the world to me. I care for my team and I always strive to know what matters to each member, be it their health, relatives, interests, fears, or hopes. I can only hope that my volunteers bring as much happiness to other's lives as they've brought to mine.

KEY CLUB SPIRIT!!!

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Division 30 South
Whitney High School

You all may be wondering why the title of this article is in capital letters followed by three exclamation marks. Is the topic of this article really something to be that energetic about?

If you knew Key Club, the answer to that question would be a "YES!!!" in capital letters with three exclamation marks.

But what does spirit have to do with service, volunteering, our core values, etc.?

Actually, having Key Club spirit shows all that! When we serve others, we feel good inside, and that can be expressed through happy cheers. Our core values are leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness. Leadership and inclusiveness can be clearly seen when one calls out to another fellow Key Clubber, "Hey (insert name here), how do YOU feel? ". That person is taking charge with the energy and enthusiasm of a true leader, and by trying to involve others into the spirit, the person is being inclusive to everyone. When you yell out the cheers from the top of your lungs, or end a cheer in a unique booty-shake or pelvic thrust, that is undoubtedly something that gives you character. These cheers build character, breaking even the quiet Key Clubbers out of their shells to show the lovable personality that has been inside of them. Finally, caring. Key Club cheers are a big part of Key Club. Wholeheartedly going into these cheers show that you care about the organization you are part of, and that you are proud of being the one to serve the community.

But what if you don't have that overflowing heart of service that urges you to be that spirited? Key Clubbers are human too; don't worry if you are a Key Clubber who is just not feeling that spirit yet. In fact, sometimes getting into the spirit can push you into the love for serving others, too! The spirit of Key Clubbers is so bright and joyful that the optimism is contagious. Being surrounded by the cheerful environment of Key Clubbers just makes you cheerful, too, and true joy always motivates you to give back. Always. Guaranteed.

Now that you've read this, you now know why the issue of SPIRIT is so important that the usage of capital letters and exclamation marks is needed.

AIDs Walk

Shelby Ly

Division 13 North
Warren High School

On October 16th, the Warren Key Club joined forces with the Warren Humanitarian Society club in the AIDS Walk from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in North Hollywood. We used the money raised from Shakey's Night to find a cure for AIDS and walked a whopping 10km! It was scorching hot and it felt like we have been walking forever. Everyone ran towards the drinks and the ice-cream at first sight. The rushing crowds made it very easy to stray from the group. Luckily, there were signs for each group so everyone can identify the team. Everyone took refuge from the blistering heat in the shade while some were unaffected and continued walking in the sun. When we were finished, our efforts were awarded with a certificate saying that we walked 10km. A word of advice for those who will go next year: bring a hat and sunscreen!

For November, we will be helping out at a church in Downey to feed the hungry before the day of Thanksgiving. We will serve food and clean up.



Fall Festival

Edward Hong

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Whitney High School

2 days before Halloween this year, on the 29th of October, Division 30 South had its October DCM at the Anaheim Fall Festival. Even though it wasn't the "official" time to be dressing up in various costumes, children and adults alike suited up for a day of fun on the Center Street Promenade.

As members of Key Club, we reported to the Kiwanis booth in the morning to sign in and receive our jobs for the day. So for the next hour and a half or so, we had to walk from one end of the street to the other, and help the different organizations set up and organize their booths. Sometimes, the organizations' representatives would have us do some unique tasks such as blowing up 100 balloons or painting a sign; we did these anyways, since the volunteer coordinators from Kiwanis didn't specify exactly how we had to help the booths.

After finishing the set up, the participants of the festival started to arrive. This is when the volunteer coordinators handed out free lunch tickets to us volunteers, and we were finally given some time to explore the same booths that we had set up a few minutes prior. So, we thoroughly enjoyed wandering through the street, looking at trinkets in stores and unique costumes of the people there.

Unfortunately, after our DCM, all of us volunteers from Whitney High School had to leave. But while we were waiting for our rides to pick us up, a volunteer coordinator came over and told us to start picking up random pieces of trash that people had dropped throughout the street. Luckily, we spent only about 30 minutes dirtying our hands before we finally got the chance to leave.

Disneyland Half Marathon

Tiffany

Division 30 South
Whitney High School

2:30 AM is the time when Division 30 South went volunteering for the Disneyland's annual event of jogging. We, volunteers, gathered for the sign in, followed with a few hours of waiting and cheering the walkers and runners, who dressed in colorful Disney costumes, smiling. Rachel, the coordinator, kindly assigned tasks which needed helping.

Some included:

Guarding the area, making sure none blocked the pathway,

And assuring that only those with wristband were allowed in the special area.

During my time, a poor ill child vomited, leaving me with a disgusting pile in which I made sure no one stepped into.

After 8 fun, long hours of standing in the dark cold night until 10AM.

Receiving a special reward at the end- a ticket to the land of the Disney.

A day well spent, giving back to the wonderful city of Anaheim.



Embrace The Cause

Andy Thai

Division 30 South
Western High School

What an experience...Light the Night Walk as present by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is definitely a day that will forever be carved into my memories. An annual event that's hosted in the Angels Stadium of Anaheim in the month of September, it was pledge walk and charity event to raise awareness for those who are currently fighting against these cancers or in memories of those who unfortunately passed away. My journey began with arriving at the Stadium around two hours before noon, with an normal and still atmosphere – however, thinking back on it now it was a definite contrast to night time with thousands of people cheering, the lights from all the accessories, emotions vibrating from the people. Anyways, after arriving there and signing in, I began with setting up the food area by securing the walk routes and setting up the unusually heavy and suffocating tables with some fellow Magnolia Key Clubbers. After this project was done with, I grouped up with my very own Western Key Club and starting sorting candies and other goodies for the different booth; it was short-lived however since they were almost done. Next, we help secured an area for the VIPs of the event, around one of the large hat and also help with setting up the area for the shirts for all the walkers. Soon after, I happily joined up with some fellow friends from Magnolia, who I haven't seen in months, to help distribute cookies to the food area. After this assignment, it was finally time for a lunch break: 4 different kind of pastas! It was like feeding time at the zoo for me and I gobbled down my portion in mere minutes. Finally, next comes the biggest project of the day for me: to distribute all the water and other drinks across the various drinking station set up around the event. Extremely hard work and a good sweat too. Joining Western Key Club again, we began by unloading the various drinks from this monstrous and chilling trunk. Like an amateur

assembly line, we unloaded the drinks very systematically and with such proficiency like a colony of ants. Then came the harder part, loading all the drinks to the drinking station in the blazing hot sun. We all scattered to the three stations and split up the work with all the volunteer: it was quite a pain to drag one cast of water from one place to another. However, I am quite prideful of myself for taking up this task and following through with it until it was done and over with. By now, it was around 3:00 P.M and September DCM was suppose to be starting....it got postponed until 4:00 P.M. During that one hour of freedom, I just used it catching up with some friends. Finally DCM arrived an hour later and we were briefed on our past news, current situation, and future events. It was also this time that my president, Jessica Pham, finally arrives despite usually being the early bird that she is. Western too, was also revealed to be the number three school of the month for Key Club, super happy to hear that. Then at the end of DCM, as a small gift, we were shown a couple of new chants – some were interesting and refreshing, while others need... some... time. To wrap up my day, with volunteering over with, I got the chance to rock climb with my good friend George Ngo of Magnolia; the highlight of my day when I finally reached the top and my ritual of manhood was achieve. At this point I was hungry, and soon left behind this event unfortunately, to go eat from the Kogi Food Truck at the Asian Garden Mall. With a mixture of purpose and fun, this was definitely an accomplished day; I embraced the cause.



259 New Faces

Jessica Pham

Division 30 South
Western High School

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 marked Key Club's very first general meeting of the 2011-2012 school year. Over 250 students signed up for Key Club during Club Rush, but it was common knowledge that most people chose to write down their names to collect stickers, grab flyers, or take candy from the table. The board members and I had hope, but we expected no more than 150 students to attend the first meeting.

No one expected such an enormous body of students to enter the Lecture Hall, Western's largest classroom, for the Key Club meeting.

Ten minutes passed and still, students were shuffling into the classroom. Some admitted to leaving the meeting because there were too many people, but these students gladly e-mailed me asking about the events and the "how to" of Key Club afterwards.

Nonetheless, all of the seats were taken. Most students chose to sit at the side of the classroom or stand in the back. Not enough agendas were printed, but all (including membership applications) were handed out. And finally, at 12:00 p.m., the general meeting began with one ring from the Key Club bell.

"Will everyone rise for the pledge?" Bulletin Editor Priyang Patel asked. "Put your right hand up and repeat after me. I pledge on my honor..." And so it began. The adrenaline, excitement—even the anxiety—that the board members felt in preparation for our largest general meeting were finally given the chance to be expressed. Yearbook staff members sat during the meeting, sure to capture such moments. Students, entirely absorbed in the Key Club atmosphere, sat listening.

Although most students had known little to nothing about Key Club before the meeting began, over twenty students signed up for events (without hesitation) following the meeting. Half of them were freshmen.

Western Key Club was acknowledged as the most improved club within the division last year. This year, I only hope that it continues to grow, but with such an amazing turnout, I can't help but think that we will undoubtedly be successful.

Anaheim Fall Festival

Katilyn Nguyen

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Magnolia High School

Every year, the city of Anaheim has a Halloween event called the Fall Festival. This festival is designed for children who want to have fun and do some early trick-or-treat before Halloween. Before the event started, volunteers helped set up the booths. We first helped the different organizations unload their things from their car and bring them to the booth. I helped carry tables, chairs, and other necessities for that booth. After everyone finished, we helped each of the booth set up their tables and materials for the festival. Then, we sat around because there were no jobs available. I was able to find some of the Key Clubbers from my school and hang out with them for a while. They were new to Key Club so I mostly talked to them about that. When kids started coming, volunteers split up and went to different booths to help them manage it. There were booths for decorating cupcakes, making ghosts and spiders, face painting, and pumpkin decorating. All the arts and crafts stuff at the festival were free for the children and everyone else. Some of the volunteers decided to walk around and look at the different booths. We also went into a haunted house, which was one of the scariest things I have done in my entire life. I practically ran out of the haunted house screaming. Besides the arts and crafts, there were food booths and booths that were collecting donations. While all of this was going on, there were performances from the Oxford Academy Fiddlers and Katie Ross. There was a costume contest for the children too. Some of the costumes were really cute. There were a lot of vampires, princesses, and superheroes. This event was really fun and it was a great way to interact with kids.

Disneyland Half Marathon

Jennifer Cam

Division 30 South
Magnolia High School

I FEEL GOOD, OH I FEEL SO GOOD.
AUGHHHHH*

I FEEL FINE, ALL OF THE TIME. ABOOGA,
ABOOGA, ABOOGA, BOOGA BOOGA!

So how many of you LOVE and ENJOY going out to Disneyland?!

Well I certainly do! During the Disneyland Half Marathon, basically the overall duty was to cheer on the runners! I lost my voice completely after the event was over.

Volunteers had to wake up at 2 in the morning and wait in a tremendous line for signing in. However, coordinators served hot, delicious breakfast to us before the marathon had started. Even though half of us were dead tired, we still managed to walk from the Mickey and friends parking structure to Downtown Disney. I found it very refreshing how we were allowed to walk around the empty district without having to be bumped into someone.

Volunteers had a chance to have a 2 hour break! Some of us went off to the hotels around Downtown Disney to get some hot chocolate while others such as me slept on couches with other volunteers. By 3 am, volunteers from every corner came. We had to split up into groups of 5 and monitor different stations. Luckily, I had the task of PROTECTING grass, literally. For the past 6 hours, me and five other volunteers PROTECTED grass. What I mean by PROTECTING grass, is not letting any of the marathon runners cut through the finish line.

Despite the fact that I was PROTECTING grass, I got to hang out with a few other Key Clubbers from different schools. They had VERY interesting personalities which I thought was very unique for them.

When the runners were lining up, all we could see was tiny people dressed up as either Disneyland characters or very BIZARRE clothing. When the marathon started, fireworks coming from Rainforest Café started shooting out into the skies. As marathon runners began running, I was able to get up close to runners and give them high fives for running at 4 am which is all going for a great cause.

As the runners came closer to the finish line, all we could hear was a stampede coming our way. There was a big television screen where the announcer took quick shots of the runners. Supporters and family members all gathered around the Downtown Disney to cheer for the marathon runners.

Later on, during the day, the whole parking lot and Downtown Disney was crowded. I could barely find my LTG to sign out for the day.

ALL IN ALL, this event gave me the experience to get up at 2 in the morning without any sleep whatsoever and volunteer for about 11 hours. Overall, every volunteer who came out got A FREE DISNEYLAND TICKET. Hooray! :D

Teen Friendly Tree Planting

Gavin Fong

Division 7 South
Monterey Trail High School

Recently I attended a service event called "Teen Friendly Tree Planting". The event felt very relaxing because it let me spend some time outdoors which was very pleasant with the college application deadlines coming in soon. I could tell that my fellow members feel the same way about this event because they all got a chance to spend time with each other!

Planting the trees made me feel like I was giving back to nature, which is why some of the volunteers actually named some of the trees!

I am incredibly fortunate that I was given an opportunity to participate in this event for my senior year. Hopefully, my fellow members felt the same way and that we are able to continue community service events such as this!



Magnolia Car Wash

Bryan Tang

Division 30 South
Magnolia High School

The Magnolia Car Wash is an event planned by our treasurer, William Hua, to raise some money for our club. There are a lot of great events to attend, but the magnolia car washes are definitely my favorite! Everyone helps out by bringing a hose, or some buckets, or rags. The first few hours was very hectic, because there were so many cars and everyone was tired. We had a lot of people advertising. At the last car wash, advertising was my favorite, but this time I did anything to avoid it! I only did that because the streets were pretty dead. I was bummed about it, but it gave me a chance to get to bond with my club. I've been to a lot of events, but this one was different.

Our duties were to bring materials, advertise, and wash whatever cars came in. And did I mention how great it feels when you're waving that sign and you get someone to wash their car?! :D But anyway! It was a bit cold in the morning, but luckily, we got so many cars and it was pretty sunny. It wasn't too long before the cars stopped coming. I would have to admit today's car wash was one of the more successful carwashes, so it was a great day. Very... Unforgettable.

It really helped that we had a lot of extra hands so it was a lot of work! But we got it done! In the end, we made about \$113 for the division. I would like to thank Western for also bringing a bunch of members. We couldn't have done it without you.

It was such an easy going event. All I had to do was wave a sign and occasionally wash some cars and the best part was I got a chance to spend some time with everyone. Over all, the event was a blast and we did extremely well considering the location of our car wash, but we all made the best of it and enjoyed the event. I would really recommend going to the next one, which should be coming up soon! Hope to see you there(:

Cirque de Sandburg

Zabrina Reyes

Division 21
Mira Mesa High School

With the season of Autumn in full swing, Halloween fever is beginning to take hold of the town of Mira Mesa. Families are carving out the jack-o-lanterns. Others are spook-ifying their lawns with fog machines and paranormal sound effects! And with Paranormal Activity 3 out in theaters, trying to scare the spirit out of our Key Clubbers, the D21 Hippos still remain active—*and alive!*

Members from the Mira Mesa area worked with groups from other organizations such as American Red Cross, Interact, and UCSD's Community Outreach organization after school on October 21 to make sure every child—not to mention family—had fun playing carnival games at the Sandburg Carnival. There were many Kids Booths, all of which was held in the bustling community of Sandburg Elementary. Key Club volunteers were assigned to a job, whether it was face-painting or maintenance of booths, to ensure the best experience for the kids of Sandburg Elementary. And on top of that, first-time Key Clubbers had a chance to realize what Key Club is all about—serving the children and having fun while doing so.

Little kids decked out in the most adorable costumes cruised around, fascinated by the creative cakes that were submitted into the annual cakewalk. They marveled at the cotton candy machine, squealed over the Halloween cookies, and cackled at their victorious booth-winning accomplishments. I felt so blessed just to be watching their curiosity shape our community event. There was even an old man dressed as a garden gnome, who claimed to be a "Pro-Red-Hat". The sense of community that was so evident in this Halloween Carnival proved to me that helping out the youngsters, even if it did take a good chunk of time on a Friday night, was worth it.

Providing an alternative medium of entertainment for the next generation made me remember the days when I counted down until I could wear my princess costume again. Their dedication to winning each carnival game motivated me to continue serving for the children.

Light the Night Walk

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John F. Kennedy High School

The annual Light the Night Walk was held at the Angels Stadium in Anaheim on September 17, 2011. This event was sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in order to raise money for and spread awareness for these serious blood cancer diseases. On this day, many members of Key Club from our division's high schools volunteered to help set up for this amazing event. I luckily was one of those volunteers, so I got to experience firsthand the magic of service, especially for such a great cause.

The first time I participated in the Light the Night Walk was when I first joined Key Club last year as a freshman. This event was actually the first Key Club promoted event that I attended. It was also the first time I got to experience a DCM.

When the DCM actually started at the back of the stadium, it was an experience I'll never forget. There were so many people who were so close to each other and so excited about the meeting that I was overwhelmed. The lieutenant governor of the time introduced events and projects that I didn't even know about that Key Clubs were participating in. The enthusiasm from all of the attendees only made me want to become a more active member in Key Club. I knew I wanted to be a part of this.

Attending that first DCM and screaming out that Key Club cheer with everyone there is what made me want to pursue a greater part in Key Club, and in turn, a greater part in the community.

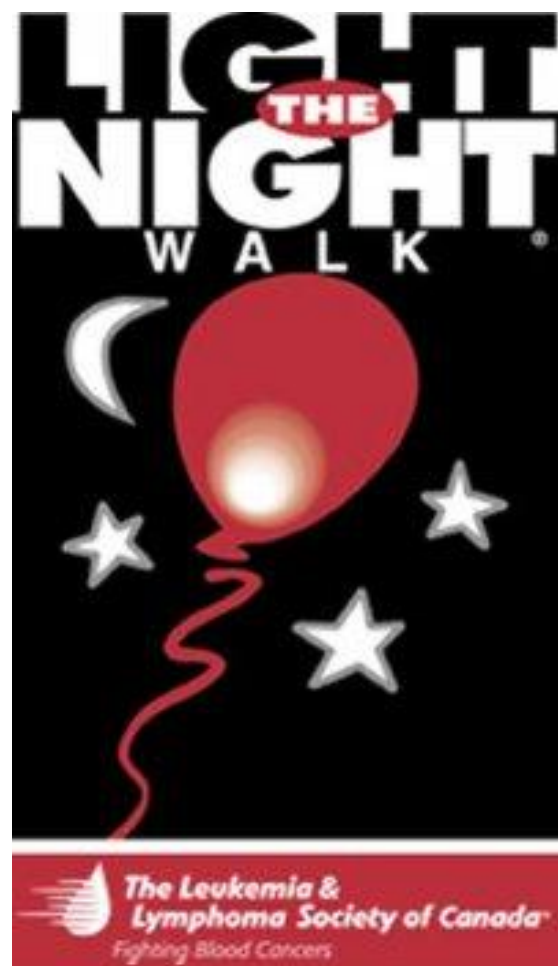
Last year's Light the Night Walk inspired me to volunteer at more and more events, loving and cherishing that amazing feeling I got from doing my part and providing my service for someone else. Becoming a more active member in Key Club also gave me more confidence in myself to go and apply to become the secretary for my home club. Now I type out this article with the position in my home club that I wanted, happier than ever.

Since then, I have participated in more community service opportunities that I could have never imagined. Joining Key Club has literally been one of the best decisions I've ever made.

That one day, that one event that I heard about at one of those Key Club meetings, has changed my life forever. So many memories and stories have been created because of the Light the Night Walk, and I have Key Club to thank for that.

Walking along with all of those supporters for the cause and seeing all of those survivors of the diseases that one September night brought back so many flashbacks of this same event that I participated in just one year ago. Each time I go, I get more enthusiastic about volunteering and community service, making me want to attend the Light the Night Walk every single year since it truly has made an impact on my life. I want to remember and recognize the influence attending this event has had on me.

Receiving that free shirt acknowledging my participation in the walk, forever a memento of that inspiring day, and holding those light-up balloons, seeing a sea of people with those same lights hanging above their heads was a beautiful sight that will never cease to amaze me, not this year, not next year, not the year after that, or the year after that...



Fall Rally South

Mari Pascual

Division 28 South
Coronado High School

Many of us were so tired to even comprehend what was happening at all. It was 2:00 A.M., but we still tried our best by rehearsing for Fall Rally South. I couldn't wait to show my pride and spirit towards our division. Our spirit leaders, Calvin Kleber and Will Arellano, were quite amazing by keeping many of us in check. I could sense that we all wanted this. After much practice, our LTG, Aldrin Santamaria, gave us a pep talk. He then ended it with the whole division of 28 South to do the 'How Do You Feel' cheer. A frenzy of nervousness, adventure, and an impulse to win filled the air. We all finally understood that Fall Rally had arrived! The division of 28 south knew for certain that another Las Vegas division would take the spirit stick, and that division this year would be 28 South!

Though the five hours of sitting on the bus was brutal to many of us, we knew we were at Six Flags: Magic Mountain. We caught the glimpse of roller coasters like Goliath and X2, and the people on my bus were getting pumped. Many began to rush outside of the bus to begin making their way towards the park. Before the doors even opened for Six Flags, our division's board had us practice. We knew that the first spirit session would be for us, and the division had to get there fast. Many of us tried to run, jog, sprint, or tried their best to get to the Golden Bear Theater! The gates soon freed us into finding the stadium that would be filled with our spirit.

The pandas of Division 28 South circled up into their spot for the session! The time for the spirit rally then came around, as we began to whisper to do the 'Panda Power' cheer. We all began to yell and scream and as well as try our best to show our spirit! The district board soon announced the five divisions who would be apart of round two. We all were awaiting for Division 28 South to be called accordingly. "Division 28 South you will also be in the next round!" Once Andrew Liu spoke those few words, the pandas screamed in joy! Round two began shortly while they called divisions one by one. As we heard our name, the pandas put all of their efforts in each other! We spoke our cheer with such

eloquence that we were ready to take over the spirit competition!

"And last but not least, Division of 28 South will be in the next round!" We then whispered to do our 'Secret Cheer' for the last round! The other two competitors did an amazing job, but we were finally ready to do our cheer. Once our spirit leaders counted off, we started our cheer that won us the spirit stick! Once we threw our pom-poms in the air, we knew we could possibly win this!

"The division who will win the spirit stick will be Division 28 South!" said Erinn Wong congratulating us. The stands filled with Division 28 South was filled with cheers and shrieks! Applauses were heard everywhere! We couldn't believe it, and many of use cried that we finally did it. For the first time, Division 28 South has won the spirit stick! I am so proud to call myself a panda!



Grassroots

Conway Ou

Division 7 South
Franklin High School

The last 30 seconds of the final game had tension on both sides. The Kitty Cats were up by one, and Army of 3 was rushing to the other side to score. In a flurry of action, the ball switched from one team to the other, until Ajay Sharma on the Army of 3 had a straight line toward the goal. With 5 seconds left, he slid toward the goal. Nelson Loveridge of the Kitty Cats deflected the shot and ended the game.

Grassroots, or Inspi(red) Soccer Tournament is a fundraiser to help treatment for AIDS in Africa. Teams of 3-5 are set against each other in soccer games to create RED products that save lives, Franklin High School has been participating in Grassroots soccer for 4 of the last 5 years this event has been around, and each year we execute it with the spirit and liveliness of Key Club.

Around 11 am, our board members and about 30 volunteers assemble at Henry Backer Senior Park. After being split into different groups, some volunteers set up goals while others place cones around the perimeter. The board compiles a list of the 12 teams expected to arrive and creates a bracket according to their skill level.

At 1 pm, the first teams begin to trickle in, and warm up with spare soccer balls. Schools from around the division gather to support their teams and mingle and talk. Then the games started.

As the rounds pass, it was clear which teams were going to dominate. The experienced players scored goal after goal on amateurs, with their eyes on the medals. After the 3rd round, the games were paused for lunch. A break from the competition, people were more relaxed in their conversations with others. Some people brought their basketballs or tennis rackets and played in the surrounding park.

During the semifinals, only 4 teams remained in the winning bracket. Army of 3 faced Pizzashooters while the Kitty Cats played against 3 Guys 1 Ball. 3 Guys 1 Ball also happened to be the Franklin Grassroot's champion since it began, and it was a great tragedy when they lost by one to the Kitty Cats. The remaining losing bracket games' informality is starkly contrasted by the tension of the finals. Although Franklin wasn't able to pull out a win, they put in a great effort. Elk Grove High School's team came out victorious! Everyone was especially generous after the event, staying after to help clean up and recycle the water bottles.

Despite the friendly competition that went on during Grassroots, everyone was unified by their love of soccer, their love of Key Club, and the need to help others!



PROJECT R.I.D.E.

Sabrina Wu

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Project R.I.D.E., a therapeutic center for people of all ages with special needs is one of a kind organization.

Every year Project R.I.D.E holds a spaghetti feed to raise money for their program. The fundraiser allows patients who cannot afford their program to ride for free lessons. This year, Franklin High School was honored to be a part of this amazing event. With a sold out crowd, parents, teens, and kids of all ages and of special needs came together for this spectacular event.

We were in charge of the game booths! In which every organization competed against each other to see who could come up with the best game. Franklin came up with pin the tail on the donkey and a lollipop tree. Other games included fishing for a prize, basketball, bean bag toss, and much more. Some of our club worked on serving the spaghetti to the families while others worked the game booth and played alongside the children.

Kids came rushing up with their tickets, wanting to play against each other and see who could win the better prize. Some of the children didn't always win, but every child ran up with a smile on their face, and left with a smile. While others children had special needs, and didn't fully understand the game, they were still as cheerful, excited, and competitive.

Each kid that came up to play was joyful, only wanting to have a good night and some fun at this event. As for the eating portion of this event, Franklin High was able to serve the families who came to eat some of the best spaghetti in town! Set up like a family style dinner, each of our servers provided families with numerous trays of garlic bread, salad, spaghetti, and drinks, until the night was over.

The smiles on each kids face after playing numerous games, and the appreciation in the parents eyes, brought joy to many of us Key Clubbers. Seeing the happiness and joy in the children, shows us how much we love helping out our community and as many ways as possible.

The work that Project R.I.D.E. does is much like that of Project SHINE. Thus being is the reason Franklin High School Key Club enjoys working alongside this amazing organization, not only with their fundraisers and clean-ups but also the therapeutic riding sessions.



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