Kiwanis Mid-Year Report

Greetings, Capital District Kiwanians!

I hope you are all enjoying the Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference and relishing the opportunity to be in-person together. While I am disappointed that I cannot be in-person with you, I would nonetheless like to provide a brief Key Club update.

The Key Club year has progressed with lightning speed throughout the past few months. It feels as if it was just yesterday that the new board was taking part in training programs, so we are astonished at how quickly the year has gone by. As we near the end of the 2021-2022 Key Club year, we have begun to reflect on our journey, achievements, and state as a district. Specifically, this was a year like no other for our organization. With a gradual transition back to hybrid and in-person events, we navigated through each stage of the pandemic while continuing to adapt in order to most effectively serve our homes, schools, and communities. With events such as the Summer Shebang, Fall Rally, Officer Training Conference, Social Media Webinar, Higher Office Webinar, and now District Convention, we have enhanced existing events to make them more engaging for attendees, and have also introduced new events to cater to individual club needs.

Through district-wide events which provided clubs with a plethora of opportunities to interact with the varying levels of Key Club, resources created by our committees such as a standardized officer training kit, and new District and Governor's project incentives to recognize our outstanding clubs, the district has grown immensely this year - allowing us to further lay the foundation for future Key Club leadership teams.

Within the past few months, we have executed two in-person Board Meetings in November and February. We welcomed a few West Virginia board members to our February meeting and even saw attendance by both the West Virginia Governor and our very own Capital Kiwanis Governor. It has been tremendously rewarding to work with all of our K-family counterparts and cultivate stronger relationships.

We are now focusing the majority of our efforts on the planning and execution of District Convention. This will be our first in-person DCON in two years, so we are excited to welcome Key Clubbers back for a weekend of "magical service celebrations" through our never-seen-before fairy tale theme! From our keynote speaker to workshops, award ceremonies, elections, and more, we have an eventful convention planned to attract attendees from both the Capital and WV districts.

Along with preparations for DCON, we have released a variety of opportunities for Key Club members and district board members. We received a total of 38 outstanding officer/club award applications, and successfully evaluated and selected recipients during our February Board Meeting. We have also released guidelines for the 2022 International Contests which include everything from scrapbooks and posters, to talent and oratory contests. Lastly, we had a

number of Lieutenant Governors apply for the RFL Outstanding Lieutenant Governor award, so we look forward to announcing the recipients in the near future.

Although we have been entangled with end of the year planning, the progress we've made thus far is promising, so we look forward to sharing our hard work during our final service celebration of the year. I would also like to extend my sincerest gratitude for all the support that Capital District Kiwanis has provided to Key Club this year. Our K-family is truly something special, and with future Key Club boards working alongside our dedicated and forward-thinking Kiwanians, I have no doubt that our family will only continue to prosper.

Yours in Service and Friendship,
Macy Lindblom