



Intro/Overview: Key Club

Kiwanis
CYPRESS CALIFORNIA

WHO KEY CLUB IS AND WHAT IT DOES

Key Club International is the high school organization sponsored by **Kiwanis International**. **Key Club** assists **Kiwanis** in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High school student members of **Key Club** perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels. The **Kiwanis Club of Cypress** is proud to sponsor **Key Clubs** at the following high schools: **Cypress, Los Alamitos, Oxford, and Magnolia.**

Key Club International brings together all **Key Club's** members' efforts and energies into an area that makes an international impact through the Major Emphasis Program (MEP), *"Children: Their Future, Our Focus."*

Each year, **Key Club International** teams up with its three partner organizations, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network and UNICEF, for the fundraising element of the MEP.

FOR WHAT KEY CLUB STANDS

Mission statement

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

Vision

To develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

Core values

The core values of **Key Club International** are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness.



The Key Club 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 God;
and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

HOW KEY CLUB WORKS

Key Club International is a self-governing, student-led organization. Each year, **Key Club** members elect their student officers at club, district and international levels during club meetings and district and international conventions.

Key Club members receive guidance and support from adult volunteers, including Kiwanis advisors, faculty advisors and district administrators. The organization is funded by nominal dues paid by every member.

Key Clubs are established in a high school or equivalent institution. A community-based club also may be chartered. Elected officers can include president, one or more vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, editor and one director from each class.



WHO CIRCLE K IS AND **WHAT** IT DOES

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate and university **community service, leadership development** and **friendship** organization in the world. With more than 12,600 members in 17 nations and on over 500 campuses, CKI is making a positive impact on the world every day.

Circle K clubs are organized and sponsored by a **Kiwanis club** on a college or university campus. **CKI** is a self-governing organization and elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings and determines its own service activities. **The Kiwanis Club of Cypress** is the proud sponsor of a **Circle K Club** on the campus of **California State University, Fullerton**.

Service

Service is a fundamental element of CKI. Collectively, CKI members perform more than 1 million hours of service annually on their campuses and in their communities.



Circle K was first introduced on the Washington State University campus in 1936 and went international in 1949. Since 1971 women have been welcomed as members. 2005 marked the 50th anniversary of Circle K.

If you are a college student or looking to be involved in a service club when you get to college, explore the opportunities for **CKI membership** on the campuses you are considering by contacting circlek@kiwanis.org.

Leadership

Leadership is one of the three tenets of **Circle K International**. To instill a strong sense of leadership in all its members, **CKI** has made it a mission to afford members the resources and tools needed to become great leaders. Leadership is exemplified in many ways among which are holding an office in a campus **CKI club** or simply joining **CKI**. Simply joining and being an active member of a local campus **CKI club** will provide you with the opportunity to develop skills to become a better leader as well as skills so that you can teach others how to become great leaders.

Fellowship

Whether a CKI member is mentoring a child, networking with a business professional, or laughing with members during a convention, he or she is developing social skills, meeting new people, and strengthening relationships.