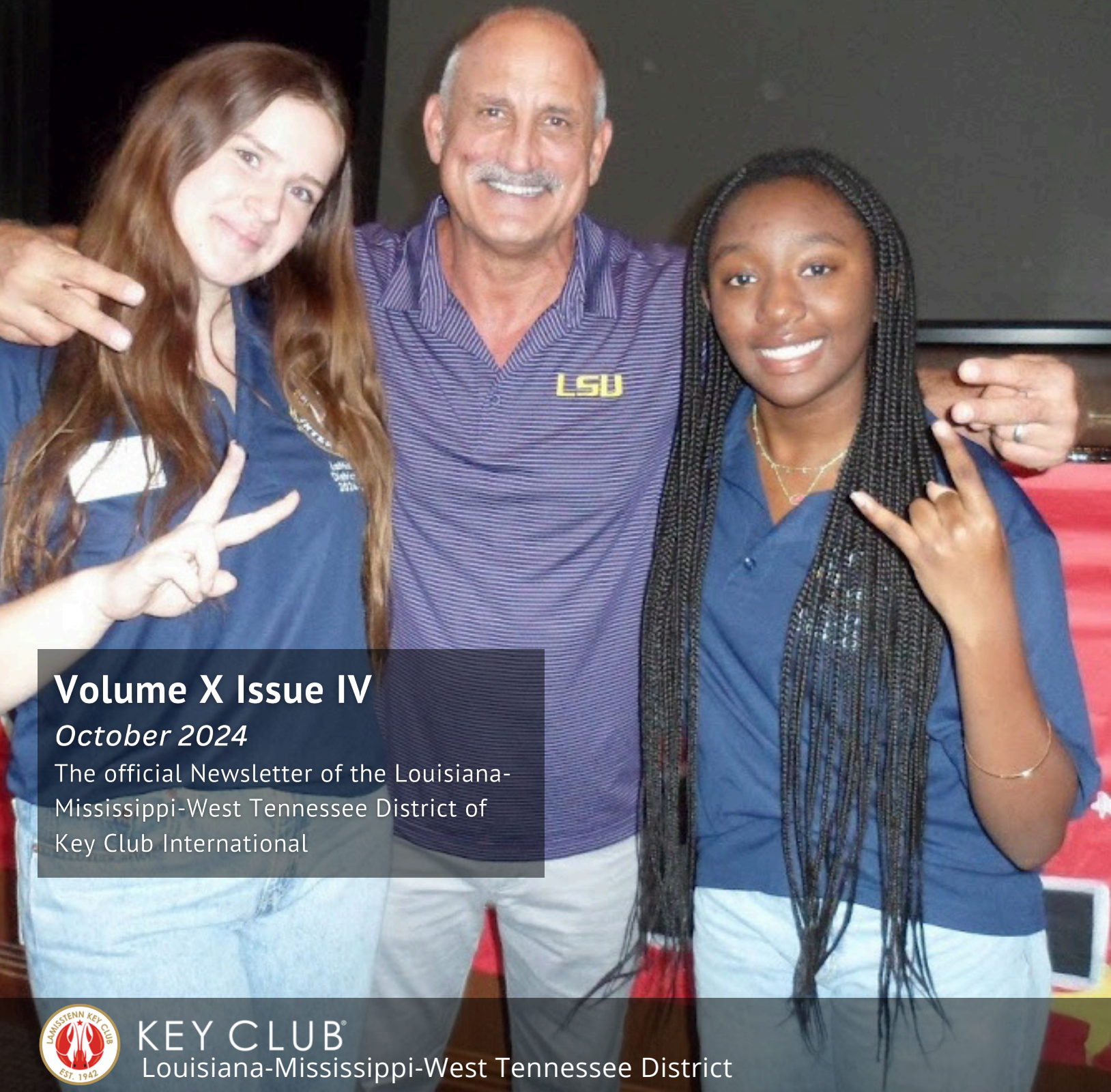


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Early Bird Dues

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

Happy October to all Key Clubbers. October is an exciting time for everyone with Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the Global Engagement Rally, Key Week and more! But, in order for your club to be able to enjoy all of these events your club must know of an important deadline: the Early Bird Dues deadline. All clubs must pay their dues by December 1st in order to keep their active status, if your club pays their dues by November 1st, your club will receive an Early Bird patch! To pay dues, you must first update your club's membership information. When you're ready to pay dues you can do so online through the Membership Update Center or print an invoice and mail a check to the Kiwanis Youth Programs, P.O. Box 6069, Dept. 123, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206. Remember, Dues for Louisiana-Mississippi-W. Tennessee are \$17: \$10 for Key Club international and \$7 for the District itself. All dues are sent to Kiwanis Youth Programs or Key Club international and they will reimburse the District their portion of the dues. You do not have to send two checks. Thank you for all your timeliness, and dedication!





Key Club Week

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

Key Club Week is November 4th-8th, this week gives Key Club members an opportunity to show their community what Key Club is truly about. Monday is Show your K!, show people what Key Club is all about, spread the word by wearing Key Club gear and publicizing Key Club week in local stores, on your school website, in your community newspapers and even on doors. You can decorate the doors or your Key Club advisor to spread awareness. Tuesday is Invite and Include!, let your friends know why you love Key Club. This is the perfect day to show off how amazing and inclusive Key Club is, and why it matters so much to your school and community. Have a friend join you on a service project or meeting, it's a chance for them to see firsthand how much Key Club helps people grow as not only students but people. Wednesday is Dare to Share!, celebrate diversity and equity with the Key Club family. You can share stickers and picture to your social media accounts to show how your club shines! Thursday is Random acts of Kindness!, spread happiness, a smile goes a long way. Show small acts of kindness to other people such as leaving little inspirational cards on desks or lockers, or making posters to keep students motivated. And finally on Friday it's Connect with Ks!, Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the world and is a member of the Kiwanis family. Contact your local Kiwanis, Circle K international, Builders, K-Kids, or Aktion clubs and team up for a service project or virtual event. Visit Keyclub.org to learn more about the days what you can do the spread the word.



Pearl Fall Rally Recap

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

Now that all the LaMissTenn Fall rallies are complete, it's time for a recap! This year, the LaMissTenn District held four rallies, starting strong in Pearl, Mississippi. The Pearl rally offered a variety of workshops, from stress management to Key Club 101. Participants engaged in a service project by creating T-shirt dog toys and shopping at a pop-up thrift store to raise money for the Governor's Project. The rally featured guest speaker Jayden Mackey, who spoke about leadership and what it means to be a leader. A special highlight was the celebrity guest, Steve Harvey, portrayed by board member Lexi Carpenter, who was humorously pied at the conclusion of the event.



Baton Rouge Fall Rally Recap

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

The next rally took place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This rally featured workshops such as President/VP Training and Social Media 101, while the service project focused on creating bookmarks for children. Attendees also enjoyed a photo booth, with proceeds going to the Governor's Project. Guest speaker Michael Papajohn shared stories from his acting career, discussing the challenges and opportunities he encountered. Participants engaged in fun games like "Guess the Song" and took part in a costume contest.





Union City Fall Rally Recap

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

The next rally took place in Union City, Tennessee, featuring a variety of workshops, including Secretary/Treasurer training. As part of the service project, attendees created Thanksgiving cards for nursing homes and participated in a silent auction to raise funds for the Governor's project. Guest speaker Jake Clapper discussed the importance of community involvement and encouraged participants to stay engaged with their communities after graduation. Attendees also enjoyed icebreaker games to help them get to know one another. (No available pictures)

Jennings Fall Rally Recap

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

The third rally was in Jennings, Louisiana. The rally had workshops about DCON 2025, running for higher office and so much more! The service project for the Jennings rally was also making Dog Toys from T-shirts, while having a silent auction to raise money for the governors project. The guest speaker Andrew Dozier who talked about how impact and how much we do for our communities and how to grow with it, and how to keep those qualities with you outside of Key Club. Attendees also participated in speed dating, karaoke during their lunch, birthday line up, chants, and guess that Rock N' Roll tune! (No available pictures)



New Orleans Fall Rally Recap

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

The final rally to conclude our fall season took place in New Orleans, Louisiana. This event included workshops on the Governor's Project, DCON 2025, and many more. As part of the service project, participants made birthday/get well soon cards for patients in nursing homes and took part in a silent auction to raise funds for the Governor's Project. Guest speaker Ashley Adams discussed overcoming adversity, while Paul Matthews emphasized the importance of getting engaged and putting oneself out there. Attendees also enjoyed activities like "Birthday Line," "Guess That Tune," and learning various chants. We would like to thank all of the home clubs that helped with the set up of the rally and thank you to all the people and clubs that attended. In total we had 340 attendees that attended the rally and raised \$3,000 for Thirst Project! Thank you so much to everyone who came.



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

Every year, UNICEF has their biggest promotional period in October: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. You and key clubbers everywhere are engaged to put on event like parties, trunk-or-treats, or other exciting event to raise money for UNICEF's projects. All of the money raised and donated will go to The Thirst Project, which is our Governors project this year. With your support during this campaign we can get extremely close to our \$12,000 goal.

The campaign started October 1st and ended October 31st. Even though the campaign has ended, there is no official deadline for when you have to turn in the money. The only important date you need to remember is that if your club would like to be awarded with a patch for your banner, you must turn in \$250 by December 1st!

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF started by with clubs raising money and putting them in small orange boxes. Now you're able to donate all the money online! In order to turn the money it visit the UNICEF website and fill out the donation form. LaMissTenn appreciates everyone and every club that raised and donated money to this campaign. To learn more about UNICEF and all their project visit the UNICEF website. Let's come together to show that even the smallest acts of kindness can lead to big changes.



Global Engagement Rally

Written by: Mai Nguyen, Division 4A Lieutenant Governor

The Key Club International Board hosted their 5th annual Global Engagement Rally on November 9th! The Global Engagement Rally is an online event that celebrates the strength of our shared leadership and service, with the opportunity to engage with diverse volunteers from around the world. There were over 400 people throughout 14 countries who attended, making it the most diverse Engagement Rally! I attended the “Advocacy, Action, and Altruism” hosted by Rithika Kapu, a Lieutenant Governor from the Carolinas District, to learn about the power of leading through service for the first round of workshops. For the second round, I attended the “Running for Higher Office” workshop hosted by Mohammed Ali Al-Sabeh, Key Club International trustee to develop service leadership skills and to be empowered to make a positive impact in my community. For the third round of workshops, I attended the “Celebrating a Key Club Century” workshop hosted by Aspen Hess and Sunny Sandy, Key Club International Trustees. It was a great opportunity to see everyone from International Convention again, and a great way to improve my skills for the LaMissTenn District!





Youth Opportunities Fund

Written by: Angel Cooper, Bulletin Editor

The Youth Opportunities fund (YOF) is a grant offered by Key Club International to promote more impactful service. Clubs who apply for the grant may request between \$250 and \$2000, this money, if given, will go towards the planning or execution of a service project. The grant can be applied to a variety of service projects, but the service project must meet the needs of your Key Club's community. For more information on how to apply and to know the deadlines visit <https://www.keyclub.org/youth-opportunities-fund/>.



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