

Valley Lutheran High School

Key Club Newsletter

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Newsletters are emailed to all members and are available on the School Website. Check them out for information on the latest club happenings and volunteer opportunities.

Leadership

The Key Club is a service organization, but it is also a leadership development organization. The club is student lead and provides many opportunities for students to take leadership roles. Every Key Club elects its own officers annually. A president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and an editor are elected each year. The club is organized into committees, which are responsible for planning and implementing the club's service projects, social activities, and leadership development. To be successful, it is important the every Key Club member find a role in the club.

Key Club International recommends that each club establish a minimum of seven committees: Kiwanis-family Relations Committee, Major Emphasis Program Committee, Membership Development Committee, Program Committee, Project Committee, Public Relations Committee and Social Committee. Every member of the club should participate on at least one committee and each committee should be headed by a committee chair. It is recommended that the committee chair not be a member of the Board of Directors of the club.

The **Kiwanis-family Relations Committee** has the primary responsibility of preparing inter-club activities. It plans joint activities with the other clubs and recruits Key Club members to attend Kiwanis Club meetings.

The **Major Emphasis Program Committee** is responsible for ensuring that the club supports the Key Club International Major Emphasis program during each administrative year.

The **Membership Development Committee** is responsible for making sure the club maintains a strong level of membership. Ideally, the membership development committee would plan and conduct a membership drive at least two times per school year.

The **Program Committee** is responsible for planning speakers and programs at all regular meetings. A program usually consists of a speaker or video that educates membership about some local interest or aspect of key club International. Also, this committee sees that the meeting space is made orderly after each meeting.

The **Project Committee** is the busiest of all committees in the Key Club. It is responsible for formulating worthwhile activities and recommending them to the club's board of directors. Each activity should have an activity chairman and a subcommittee to oversee the activity thru to a successful completion.

The **Public Relations Committee** is responsible for informing the public of Key Club activities and goals. This committee should work closely with the Project Committee to publicize the activities as appropriate. They should also consider publishing a club newsletter and submit articles for publication in the Keynoter magazine and the district newsletter.

The **Social Committee** is responsible for planning all of the social activities of the club and a small amount of entertainment for each meeting. Overall, the social committee should insure the Key Club is fun for its members.

Coupons for the Military



We need your excess or expired manufacturer cents off coupons. We will be collecting them and sending them to military bases around the world. Restaurant and "Store Specific" coupons can not be used, but any other manufacturer can be used. Military families can use these coupons in the base stores to help stretch their family budgets. Even expired coupons are useful as the base stores will accept manufacturer coupons for up to six months past their expiration date, so bring your unneeded or expired coupons and put them in the box in the RC. You can also place collection boxes in your home church, just remember to pick them up and bring them in. This will be an ongoing project, so keep bringing them in.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We are attempting to schedule additional time slots for Salvation Army Bell ringing, but have not yet received confirmation of the date and times. If we receive additional assignments, we will send out a special notice.

Shoe Boxes for the Homeless

We will be assembling and wrapping the shoe boxes after school on Wednesday, December 9th. We can use all of the help that we can find. If you are available please come to the RC after school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble – Friday, December 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Assemble and Wrap Shoe Boxes for the Homeless – Wednesday, Dec. 9th after school in the RC.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Saturday, Dec. 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Wal-Mart on Brockway (Grocery entrance).

Mobile Food Pantry – Dec. 21st at the Neighborhood House (3145 Russell Street, Saginaw).

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