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Hello Leaders of Division 26D,

I trust you are all doing well and are enjoying all the new service opportunities 2023 has brought. I understand that this time can be very stressful so make sure you prioritize mental health and reach out if you need anything. Make sure that you are sending this letter out to all members, advisors and necessary recipients.



In the meantime, I encourage you to keep up the fantastic work! I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

- Cathy Myles, Division 26D Lt. Governor

Division 26D Clubs

Last updated: February 1st 2023

1. Cayman Prep and High School

40 Paid Members, Charter Date: July 23, 2003

2. Clifton Hunter High School

50 Paid Members, Charter Date: November 29, 2010

3. John Gray High School

34 Paid Members, Charter Date: November 8, 1994

4. St. Ignatius High School

8 Paid Members, Charter Date: February 28, 1998

5. Triple C High School

52 Paid Members, Charter Date: December 21, 1997

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Leadership Lesson

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

– Eleanor Roosevelt

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Zone Rally

This March, we will hold our Zone Rally! This is a Division-wide event to hold elections for the upcoming Lieutenant Governors, learn about district candidates, and discover incredible workshops. You will also have a chance to meet our District Governor, Gabriel Villar. It will be held at Cayman Prep and High School on Saturday, March 17th at 10 am. We are so excited to see you there! Keep looking out as more details will follow soon.

If you have any questions about the election process duties or anything else regarding the Zone Rally please reach out and let me know or double check the link listed down below from the website. This is a detailed tool which outlines responsibilities and recommends tips.

LTG Link:

Please make use of the link and don't miss the opportunity to explore. Go ahead, try it out now.

<https://www.keyclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2019/03/Club-Lt-Governor-Officer-Guide.pdf>

If you would like to be apart of our " zone rally planning team", please send me a quick email or message on WhatsApp if your interested in this.

Division Council Meeting

We recently held a **Division Council Meeting** was held **Tuesday January 17th** via Zoom, which was quickly followed by a divisional project.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, I loved to see all of you there! To summarize the meeting for members unable to attend we went over important updates regarding Spring Zone Rally, Governors projects which was happening that week. We also went over reminders on how pay dues and promote Key Club within your school generally and DCON. I'd also like to thank those of you able to make it to our quick divisional project on January 20th **as our Division wide park clean-up and card making session to support Governors project.**

Thank you again to all who attended. I cannot wait to see more of you at our next meeting!

Our next meeting will be held at Triple C High School on February 25th from 10 am to 12:30 PM. This is the first time that it is being held here in a while so please come out and show your support. It should be lots of fun. I have games planned, food (especially waffles). It will be the last meeting I have with you all for my time as Lieutenant Governor.

District Education and Leadership Conference

Registration for our District Conference is now open! We hope to see your whole club in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 13-16th. This will be an exciting 4-day conference where you can attend workshops, vote for the next district board, listen to the Keynote speaker's inspirational message, and much more! Space is limited this year, so make sure your club registers and pay soon. For more information about our District Conference, please visit the link found below. Make to sure to start planning for DCON as registration closes on February 17, 2023. All payments **MUST** be received to the district office by February 21st. Without payment, the registration will be incomplete.

[District Conference Page](#)

Awards and Contests

All Florida Key Club awards and contests are now open. All Key Club members are encouraged to apply and nominate others for the many awards and contests available in the Florida District of Key Club International. Awards include distinguished awards for all officers, distinguished member, advisor awards, and more. All application forms, criteria, and detailed information is available on the Florida Key Club website linked below.

All submissions are due February 28, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST. Oratory and Talent contestants will be notified by April 9, 2023.

If you have any questions about the Florida District of Key Club awards and contest, please reach out to the Florida District's Awards Committee by emailing awards@floridakeyclub.org.

Awards and Contests Information

Scholarships

All Florida Key Club scholarships are open now. Information for scholarships is available on the Florida District of Key Club website linked below including the number of scholarships awarded, the amount of each scholarship, and links to all the scholarship application forms.

Only Florida District of Key Club members who graduate in 2023 and have paid their Key Club dues for the 2022-2023 service year are eligible to apply for Florida District Scholarships.

All scholarship applications are due by Monday, March 13, 2023 and will be announced at the District Education and Leadership Conference (DCON), which will be held from April 13-16, 2022 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

If you have any questions about the Florida District of Key Club scholarships,

please reach out to the Florida District's Financial Committee by emailing financialcommittee@floridakeyclub.org.

Key Club Scholarships



Club and District Officer Elections

As the District Conference and Zone Rallies approach, keep in mind the opportunity to run for higher office! With a variety of positions from the club to divisional to district levels, there are plenty of ways to strive for leadership positions in Key Club. **You must be a dues-paid member of Key Club to qualify to run for higher office.**

In addition, please make sure your clubs are hosting their club elections now- in February- to properly transition them for the new service year.

Running for higher office is a excellent idea if your exploring a future in Key

Club. I have been holding calls with people who are interested in learning more about this position. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this.

I also want to take this opportunity to support and encourage members who want to pursue a club officer position as well. If your unsure which area of leadership suits you best consider your goals, personality, availability outside of school and passions. It's also important for you to recognize how supported you are by your Lieutenant Governor, faculty advisors, Kiwanis are always ready and available to help and I'm sure that other officers who've possibly been in that position before would be happy to guide or share advice. I look forward to seeing the new board for your clubs. All the best for your elections, please let me know if there are any complications or if you have any questions.

District Office Information

Club Office Information

Service Project Ideas

Cathy's Catalog for February:

1. **Ask any of the charities such as the Cancer society if they need assistance at any water stops or upcoming marathons**
2. **Be a reading buddy or mentor (mentors aren't only academic related)**
3. **Make cards or baskets of essentials to send to others in need such as the hospitalized and prisoners**
4. **Do a valentines day related bake sale**
5. **Create a "candy gram" at your school**
6. **Plant a tree or help work on your schools garden to prep it before spring**
7. **Volunteer to help Meals on Wheels collect with collection**

For inspiration, visit https://www.keyclub.org/service_ideas_main/

Service Spotlight

This month's Service Spotlight is dedicated to the Key Club of John Gray High School. This club has graciously hosted this month's Divisional Council Meeting and completed fascinating projects to uplift their community. Around 13 members from their club went around the area collecting donations at school, supermarkets like Kirks and at homes for Meals on Wheels; often sacrificing their lunchtimes and afterschool to make this happen. Their efforts resulted in 65 service hours! Let's give a big thank you to John Gray for all their hard work.



February To-Do List

1. Submit January Pride Reports- via [Keymmunity](#)

Due: February 10th

2. Division Council Meeting- Make sure to RSVP to our upcoming Division Council Meeting.

Due: February 10th

3. Register for DCON- Make sure to register for DCON.

Due: February 17th

4. Zone Rally- Make sure to RSVP to our upcoming Zone Rally.

Due: February 28th

[Keymmunity System](#)

The Sunshine Source

The most recent publication of *The Sunshine Source* is the Winter issue! This issue contains important District updates, special messages from our Kiwanis Family leaders, running for higher officer information, and much more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact District Editor Yuwei Huang at 2223editor@floridakeyclub.org.



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