

KEY CLUB

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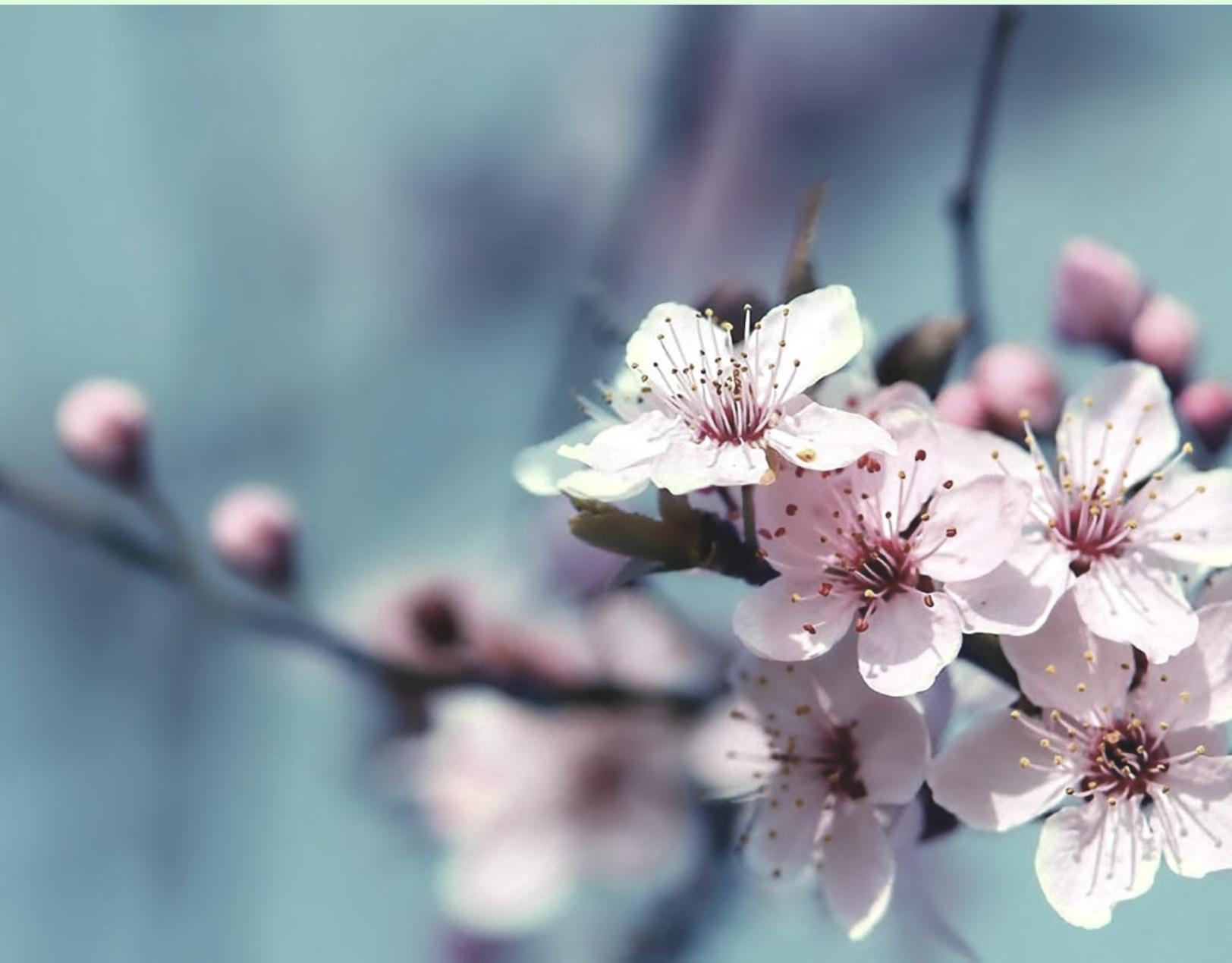
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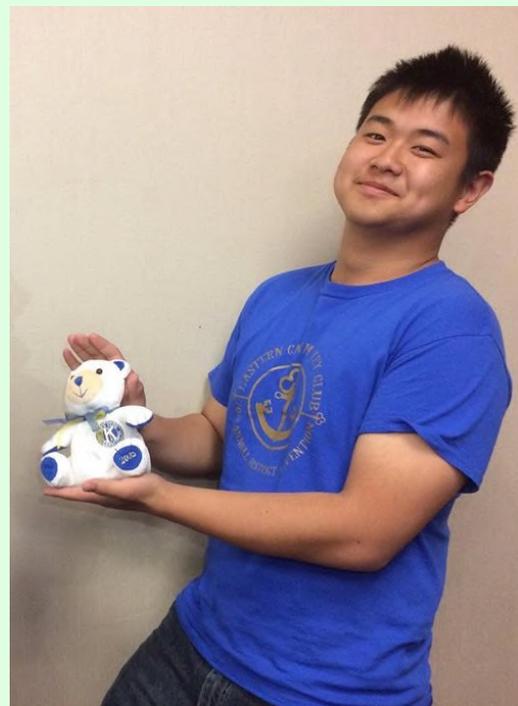
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Just because the school year is ending soon doesn't mean Key Club should.

As the sunny weather arrives, get ready for the bright months ahead!

During the May 26 - 28 weekend, the District Board got together in Toronto to meet and discuss goals and challenges for the 2017-2018 service year. Board members had the chance to learn from others and get to know each other. Now, they're coming home to their own divisions with fresh ideas and inspiration.

Look forward to District Committee applications, an electronic pen pal system, and an exciting DCON in Halifax next year!



Posing with the new mascot!

**“ HOW LUCKY I AM TO
HAVE SOMETHING THAT
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As our seniors prepare for their graduation next month, emotions may be high in our schools and clubs.

There may be relief, sadness, and immense hope for the future. In the midst of all this, it's important to remember the responsibility of graduating members toward their clubs. New executives should be taking advantage of these last few months to learn from their predecessors. Go to Page 6 to find some advice on preparing for September...

EVENTS

KIWANIS CLUB OF OTTAWA LUNCHEON



On May 12, Key Clubs of Ottawa were invited to attend the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa's luncheon at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club. Key Clubbers had the chance to meet others from the division as well as to sample the Kiwanis experience after high school.

With good food and an inspiring talk with guest speaker Lianne Laing (CTV morning show host), this luncheon was a great opportunity for all those in attendance.

CANTERBURY KEY CLUB'S COMMUNITY FUN FAIR

by Mannie Chhabra



On May 5th, Canterbury Key Club threw its first ever Community Fun Fair Fundraiser event for Sleeping Children Around The World. This event was a community-friendly event with multiple activities for everyone and all ages to enjoy. This event included games like ring toss, and bean bag throw for children; a silent auction of over 15 items, food, a tea and coffee tasting booth, a photo booth, and performances from singers, and Canterbury's Improv team.



The most enjoyed activity was Pie In Face for which Canterbury's two vice-principals and principal generously agreed to.

To top everything off, two guest speakers from Sleeping Children Around the World gave a presentation about SCWW and its bedkits to raise more awareness.



With no doubt, this event was surely a first time success for Canterbury Key Club, raising over \$1400 as well as awareness of Key Club and SCWW. They hope to put this event on again next year with generous help from the Youth Opportunities Fund.

FAQ: NEW EXECUTIVES

**UNSURE OF HOW TO MANAGE
YOUR CLUB? FIND ANSWERS
HERE!**

It isn't easy taking the lead. The best advice comes from those who have gone before you: those who know your school and club environment best. But below are some general pointers...



Q. How does Key Club work?

Key Club is a student-led service organizations. As such, clubs generally hold both service events (volunteering) and fundraising events. These events may be in-school or in the local community and may be to support any charitable cause. Clubs may hold meetings to plan for these larger events or have smaller service projects throughout the year. Clubs also have the opportunity to send members to Key Club events elsewhere, such as Key Leader or District Convention.

As club executives, you are responsible for the members and activities of your own club as well as communicating with your school, sponsoring Kiwanis Club, and division.



Q. How come we have less members in September?

Over the summer, some clubs see a drop in active membership. This happens not only because of seniors graduating and leaving their clubs, but because of current members unwilling to join again. This can happen because they've lost interest, the club isn't worth their time, they don't get enough opportunities, or other dissatisfaction with their experience. To retain these members, listen to their criticisms and try to use them to improve the club. Don't be afraid to try new things and experiment with different ideas in order to run your club better. Working together and listening to others provides a more nuanced perspective of complex issues.

• Yours in service,
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Q. What is the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) and why is it important?

The YOF is a fund for Key Club International that helps Key Clubs and Key Clubbers serve by providing grants for service opportunities. Clubs may request funding assistance for a service project anywhere from \$100 USD to \$2000 USD. The reason why it may be important to start considering this now is because there is only one funding cycle a year: applications are accepted beginning in the summer and until October 15. To apply, clubs must send in an online application, including a report of how the funds are spent. If your club is considering a large service project this upcoming year, please take this opportunity into budget consideration. More information can be found below:

<http://www.keyclub.org/service/fund/yof.aspx>

Come to the Divisional Leadership Training Conference (DLTC) in the fall to learn more about running a club! Details to be posted.

