KEY CLUB

To: Capital District of Kiwanis Board of Officers
From: Kristina Dlugozima, Key Club District Administrator, Capital District
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Subject: Capital District of Key Club Update

The 2022-23 Key Club service year is off to a great start for the Capital District of Key Club! All executive and lieutenant governor positions are full though the board relied on a significant number of lieutenant governors-at-large (students who are representing a division that they are not a member of). It is a goal of the executives to work to decrease the number of lieutenant governors-at-large during next year's elections.

Board Training
Since the last report, the 2022-23 District Board met in person for the first time for an overnight training. The students participated in team building activities as well had instruction in planning divisional events, parliamentary procedure, time management, public speaking, and more. The board also came up with a goal to increase membership by 1,000 members for the 22-23 dues year. The board concluded the weekend with Governor Izza leading the first official board meeting of the year with students meeting as committees and conducting the business of the district.

International Convention
Thirty-eight Capital District students and advisors attended Key Club International Convention in Washington DC from July 6-10th. The event included several speakers including Para Olympian Lex Gillette, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, and Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy. The Washington DC Kiwanis Club sponsored service projects which included putting together cooling kits and collecting donated books. Students and advisors were able to attend informative workshops including several presented by members of the Capital District. Award winners included Distinguished Governor – Macy Lindblom, West Potomac High School; Robert F. Lucas Distinguished Lieutenant Governors – Riya Bajpai, George C. Marshall High School, Rebecca Ni, River Hill High School, Ava Stamatakis, Glenelg High School, and Michelle Wang, Dulaney High School. Michelle Wang was also the recipient of second place in the oratory contest and Lieutenant Governor Anya Agarwal was selected to participate in the talent showcase. At the House of Delegates, Ava Stamatakis was elected to one of the International Trustee positions on the International Board of Officers! On the final evening of the Convention, Capital students described the experience in many different ways from informative to a chance to connect with other Key Clubbers to life changing. Next year's International Convention will be in Anaheim, CA so we encourage Kiwanis Clubs to ensure that there are funds in their budget to help support the attendance of their students to this "life changing" event.

Membership
The Capital District of Key Club currently has 10,285 members and 208 clubs. This is a +3956 increase over last year but remains close to 2,500 members down pre-pandemic. This will be a

major focus of the 22-23 Key Club year. Gainesville High School in Division 2E chartered in July with 82 members and the sponsorship of the Manassas Kiwanis Club. There are around 5 additional schools which are in various stages of charter currently. With a goal of increasing by 1,000 members in a year, the district will need to charter at least 7-10 new clubs.

Adult Committee

The Capital District Key Club Adult Committee is working together with the student leadership to continue the good works of the district. The members of this committee are among the best in the district and work hard to create an environment of support and learning for every student while volunteering to spend multiple weekends a year away from home chaperoning board meetings and conventions. The Capital District Adult Committee is looking for new members to help support our Key Club members. In particular we are looking for additional members located (or willing to help in), Division 2, Division 3, and West Virginia. Additionally, we are looking for 1 or 2 Kiwanis members who are interested in helping with membership in the district. This includes being the point of contact on potential charters, working with the student committee on membership, and helping to find sponsors for potential charters.

Future Goals

The Capital District of Key Club has many upcoming goals that it plans to accomplish with the help of the Kiwanis Family. These include publicizing a fund within the District Foundation to help support students on free and reduced lunch become members and attend events for Key Club, creating a 3 year strategic plan, selecting a multi-year district project to support, and continue the work to merge the Capital and former West Virginia Districts into a cohesive unit.

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Yours in Service,
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