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## Introduction

Division 26D Leaders,

I don't know about you all, but I am so excited for winter break.

It is time to begin thinking about running for higher office. Feel free to ask me any questions about becoming Lieutenant Governor. I have had such an amazing time being LTG so far and I recommend running to anyone interested.

Please share this MEB with your club members, and as always never hesitate to contact me with questions or for help with planning service projects.

Yours in Service,

Leah Robinson

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## Leadership Quote

### A LESSON IN LEADERSHIP

OPTIMISM IS THE ULTIMATE DEFINITION OF A  
LEADER. A LEADER HAS TO LOOK OPTIMISTICALLY  
AT WHAT IS AHEAD WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
CHALLENGES THAT MUST BE OVERCOME.

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## 1. Service Projects

### **Outfit your community**

One fantastic way to help local families in need is to organize, volunteer for, or donate by hosting a clothing drive at your schools. You can talk to your school leaders about local women and children's shelters such as Estella's Place and Red Cross by simply taking inventory of gently used clothing that no longer fits you or your siblings and bring it to one of the organizations below.

Estella's Place- +1 345-943-2422

Cayman Islands Red Cross- +1 345-949-6785

**Donate kids' craft kits to a local children's hospital.**

**Organize a board game night at your local nursing home.**

Gather your friends and favorite classic games and plan a fun afternoon.

**Decorate placemats for Meals on Wheels.**



Having trouble finding service projects in your area or local nonprofits for your Key Club to work with?

**USE  
VOLUNTEERMATCH.ORG**

VolunteerMatch is a quick, easy way for your Key Club to find service projects in the area by simply searching your zip code!



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## **2. OIF Updates**

Please be sure to update your Officer Information Forms (OIF's). OIF's should be updated if any changes occurred. Some emails are unable to send because of a custom mail flow rule, please use your personal email instead.

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## 3. How to Keep Members Active

Below are four tips on maintaining an active Key Club:

### **Plan a Service Project.**

One of the most important things you can do to maintain membership involvement is to plan something where everyone has something to look forward to.

### **Develop interactive activities.**

To maintain an active club, have a productive meeting. What does this mean? Essentially, the more people that show up to the meeting, the more people will be informed, involved, and integrated with club news and plans. Interactive activities can draw people to the meeting. This can include things such as icebreakers and games. The opportunities are endless as long as you have the right mentality!

### **Change the atmosphere.**

Make the club less like a boring thing no one looks forward to. Change it up to where everyone decides they want to go to the meeting set up for that week. They want to participate in activities. Some ways to do this include having a not-so-formal atmosphere bring in guest speakers! Have food for the members during the meeting. This is essential because if the students have the right mentality, the club will undergo periodic success.

### **Note attendance.**

This single action can tie in all the previous advice together. Noting attendance can lead to a system where action leads to rewards. Even if you have a service project, it wouldn't be beneficial if people show up to the service project itself and not the meetings. Using attendance as a point system can encourage participation. It is important to distinguish who is involved in the essence of the club and who is involved in the resume

building aspect of joining a club.

Overall, don't let winter break take down the steam behind what runs your club, what you want to pursue within a club.

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## **4. Dues**

All members should pay CI\$15 for the whole club year. The Membership Update Center (MUC) is used to input and update membership information and has been open since September 4th at 11:00 AM (UTC-5). I expect every club from Division 26D to receive the Early Bird Dues Banner Patch.

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## **5. Pride Reports**

The Pride Report for November is due  
December 10, 2018.

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## **6. DCM's and Divisional Projects**

Below are the dates and locations of upcoming DCMs selected through the survey sent out to each Key Clubber and Faculty Advisor of Division 26D. Please confirm with your schools that the dates given have no conflicts with other events.

## DCMS & DIVISIONAL PROJECTS

Smith Cove- August 25, 2018

Cayman Prep and High School- September 29,  
2018

(KCKC) John Gray High School- October 27,  
2018

St Ignatius- November 24, 2018

Clifton Hunter High School- December 9, 2018

Cayman Prep and High School- January 27,  
2019

St Ignatius- February 24, 2019

(SZR) John Gray High School- March 23, 2019

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## 7. Fundraising Ideas

### **Host a tournament.**

It can be basketball, softball, video game, pool, volleyball—any type of tournament! Have an entrance fee for individuals or teams. Advertising the tournament is the key to success of this event—start at least two months before. Be sure to have great prizes for those who win. You need to give an incentive for people who pay to enter a tournament.

### **Host a Talent Show**

Many organizations host talents show for people to watch. Consider incorporating a television show theme like Dancing with the Stars, American

Idol, So You Think You Can Dance, America's Got Talent, etc. Do not forget to recruit judges! This will need time and serious planning. Just like tournaments, be sure to have good prizes.

### **Create a calendar**

Develop a theme for a special calendar. Approach a printer about offering a discount for printing the calendar and offer the printer advertising on the calendar. After the calendars have been printed, sell the calendars to parents, local businesses, etc. The price of the calendar should cover the printing and allow for more funds to support the club.

## **Fundraising Projects**

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# **8. Running for Higher Office**

### **Proper planning and preparation prevent poor performance.**

Whether it's preparing a speech or material for caucusing, it's imperative to make sure that you've taken the time to prepare yourself for what's ahead. This isn't a test you can cram for, but anyone can be your study buddy, and a mirror makes a great audience. Practice being comfortable with yourself and what you have to say. You know you've got this — it's just a matter of convincing everyone else.

### **Be authentic.**

Whatever you decide to go for, you'll likely have competition. With so many things in common, it's easy for the faces and speeches to blend. Forty minutes into House of Delegates and half of your audience may very well be half asleep. Give them something to remember! Worry less about trying to blend in or stick out, and worry more about playing to your specific strengths. Work on showing who you are in a way that's authentic and relatable. After all, who could forget someone as unique as you?

### **Do study and practice. Don't memorize.**

Whether it's speeches or caucus questions, it's often easy to pick out those who know what they're talking about and those who merely have a list of memorized talking points or answers. Just like when you study for a test,



don't prepare specific answers. Instead, review your platform and your Key Club knowledge, and the information will roll off your tongue when you need it. You'll sound much more authentic and prepared. You've got this!

**Get ready not to know.**

It's going to happen. You'll be standing behind a podium, wearing your best "I want to be your next (insert position here)" smile, and someone will ask a question that you have no idea how to answer. Rather than letting that internal scream out and running for the door, get OK with saying "I don't know." Be prepared to offer a suggestion for self-improvement, and mention how you'll handle not knowing the information in a leadership role as well. After all, you're a candidate, not an encyclopedia.

**Get a buddy.**

Having someone by your side the entire time is invaluable. Sometimes the pull of endless friends and fun is distracting. You need someone who can help you resist distractions. Find a buddy who will take the awkwardness out of introductions, listen to your ideas and offer moral support when your heel breaks, your tie rips, and your dog eats your speech. All in all, I know you can do this. I can tell you from personal experience that being in any higher office in Key Club is so, so worth it. Don't let fear rule. Reach out to me if you need anything, and show the world what remarkable leaders Key Club has!

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## 9. Spring Zone Rally (SZR)

Spring Zone Rally will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The location will be at John Gray High School. At Spring Zone Rally, you will get the chance to listen to the candidates running for District Office and International Endorsement, as well as ask them questions! More importantly, each school will be choosing their 2018-2019 Lt. Governor. I cannot wait to see you all there! Remember that all members and advisors are encouraged to attend, with each school having at least five members present.

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## 10. Service Over Break

The entire Division will be participating in the Kids Care Project. Assisting in creating the puppets, boards as well as sharing the message, which is to educate children, teens and adults about helping pets over the winter break.



### STUDENT ANIMAL HEROES NEEDED FOR PET PUPPET SHOW PROJECT!

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A PIONEER  
FOR AN ANIMAL WELFARE MOVEMENT IN CAYMAN?!**

**Want to share your love of animals?  
Sounds like a great idea to us!**

We are looking for student volunteers who can assist us with:

- \* Building the puppet show stage
- \* Making puppets and material for the show
- \* Taking part in presenting the show to students in Cayman.



**SIGN UP NOW AT  
[KIDS@CAYMANCARE.KY](mailto:kids@caymancare.ky)  
TO HELP US HELP  
KIDS HELP PETS**

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## 11. Executive Committee Contact Information:

This information below is substantial information that each Key Clubber of Division 26D is required to know as it relates to the Executive Board, Division 26D Lieutenant Governor and our Zone K Administrator of the Mighty, Mighty, Florida District Key Club.

- District Governor Sohayla: [governorsohayla@floridakeyclub.org](mailto:governorsohayla@floridakeyclub.org)
- District Secretary Emily Burris: [Secretary@floridakeyclub.org](mailto:Secretary@floridakeyclub.org)
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- Zone K Administrator, Division 26 Dawn Campbell:  
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## 12. Sunshine Source

*The Sunshine Source* is the Florida District's bi-monthly magazine where you can keep up with the latest Key Club News. Please visit *The Sunshine Source*. The link is below.

**Sunshine Source**

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## 14. Awards and Contests Blurb



**START HERE!**

## GET READY, GET SET, GO!

New Awards and Contests Forms will be available in September 2018. We will be using Google Forms. This will make data entry and submission of the applications easier.

More information will be sent in the coming months.

**The submission deadlines:**

Pre-DCON Awards- March 7, 2019 by 11:59 PM EST.

DCON Contests- April 4, 2019 by 10:00 PM EST.

Why is it important to apply for awards you may ask?

It's not about just receiving the Awards, it's the satisfaction that you receive knowing the service you have contributed to your community is greatly appreciated.

You will receive:

- Recognition of self and others.
- Validation of service to community.
- Motivate others to serve.
- Influence others positively.

Any questions email the Awards Committee Chair at [awards@floridakeyclub.org](mailto:awards@floridakeyclub.org).



Show off your talent in the  
**Oratorical and Talent Contests** at DCON 2019!

This year, preliminary auditions will be via YouTube. Keep an eye and an ear open for more info!

*the stage is yours!*

## 15. Major Emphasis Blurb



Has your club recently completed a service project you're wanting to share with the Service and Major Emphasis Committee?

Tell us all about it! Send us a brief description of the project that you completed, along with pictures, to [servicecommittee@floridakeyclub.org](mailto:servicecommittee@floridakeyclub.org)

You and your club will be recognized by the district and possibly have your club's project end up on the Florida Key Club website!

**SINCERELY, THE SERVICE AND  
MAJOR EMPHASIS COMMITTEE**

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## **16. Legal and Elections Blurb**





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Visit the 'Be A Leader' tab at [floridakeyclub.org](http://floridakeyclub.org)  
to download

If you have any questions, email [elections@floridakeyclub.org](mailto:elections@floridakeyclub.org)

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## 17. Scholarship Blurb



## **18. Clubs and Sponsoring Kiwanis Club**

Division 26D is comprised of the following clubs, and are all sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman:

- 1) Clifton Hunter High School
  - 2) Cayman Prep and High School
  - 3) St. Ignatius High School
  - 4) Triple C High School
  - 5) John Gray High School
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