

Governor's Message District Governor Raphaella dos Santos

Hello New England and Bermuda Key Clubbers!

Can you believe our year together is almost at an end? It has been quite the year, but I can honestly say being able to serve you has been the best part of it all (yes, really)! For those starting a new chapter in their lives, always remember the organization that loves to help others and always carry that with you (possibly CKI or Kiwanis in the future).

If you remember in the beginning of the year, the District Board had four goals that we wanted to accomplish.

1. Increase attendance at Regional Training Conferences: we succeeded this fall and met so many members from across New England.
2. Grow the Kiwanis Family: we now have totally new clubs, clubs which have reactivated, and clubs that have rechartered. Congratulations to the Lieutenant Governors and Kiwanis members who worked so hard this year to build our Kiwanis family.
3. Improve fundraising and involvement to support our District Projects. LTGs and Key Club members from all over have been promoting Camp Sunshine, Children of Peace International, and Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, so please be sure to bring whatever you and your Key Club have raised to DECON or give your check to your Lieutenant Governor if you are not able to attend.
4. Motivate Key Cubs that have not been active with the District in the past. Board members continue reaching out to Kiwanis Clubs and Key Clubs to show them how much more there is to Key Club outside of their own local area and school.

These were the four main goals that the District Board came up in August. We certainly could not have done any of this without your help!

I hope to see you at DECON so we can celebrate and learn all weekend long! This DECON will be one for the books so you will not want to miss it. Don't forget to collect items for the Governor's Project to support Camp Sunshine.



DECON Registration

DECON Registration was due on February 17. If your Key Club hasn't registered but would like to, contact DECON@newenglandkeyclub.org to see if any spots are still available.

Contests and Scholarships

The mail-in deadline for contests and scholarships is March 1. Please note that some contests and scholarships must be mailed in. Most contests can be mailed-in OR submitted at DECON. Contest rules and submission forms, with more information, are online at www.newenglandkeyclub.org/decon.

The Service Fair

The service fair is held during both lunch sessions and allows Key Clubbers to gain information about other clubs' activities. Showcase a service project your club participated in. It can be an original creation or a fundraiser for the many organizations Key Club supports. To participate in the service fair, sign-up online by March 15, 2018.

The YanKey District Bulletin Editor Asami Castellano

Though it may seem hard to believe, DECON is less than two months away, and a new Key Club year will soon be beginning! Over the course of the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with Key Clubbers to create and publish three editions of *The YanKey*, with a fourth on the way. This final issue of *The YanKey* will focus on the great accomplishments that New England and Bermuda Key Clubbers have achieved as well as memories from seniors about their time in Key Club. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed! If you missed any of the issues, they can be found on the District website at <http://www.newenglandkeyclub.org/yankey>. I hope you enjoyed reading *The YanKey* as much as I enjoyed making them!

In addition, I hope you enjoyed seeing stories from New England and Bermuda District Key Clubbers over the past year on the @humansofnebdkeyclub Instagram account. The account gained many followers, and it's truly a great way to connect Key Clubs across the District and see the service others are accomplishing. Again, thank you to all those who have contributed, and if you didn't get the chance yet, you can still submit a post via email!

Thank you for all that you have done for your home, school, and community this past year. I cannot wait to meet you all at DECON!

Support District Projects District Projects Chair Domenic De Santes

DECON is fast approaching and I cannot wait to see all of your hard work and service come together. In addition to the informative workshops, the exciting general sessions, and the entertaining dances, we will continue to fundraise together as a District at DECON. All of our fundraisers will support the District Projects: Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, Children of Peace International, and Camp Sunshine.

At registration and other times throughout the weekend, special merchandise and "Baby Neds," small stuffed animals of our lobster mascot Ned, will be available for purchase. We will also be hosting "Change Wars," battles with spare change, throughout the conference. There will be a "Key Clubby Bear Auction" at the general session in which clubs and individuals will bid live to win special Key Club teddy bears. Additionally, admission to Friday and Saturday night activities is \$1.00 or a canned good per night. In order to participate in these engaging fundraisers, we encourage all Key Clubbers to prepare and bring extra money to DECON!

Finally, all of your Key Club's fundraising efforts will culminate at the "Parade of Checks." During the Awards Session, Key Clubs will present all of their donations towards the District Projects. Be sure to come to DECON with a check made payable to "New England District" with all of your fundraising dollars!

On behalf of District Board and our partnered organizations, thank you for all your contributions throughout the past Key Club year. I am very excited to come together as a District to celebrate the past year, prepare for the next, and continue our mission of serving others.

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DECON Chair Cameron Jury

This year’s NEBD DECON is being held from April 6 -8 and will take you on quite a trip! This weekend, themed “Service: Local & Global!” will be filled with excitement and inspiration for all Key Club members who attend. From learning about the international endeavors of the Thirst Project, to electing a new District Board, to simply having fun and meeting new Key Clubbers, this year’s DECON will be a blast!

Whether you are attending DECON or not, your Key Club can enter to win contests and scholarships which are presented during two general sessions. Each year the District recognizes outstanding Key Clubs and Key Club members and all the hard work that you all have put in throughout the year. To begin, every Key Club should already be filing an Annual Achievement Report which will put that Key Club into the running for the Annual Achievement Award and Distinguished Club Status. Next, Key Clubs can be recognized for individual projects, dedication to the District Projects, or even membership growth. Key Clubs and individual members can also compete by making scrapbooks, club videos, posters, or partaking in the essay, oratory, or talent contests. Finally, individual Key Clubbers and advisors can be recognized through awards such as Outstanding Key Club President, Outstanding Key Club Officer, Outstanding Key Club Advisor, the George R. Whitney Leader of Leaders Award, or the Sandy Nininger Award.

Along with winning these contests and awards, Key Clubbers can also enter to win scholarship money! Each Key Club can nominate graduating seniors to win scholarships, and anyone can enter for the Katie Vashon International Convention Scholarship to help pay for ICON Chicago this summer. All of the contest and scholarship rules and entry forms are online on the District website now, so start planning what you want to be part of! I highly encourage all Key Clubs and members to enter some of these contests simply because it is a lot of fun to be involved, and there is always a chance that you could win an awesome award!

The Thirst Project LTG Aidan Sites

This year’s DECON theme is “Service: Local & Global!” Our Keynote speaker lives those words daily. We are proud to announce that Evan Wesley from the Thirst Project will be sharing with us the global mission of providing clean water to the people who need it.

Evan Wesley is fondly referred to as the Thirst Project’s Chief Big Kid, due to him “having the energy of a golden retriever puppy.” He is said to bleed blue and loves to chase sunsets, fireflies and apple pie. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Environmental Science but then decided to ditch his degree, becoming a ziplining guide before joining Thirst Project as a road warrior. Evan fell in love with life on the road and the students of Thirst Project and is now working for the Thirst Project full-time in LA.

Evan will be joined by Amy Klein and Devyn Drozdowski, both Road Warriors, energetic (usually college-age) people that “travel the country speaking to students, educating them about the global water crisis and equipping them with the tools they need to give clean water to the world!” They love traveling and meeting students, inspiring them to join the fight to end the water crisis.

Secretary Reports

District Secretary Joshua Cram

The last secretary report of the 2017-2018 year is due March 10, 2018 for Key Club activities in the month of February 2018. This is the last secretary report of the year!

Key Club activities in March 2018 should be included in the cumulative Annual Achievement Report for the 2017-2018 year. This report should be based on all Key Club activities from April 2017 to April 2018. Reports should be brought to DECON to be entered in the Annual Achievement Contest and make your Key Club eligible for Distinguished/Diamond Club status.

The Annual Achievement Report is online at newenglandkeyclub.org/DECON/Contests/distinguished-clubs

If you have any questions about completing the report, please feel free to contact me!

Suspended Key Clubs

District Treasurer Molly Amann

In order for a Key Club to remain in good standing, each member must pay dues. The amount per year is \$10.50 per person: \$7.00 is for International, and \$3.50 is for the District. Dues for this year were due December 1, 2017. If a Key Club has not paid its dues by February 1, 2018, it is now suspended.

Suspended Key Clubs no longer receive resources from Key Club International and members are no longer covered by Kiwanis insurance. Additionally, members of suspended Key Clubs cannot attend the District Educational Conference (DECON) in April, unless their dues are paid to International by then.

If you have any questions or need help paying dues, feel free to email me at ned.treasurer1718@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing many of you at DECON.

Public Relations

Public Relations Chair Rachel Wronski

Public Relations is a very important part of keeping your home club and District informed. Many Key Clubs have Public Relations committees or a member on their board who has the responsibility of updating the various social media accounts clubs may have. Facebook and Instagram are great platforms to use in order to provide information to your clubs and the community. Many Key Clubs create separate Facebook groups with their club members. Remember, a Public Relations committee provides focus when reaching out to your local and school communities to share news about service projects and fundraisers. Strong Public Relations throughout the school and community can even inspire other students to join Key Club!