

#### **Arlington High School** Region 7 Division 39N

### Key Club Newsletter

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## Our Motto "CARING; OUR WAY OF LIFE"

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership.

#### Our Pledge

I pledge, on my honor,
to uphold the Objects of Key Club International;
to build my home, school, and community;
to serve my nation and world;
and combat all forces which tend to undermine these
institutions.

#### **Core Values**

**Leadership:** Leadership is grounded in humility and service to others. A true leader listens, recognizes, and empowers.

<u>Character building:</u> Character is built by everyday acts of kindness, integrity, and teamwork to grow stronger relationships and communities.

<u>Caring:</u> Compassion for others is a cornerstone of the Key Club experience, inspiring action, and service to one's community.

<u>Inclusiveness:</u> We welcome people of all backgrounds and ethnicities to join in serving and making a positive difference in our world.

#### **Our Objectives**

- © To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
  - © To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- © To promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship, and social contacts.
- © To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- © To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service and to build better communities.
- © To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

## SEPTEMBER RECAP

Sept. 1 3:00 - 5:00PM AHS Cafe Mini - Mums Pins Come over to make small mum pins to go to homecoming.





Sept. 6 3:00 - 4:00PM AHS Cafe Monthly Meeting Our keyclub meetings to share about our events and do our service project for the month

Sept. 7 7:00 - 7:30AM E105 Make Up Meeting For those who missed the meeting from the day before can come to this event to catch up on what they missed

Sept. 11 Deliver 9/11 Items
We need someone to volunteer to drive to drop
off some items, talk to Mrs. Patterson for more info.



Sept. 23 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Mission Arlington 210 W South St. Come help us volunteer at Mission Arlington to support our community.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1st 3:00-4:00 Cafeteria Monthly Meeting All Key Club members should try to make these monthly meetings.

Oct. 11th 3:00-4:00 E105 Key Club Newsletter Articles Writing Workshop Come join us to write newsletter articles for Key Club.

Oct-Dec Varies Varies District Tournament Archery Center Archery Volunteer Help the Archery Booster Club with Concessions and Check-in tables. Click Here to Sign Up

Sep.11 - Dec. 4 Every Monday 3:30-5:30 Teens Give Back 100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010, Young Adult Area on 2nd floor. Every Session will have fun projects to do.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 15 Wednesday 5pm-9pm Globe Life Field SKYBALL XXI Volunteer Sky Ball is a Veteran fundraising gala, for more info and to sign up click here. When singing up enter Key Club for company and choose Decorations. YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP AND CAN NOT BACK OUT. (You can spend extra time working in another position and earn extra hours)

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Meetings 3-4 pm AHS Café

October 4
November 1
December 6
January 17
February 7
March 6
April 3
May 1

Make Up Meetings 7:00-7:30 am E 105

October 5
November 2
December 7
January 18
February 8
March 7
April 4
May 2

## **Social Media**

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### Major Emphasis & International Projects

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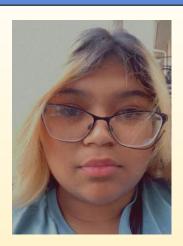
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# Key Club Member Spotlight





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by Ariel Herrera

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Division 39N

My experience for Key Club is completely different from many others in the club. I have been in Key Club for almost four years. It has been a roller coaster of feelings for me. This year hasn't been the greatest for me as such I've had to deal with things most people my age never had to deal with. My Sponsors are such caring amazing teachers to put in simple words. They helped me when I needed it the most.

During my darkest times, when it was too expensive to get rides to school or the hospital even to my own home during the time I was evicted. They helped me with rides, talked to me when I was at my worst. I'm so happy that my teacher reached out to me and told me that I'm not alone in this. She helped me get the resources that I needed for example when I needed a home, food, clothes, etc. I never had a club like this that made me feel loved and cared for like this club has been to me, not even my own father will help me like this club has.

What this club means to me is love, inclusiveness, caring, character-building, and leadership are the four core values they represent as a club. The leadership they show throughout the meetings. The Inclusiveness they add in the club to make members like me feel included. The caring bond of just simple things like asking whether or not I'm feeling okay or if I needed a ride anywhere. Character-building with a shy girl like me finally making friends and building more communication skills. The Leadership skills that help me get jobs and to be more successful in life in general. To me Key Club cannot be put into simple words or simple expressions. Key Club matters so much to me, sometimes too much.

Key Club during the four years I've been with the club, I've made so many memories. I laughed, I cried, and I've even made mistakes but this club isn't just a club to me anymore no. To me it's a family, a whole community for people from all over the place to share the same emotions as I did during my years in Key Club. People will have different takes in random clubs however, for Key Club I want people to love the club.



# Key Club Thoughts

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### "Post It!"

Imagine a world full of ways you could communicate with your friends, family, and peers daily. Having a technique to send and receive instant messages with only a few buttons. This would be life changing, only, we already have it! Hi, My name is Kendall Norman, Arlington High School's social media chair and I'll be chatting with you today on the ways my club uses social media to communicate with our members!

Effective communication is the backbone to any and every prosperous club, especially the one we all know and love, Key Club! We are fortunate enough in our generation to have endless apps to easily reach out to our members, one in particular that our club loves is Instagram. Being in charge of our social media, it is my duty to create visibly attractive as well as effective posts for everyone to see. It's also practical because after I share a post, other officers and members can repost the post and gather more attention for our club and upcoming events.

Can I ask you a question? How rare is it that a fifteen to eighteen year old high school student uses social media? Not very rare, right? Take advantage of this to help your organization! Everyone is on their phone at some point in the day so it doesn't matter what time you send out your reminder because your target audience is going to see it.

In conclusion, our club uses social media in every possible way imaginable to reach our members! Whether it's through Instagram, Remind, GroupMe, or even SportsYou, we are always able to reach out and communicate with everyone. Take this into consideration when your club is brainstorming ways to reach out, let others know about it too.









# Key Club Thoughts

## Parli Pro with Jo

Hi everyone! I'm Jolene, the president of the Arlington HS Key Club. I learned about Parliamentary Procedure AKA Parli Pro at LEDCON, and we have implemented it in our club since.

Parliamentary procedure is the accepted rules, ethics, and customs governing meetings of an assembly or organization. To start, I know that somebody must be recognized by the chair. After, the speaker must state their name and division. When doing Parli Pro, you can make and second motions, discuss your opinion, and vote on the proposed action. An amendment can also be proposed by another speaker. It is important to state your name and division before you say anything or someone can call a point of order. The common interferences are point of order, point of information, and point of personal privilege. In our club, we consistently use these steps to make motions.

Every day that we have board meetings, a motion is proposed to the officers. After it gets seconded, we discuss why or why not it would be a good idea. A vote is taken on the motion and the majority wins. The motion either gets passed or denied. We have used this to decide what to spend our money on and whether or not we want to participate in an event. For example, we have voted on spending money on pumpkins and paint for our October club meeting.

I feel like this is a very effective way to make a big decision and include everyone in it. This prevents people from talking over each other or having one person control all the decisions. All officers can contribute and topics can be discussed fully. Overall, Parli Pro gives everybody a chance to voice their opinion and in an organized way.





# Key Club Thoughts

### Monthly Meetings



Everyone at AHS knows that there is going to be a Key Club meeting every first Wednesday of the month from 3:15-4:15 in the cafeteria. We do a lot to prepare for these monthly meetings, all while still trying to have fun. Our Key Clubbers get free snacks at every meeting and we always ask for their feedback and suggestions so we can improve at our next meeting. After sitting at desks all day, our members told us that they enjoy when we have icebreakers where they get to move around. So we've had them play interactive bingo and have them run across the cafe to find their match. The president and I work on our meeting slideshow throughout the month. We like to make the slides cute and use templates that represent that month. For example, we used a template with school supplies in August to represent back to school. We will use a Thanksgiving template for November, Christmas for December, etc. Our October meeting will fall on our president's birthday, so we are going to use a birthday template for that month. Our slideshows are often lengthy because they are always jam packed with information. We inform our Key Club members of community service events and show past photos of us working them. We do our pledge, announcements, and we recognize the Key Club teacher and student of the month. Our club loves this part because they get to nominate their favorite teacher who embodies the four Key Club values and the student who has logged the most service hours also gets recognized. They both get a little goodie bag for winning. Once we get all the information out of the way, the second half of our meeting is our service project. In August, we partnered up with the Spanish Club and we had our members cut out papel picado to be hung up for Hispanic Heritage Month. In September, our members assembled goodie bags filled with yummy snacks to be distributed to firefighters and police officers in remembrance of 9/11. This October, we are going to have a fun pumpkin painting contest and then donate the pumpkins. I cherish every meeting with our members because there are only so many meetings a school year. Everything we do comes from love and to benefit our members.