KEY CLUB

To: Capital District of Kiwanis Board of Officers
From: Kristina Dlugozima, Key Club District Administrator, Capital District
Date: July 30, 2023
Subject: Capital District of Key Club Update

International Convention
International Convention was held July 4-9th in Anaheim, CA. 6 Capital District Key Club members, 4 Capital District Adult Committee member, and 1 student from the non-districted Colombia represented the Capital District. Past District Editor Riya Bajpai (from George C. Marshall High School sponsored by Tysons Kiwanis) was elected to one of eleven International Trustee positions on the International Board. Clubs across the district won awards – the Capital District was able to submit the first-place winner from our DCON for each category and our clubs won an award in almost every category. Past District Officers Riya Bajpai and Rani Chatterjee were awarded Distinguished Officer Awards along with 8 LTGs. Ava Stamatakis (from Glenelg High School sponsored by Ellicott City Kiwanis) was retired as an International Trustee and also was awarded the Outstanding Board Member award. A special thank you to Nicole McDermott (Tysons), Ginny Grant (Winchester), and Art Bykonen (Ashland) for chaperoning these outstanding students with me.

Membership
As of 7/30, the Capital District of Key Club has 11,353 dues paid members in 216 dues paid clubs. This is an increase of 1,104 members across 7 more clubs over the end of last year. We have chartered 5 clubs this year and reactivated 16 clubs. We expect to charter two new clubs before the end of the Kiwanis year. Membership will continue to be a focus in the upcoming year with a look towards how the District Board can support clubs in their recruitment efforts and charter efforts. If you are aware of any possible charters in your area, please reach out to me and your local zone administrator.

Governor and District Projects
This year, Governor Erina has chosen to focus on DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness and Belonging) initiatives as her Governors Project. In addition to asking Key Clubs to participate in DEIB projects and programs, the District Board will be doing a variety of things to be more inclusive including DEIB training for our students and adults, looking at where language translation services make sense, incorporating club members onto district committees and other initiatives. The District Project will be an environmental one focusing around reforestation including a partnership with One Tree Planted.

2023-24 Goals & Priorities
Last Key Club year revolved heavily around reimagining the Key Club experience in the post-pandemic world and building membership back up. While we continue to work on that, we will tackle two additional items this year – the re-divisioning of our Key Clubs and creation of a strategic plan. Where reasonable, Key Club divisions will follow the new Kiwanis divisions but split into smaller geographical divisions in most cases. I expect that we will decrease from 37

current divisions to a more likely 30-32. Our strategic plan will give us a roadmap on priorities and goals for the next three years to ensure that we are pushing the district forward little by little each year.

Capital District Key Club will have 4 Key Clubbers as well as myself and several zone administrators in attendance this weekend. Please feel free to approach any of us with questions, concerns, ideas, or issues that you may have regarding Key Club or servant leadership. Setting a positive Kiwanis image with our young adults is important as we continue to grow both our SLP programs and Kiwanis. I know that the reason that I am a 20+ year Kiwanian now is because I had positive Kiwanis role models when I served on the New England CKI District Board. I encourage all of you to be that positive role model for our Key Club and CKI students.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at kmsd512@gmail.com or 703-868-6224.

Yours in Service,
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