

# Valley Lutheran High School

## Key Club Newsletter

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Newsletters will be available at the meetings and on the School Website. Check them out for information on the latest club happenings and volunteer opportunities.

**Welcome Brandi Bartelt, our new freshman representative.**

### **Save Your shoe Boxes**

Key Club will be sponsoring a "Christmas Boxes for the Homeless" program this year and we need your shoe boxes. Please save your "normal sized" shoe boxes. We will be collecting them in the coming weeks.

### **Presidents Volunteer Service Award**

Interested in a challenge? Check out the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award is given to individuals for service to their community and has three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. For young adults, ages 15 to 25, the Bronze award is given for 100 hours of service during the calendar year. The Silver award requires 175 hours and the Gold award requires 250 hours. You can find out more details at the Michigan Community Service Commission web site <http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc>.

### **Like Haunted Houses?**

Are you working at a haunted house or train? These hours count as service hours as long as the event is to benefit a non-profit agency. There are many of these events coming up in the next month and they can be a fun way to log a significant number of hours.

### **Log Your Hours**

Remember to log all of your service hours on the [www.1-800-volunteer.org](http://www.1-800-volunteer.org) web site. This includes the hours for the school wide service days. If you have not created your logon for this site, please see the Key Club newsletter from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for instructions.

### **We Need Your Ideas**

October is Key Club's fund raising month and we need your ideas for activities. If you have ideas for fundraising events, please contact any of the board members. The board is also seeking ideas for volunteer projects that the Key Club can sponsor or participate in.

### **Membership Applications/Renewal Forms**

Remember to get your membership forms and dues turned in as soon as possible. There are still some members from last year that have not submitted their renewal forms.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mobile Food Pantry – Thursday, October 29, 2009** at the Neighborhood House. This is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. There is no school on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been involved in a mobile food pantry before, the project consists of unloading a truck load of food, sorting it and re-boxing it for distribution. This is a labor intensive project, so the more hands the better. The Neighborhood House is located at 3145 Russell Street, Saginaw. Sign up in the Key Club book in the RC.

**Fall District Rally – Saturday, November 21, 2009** at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. The cost is between \$20 and \$25 per person and is dependent upon the number of members we send from our club. More information will be posted soon.

**District Convention – March 19-21, 2010** at the Treetops Resort, Gaylord MI. More information will be available in January.

## VOLUNTEER OPERTUNITIES

(Taken from United Way Weekly Listings)

**READING MENTORS** are needed by local organization to Reach out and Read! Volunteers are being sought to read to children in the pediatrics rooms of local doctor's office. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

**LIFE ENRICHMENT** volunteers are needed to lead activity programs, specifically bingo on Friday afternoons, at local nursing home. All supplies are provided. Responsibilities include setup and teardown.

**HOME REPAIR** volunteers are needed to assist local agency in fixing homes for community members in need. Repairs that are needed include: install and finish drywall, replace windows, general handyman-type work.

**FUN FUND RAISING** volunteers are being sought by local organization to assist in exciting and fun ways to earn community service hours. They are looking for high school and college students to donate time by participating in a Bowl-A-Thon. Next event will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES** volunteers are being sought by local organization to assist or lead patients in activities such as crafts, bingo, gardening, scrapbooking, singing, playing music, dramas, etc. Volunteers must be 15 or older.

**CLEANING** volunteers are needed to help residents of local organization keep facility clean and neat. Volunteers must possess regular house cleaning skills and be above the age of 15.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT** volunteers are needed during the middle of the day, especially during lunch breaks at local agency. Knowledge of phone etiquette, office procedures and showing compassion for guests is required. Volunteers must be 15 or older.

## AGENCIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

Need volunteer hours but not sure where to start? Here is a list of a few of the agencies needing help.

**Local Food Banks**  
**Soup Kitchens**  
**Animal Shelters**

**Blood Bank**  
**Boy Scouts**  
**Girl Scouts**

**March of Dimes**  
**Youth Basketball Leagues**  
**Museums**