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

International Convention
International Convention was held July 8-12th in Atlanta, GA. 11 Capital District Key Club members and 3 Capital District Adult Committee member represented the Capital District. Past Key Club Lieutenant Governor Ariana Lee (from Woodside High School sponsored by Greater Hilton Kiwanis) was elected to one of eleven International Trustee positions on the International Board. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Capital has a member on the International Board. Past District Officers Erina Haque and Hailey Reynolds were awarded Distinguished Officer Awards along with 9 LTGs. Riya Bajpai (from George C. Marshall High School sponsored by Tysons Kiwanis) was retired as an International Trustee and also was awarded the Outstanding Board Member award. A special thank you to Nicole McDermott (Tysons) and Ginny Grant (Winchester) for chaperoning these outstanding students with me. Next year's convention will be in Orlando, FL and we look to continue to grow our attendance post-pandemic.

Membership
As of 8/1, the Capital District of Key Club has 11,606 dues paid members in 214 dues paid clubs. This is an increase of 253 members across 2 less clubs over last year at this time. We have chartered 9 clubs this year and reactivated 8 clubs which means 19 active clubs from last year have not paid dues this year. Since my last report, the 2 new charters are Howard High School (sponsored by Ellicott City Kiwanis) and Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School which is unsponsored. 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. We will be sending information to school administrators with no active Key Clubs in their schools and other outreach efforts. The District Board's goal is to reach 12,000 members. 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 Kayla has chosen to focus on mental health as her Governors Project. In addition to asking Key Clubs to participate in mental health projects and programs, the District Board will be doing a variety of things to work on their own mental health. The District Project will be an environmental one called 4 Our Home and supporting 4 charities to represent the ecological diversity in the Capital District:

The Nature Conservancy
World Wildlife Fund
Ocean Conservancy
National Forest Foundation

2024-25 Goals & Priorities

Last Key Club year revolved heavily around re-divisioning the Key Club district to utilize our student resources more effectively and training our students and adult committee on DEIB initiatives. This year we will continue to work to move the Capital District of Key Club forward. With re-divisioning, we lowered the number of lieutenant governors on the board allowing for other student leadership positions as committee chairs. This will allow our committees to be more active and accomplish more throughout the year. We will also work on the creation of a multi-year strategic plan as well as an effort to reach out to Key Club alumni. We have lofty goals and will work hard to achieve them.

Capital District Key Club will have Governor Kayla and other 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.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank the members of the adult committee for their continued dedication to the Capital District of Key Club. The amount of time and commitment that each member puts into mentoring our students and helping me is immeasurable – these are some of the hardest working members of Kiwanis! Thank you to Nicole McDermott (Tysons), Bryan Casto (Tysons), Cory Fore (Next Generation e-Club & Fredericksburg), Ginny Grant (Winchester), Casey Haines (Next Generation e-Club), Jenn Hiscock (Mount Airy), John Kyle (East Huntington), Angie Moore (Mount Airy), Jeannette Olgivie (Lynchburg & Next Generation e-Club), Mic Platt (Greater Hilton), John Richards (Lynchburg), Karen Roberts (Portsmouth), Jeffrey Wolff (Tysons), and Michelle Yuth (Next Generation e-Club.)

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Yours in Service,
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