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# My Key Club Story

Hi everyone! A little fun fact about me is that this is my sixth year in the K-family. My Kiwanis journey started in 3rd grade when I joined K-Kids at my elementary school. I continued to volunteer throughout my community, despite not having a Builder's Club. Once I finally reached high school, I had absolutely no intention of joining Key Club, but one of my classmates begged me to attend the first meeting with them, and somehow every Tuesday after that, I was sitting in room twelve working on our next fundraiser or upcoming event. Approaching my sophomore year, I took a leap of faith and ran for club treasurer, though unopposed. In March of sophomore year, a Kiwanian asked me if I had ever considered running for the district board. I thought she was a bit crazy, but as we got closer to DCON, I eventually decided to run for Area 6 LTG. At convention, I was introduced to a whole new world of Key Club and quickly became obsessed. While I did lose the Area 6 election, I was later appointed to the Area 1 position and got to experience being on the district board. My junior year was spent running club meetings as the new club president and connecting with many inactive schools throughout Area 1. Coming into senior year, I am beyond excited to serve again as club president, district

secretary, and UNICEF Champion. I get to help my absolute favorite organization at the local, district, and international levels. If you can learn anything from my journey, never give up. Everything happens for a reason, and it will work out in the end.



*-taylyn angus*

# Editor's Note

Hello, Key Clubbers! Welcome to the *first* edition of **Danny's Directory**, the official publication of the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club. I'm Wenjun (wen-june), and I am honored to serve as your district Bulletin Editor this year. After a two-year district break from sending out seasonal bulletins, I am excited to be bringing them back! There will be four bulletins this year, one per season. Enjoy the first bulletin of the year, the Summer Bulletin. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions!



Wenjun Liu

## About Me

- I'm a rising junior at Ames High School.
- I served as the Area 6 LTG last term.
- I'm involved in dance team and tennis.
- I love reading, baking, and sunset hikes.
- I prefer cats to dogs.

# Governor's Greeting

Members of the NE-IA District,

My name is Carissa Andorf, and I am beyond excited to introduce myself as your District Governor! Together, we embark on a journey filled with service, growth, and endless opportunities to make a positive difference around us. Serving in this role and leading a driven team toward our collective goals is an immense honor. This year will be one to cherish as a district, filled with positivity and excitement. Let us work together, fueled by our passion for service, and create a brighter future for all!

Yours in friendship and service,  
Carissa Andorf



*carissa andorf*

## About Me

- I am a rising Junior
- I have a squishmallow collection with over 100 squishmallows
- I have a perfume for every occasion/season
- I play clarinet for numerous wind ensembles
- My favorite artists are Frank Ocean, Childish Gambino, Clairo, Kali Uchis, SZA, and Kendrick Lamar

# Governor's goals and project

## Governor's Goals

**Membership Growth and Engagement:** I strive to attract new members and retain existing members through targeted recruitment efforts, engaging outreach programs, and creating a welcoming environment.

**Club Recognition:** It is essential to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of our Key Club members, clubs, and advisors. I will establish a recognition program that acknowledges service, leadership, and innovation excellence. By shining a spotlight on those who embody the spirit of Key Club, we will inspire others and reinforce the value of their efforts.

**Leadership Development:** I will prioritize providing Key Club officers and members comprehensive leadership training and development opportunities. Through Fall Rallies and District Convention workshops, we will equip our members with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to lead effectively within Key Club and in their future endeavors.

**Increased Attendance at District/International Events:** I strive to have one-hundred attendees at our DCON this year. Additionally, having our Fall Rallies Area-specific this year, transportation issues will be covered, as the event will be closer to each area, increasing the number of attendees and members who can learn more about the district board.

## Governor's Project

Every year, the District Governor selects a project for members to implement in their communities. This year, my Governor's Project is Unlocking Hope: Nebraska-Iowa Key Club for Mental Health. Erika's Lighthouse is dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, educating students, promoting good mental health, and encouraging help-seeking. The Nebraska-Iowa Governors Project aims to raise 2,500, enabling the organization to onboard a new school and gift them with an evidence-informed curriculum and programs. A special award will recognize the club that raises the most money. As for fundraising ideas, consider organizing a "Run your Race" event, hosting a community walk, or throwing a party. Your participation can make a real difference in the lives of many. Let's get started and unlock hope!

If you have any questions regarding the Governor's Project, please contact  
[nebriowagovernor@gmail.com](mailto:nebriowagovernor@gmail.com)

meet the

# Committees

## Event Planning

**Harrison O, Rishitha G, Wenjun L, Hannah S, Owen F**

This committee works to plan and organize major district events; primarily Fall Rally and DCON.

## K-Family and International

**Cooper M, Adriena O, Leah B, Sarah A, Natalie N**

The K-Family and International Committee connects KCI partners to clubs and creates service projects directly benefiting those partners. They work to create relations between all members of the Kiwanis organization, e.g., K-Family week.

## Membership and Dues

**Sparrow K, Cooper M, Sarah A, Owen F, Harrison O**

This committee promotes the payment of clubs and develops strategies to increase membership. They work to charter new clubs and develop club officers.

# Committees Cont.

## Service

**Kaylee C**, Rishitha G, Taylyn A, Cassidy B, Sparrow K, Jasmine R

The service committee plans all service projects for board meetings and district events. They also create pamphlets of service ideas to share with clubs.

## Publicity, Promo, Participation

**Wenjun L**, Hannah S, Leah B, Adriena O, Jasmine R

The PPP committee promotes all events and updates clubs on upcoming events. Keeping the social media up to date and creating flyers and promotional material are primary goals of this committee.

## Sponsorships

**Taylyn A**, Cassidy B, Adriena O, Natalie N, Kaylee C

The sponsorship committee requests sponsorships from suitable businesses. They also help aid other board members as well as club members in requesting sponsorships.

\*committee chairs are bolded



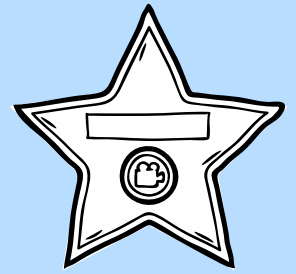
# FALL RALLY 2023

Get excited for Fall Rally, the district kick-off event of the service year! Fall Rally is a fun event to meet Key Clubbers from across the district, make new friends, and learn more about Key Club! This year, instead of hosting one Fall Rally for the entire NE-IA district, we will be hosting multiple **Fall Rallies by area**. This way, Fall Rallies will be closer to club members, allowing members who previously could not attend due to transportation to attend.

	Theme	Location	Date and Time
<b>Areas 1, 2, &amp; 3</b>	TBD	Lincoln, NE	TBD
<b>Areas 4 &amp; 5</b>	TBD	Sioux City, IA	TBD
<b>Area 6</b>	TBD	Adventureland Park, Altoona, IA	TBD
<b>Area 7</b>	TBD	Skyzone, Cedar Rapids, IA	TBD

# ICON 2023

## Anaheim Recap



Nebraska-Iowa Key Clubbers had a blast at International Convention! We started the week off with a magical day at Disneyland, followed by a tour of Los Angeles the next day. At the convention, we engaged in fun-filled workshops, traded pins with members from worldwide, voted on amendments to the bylaws, as well as elected a new international board! Additionally, check out how our district was recognized internationally!

**Ron Petsch** - Key of Honor

**Keerthana Balakrishnan** - Distinguished District Governor

**Shreya Kulkarni** - Distinguished District Secretary

**Carissa Andorf** - Distinguished District Bulletin Editor

**Taylyn Angus** - RFL Distinguished LTG, Global Leadership Certificate

**Wenjun Liu** - RFL Distinguished LTG

**Meg Frideres** - Outstanding Faculty Advisor



# International Update



## 2023-2024 International Board

**President** - Kyle Hanson

**Vice President** - Maria Eileen Wheeler

**Trustees** -

Abigail Choi

Allan An

Alex Trinh

Alyssa Kline

David Robaina

Emily Dudash

Ethan Schmidt

Gabrielle Rhoden

Ian Opel

Maya Tolentino

Riya Bajpai

## Message from our NEW I-President!

Hello, Key Clubbers!

I am Kyle Hanson from the Pacific Northwest, and I am beyond honored to serve as your 2023-2024 Key Club International President! This year, using my previous experience as a Club President and District Governor, I plan to focus on the core of our organization, our clubs. Through Club Voice, Outreach, Resources, and Education, I hope to elevate club experience on the International level. I want to especially focus on educating members, like you, about the work of the International Board!



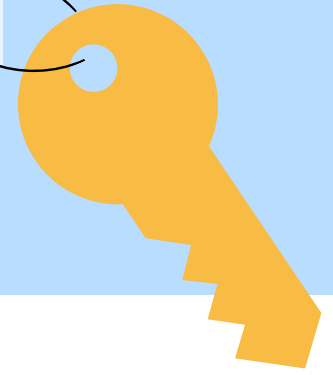
You can always learn more about the work the Key Club International Board is up to by visiting [keyclub.org](http://keyclub.org), or by directly reaching out to me at [Kyle.hanson@keyclub.org](mailto:Kyle.hanson@keyclub.org). I am happy to help you out any time you have questions, ideas, concerns, or need advice.

## Youth Opportunities Fund

The first cycle of YOF Grant applications is due October 15! The grant ranges from \$250 to \$2,000 to support a Key Club's service project. This fund is a fantastic opportunity to jump-start a service project your club has wanted to pursue. Visit [this link](#) for more information regarding qualifications.

# Key Club International

## Service Partners



### Erika's Lighthouse

Erika's Lighthouse's mission is to ensure that no young person feels alone in their depression. This nonprofit organization encourages good mental health and strives to break down the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

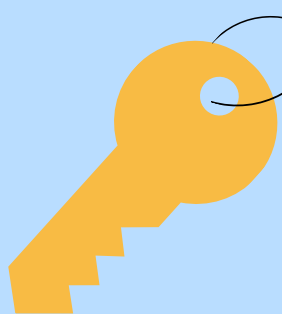
### Schoolhouse

Want to make an impact and have fun while doing it? Looking for a service project that you can complete from the comfort of your bedroom? Key Club has partnered with Schoolhouse to bring free tutoring to thousands of learners worldwide!



### Collegewise

Collegewise helps identify the college that's right for you, assists with the application process, and provides tutoring for ACT/SAT exams. Every Key Club member has access to a suite of Collegewise resources on the Runway platform as a member benefit.



# Key Club International Preferred Charities

## Thirst Project

Thirst Project hopes to educate the next generation by arming students with information about how they can be a part of social change, make a difference and encourage others to join in the effort.



## UNICEF

UNICEF is the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children. Working with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education and safe water and sanitation. KCI's partnership with UNICEF supports the **Major Emphasis: Children: Their Future, Our Focus.**

## How can your club help support KCI partners?

You can help support KCI partners and charities by hosting fundraisers, educating your home club about these resources, and participating in events hosted by these partners. For example, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a popular way for clubs to support UNICEF! Additionally, as mentioned above, the Governor's Project supports Ericka's Lighthouse this year.



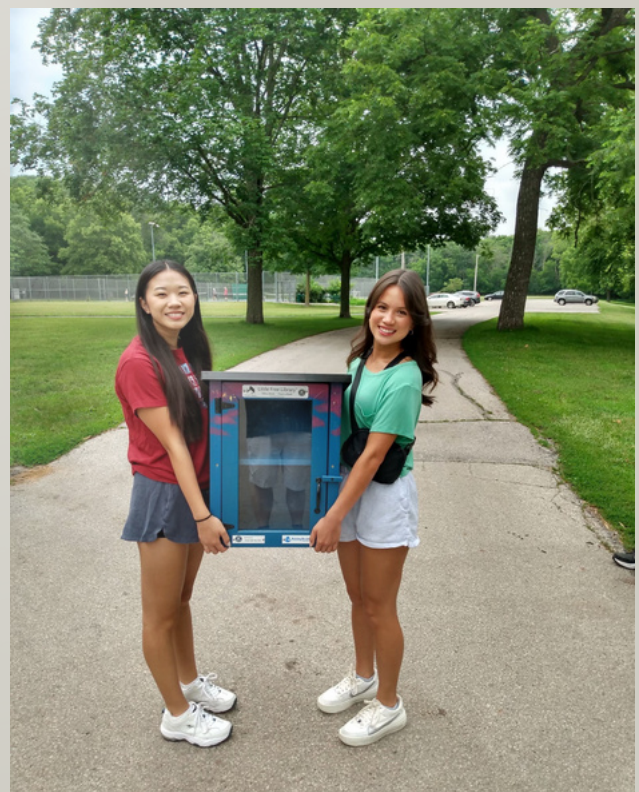
# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Ames High Key Club recently installed **two** new little free libraries in a local park! The club spent an entire service year building the libraries, painting them, then finally installing the libraries for the community to enjoy!

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webmaster hannah!



# Key Dates

Summer → Fall

## July

- 1 ----- Newsletter from LTG
- 3-10 ----- International Convention

## August

- 1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

## September

- 1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

## October

- 1 ----- Newsletter from LTG
- 15 ----- YOF Grant due
- TBD ----- Fall Rallies
- 27-29 ----- Key Leader Camp  
(Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland, NE)



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**Stay connected**

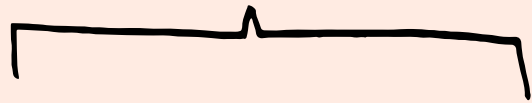


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