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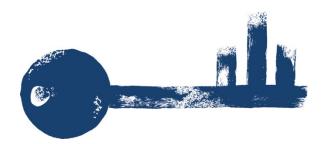
A picture of Modesto High Red Pandas attending Officer Training Conference (OTC)

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A note from your editor, Alexander Wiegman

Good day to everyone reading this newsletter. Hopefully, you find it informing and well made. This newsletter is made with three intentions, which I list below:

1) To inspire conversation in the weekly meetings. Sometimes, an event that happens during one of them is featured in here.

2) To the end that our Lt. Governor, Celina Chanthanouvong like me more. (It is better to be on her good side, believe me.)

3) And, to have a member of the month section (starting with this edition).

Out of necessity to have knowledge, I will also print the KEY club pledge *here*:

"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."

Anyway, hopefully everyone is happy with this first newsletter. However, if you just can't read anything on paper (I know some people have that problem), check out our website (which is always under construction) at:

https://sites.google.com/site/keyclubmohi/

Is there anything you would like to see? Would you have rather had me write a few paragraphs on the weather? Do you think the weather is so wacky that we should make Mr. Vierra do a service project with us? (OK, let's do this the common way – "Any comments or questions?") Well, if you have any, feel free to contact me at <u>mhscnhkeyclub@gmail.com</u>."

With a lot of love and sincerity to all who bother reading still, Alexander Wiegman (Baby Red Panda)



A word from the President, Kristy Phal

"I'm so proud to everyone who helped me start off the year right. I want to thank all of my members for putting in the time and effort this month. I just want to say I love you all. This month has been a blast working with you guys. Thank you for everything!

I'm proud to say Modesto High School Key Club's goal is to raise \$1000 for the eliminate project. We will be selling lemonade at the Farmers Market on the weekends. I believe in my Club and we can reach that goal."

Thank you, Kristy Phal President of MHS Key Club

A word from the Lt. Governor, Celina Chanthanouvong

"Hello Division 46 North! Even though I have been serving this Division for only a Month, I already know we have a great year ahead of us. Not one club missed out on OTC and not one club submitted their MRF late! I want to thank you all for being so amazing and I hope your passion for service doesn't die out during summer vacation. Don't forget that the week of May 5th to 11th is Eliminate Week. I hope to see you all at DCM and hope you're all '*feeling good*!"

♥ Mama Red Panda (aka D46N LTG)







The New KEY Club Display Case at Modesto High School

"A great way to spread awareness of KEY Club to the community and school population." - Mrs. Bannholzer, Modesto High Faculty advisor

As of April 24th, a new display case has been seen in the main hall of Modesto High School – it is for KEY Club. Inside it, the school displays the awards it has received over the last few years. In the future, the club hopes that it will also hold some ELIMINATE posters, a copy of their website (in paper form), and some photos from various community service projects they do. Many in the club also hope that the case will help get more people interested in joining KEY Club.

The president, Kristy Phal, supported the idea for the case in a meeting in the beginning of that month as part of a strategy to get more members to join the club. In the meeting, she mentioned "...as of recent, we have lost too many members... we started out with nearly 70 members last year... now we're at 33 official members, and only 16 active out of that..." Our faculty advisor heard our problem, and she got us a case with the hope that "The case will spread awareness...to the community."

Before long, decorating the case became a service project in itself. Every Wednesday after the 24th, the club held meetings to decorate the case. The awards finally made it into the case on the 1st. Since, some students have noticed the case and have gained interest in KEY Club. As Alex Wiegman (the editor of the Club) told me, "No one new has joined the club, yet, but I have heard many people interested in the club. I hope that we can convince some of these people to join."



"Officer Training Conference Rocks!"

"I want everyone to attend the workshop that they are officers of... and for the rest of the workshops...have fun." - Mr. Vierra, Regional Advisor of Division 46 North and Division 46 South

On May 5th, officers and other club representatives came from KEY Clubs between Modesto and Livingston to Livingston High School. There, a training conference was held to help officers understand their positions, and inform all other KEY Club red pandas and kangaroos (Divisions 46 North and South, respectively).

The day started out with orange juice, rice kripsies, fruit snacks, and pastries. Yes, that was breakfast, provided courtesy of the KIWANIS clubs of the areas. At 8:30, the attendees entered the gym for a few words from Mr. Vierra on the goal of the conference (see above). Later, the KIWANIS members entered another room to talk about business, while the KEY Club members stayed in the gym for a spirit rally. Brent DeMayo (past 2012 Lt. Governor for the former Division 46 district), Celina Chanthanouvong, Charles Litao, and even some visitors from Division 5, including TODOS headed the rally.

At the Spirit rally, the day started very languidly. All of the sudden, Celina decided that she would make the day more interesting. "Alex Wiegman," she said, "teach everyone how to do the 'How do you feel?' chant." A very surprisingly excited, "OK," came in response. Within five minutes, the whole gym was resounding with the chants of "We feel good... oh; we feel so good, ooooooohhhhh....a boogla, a boogla...." Then, it was Brent's turn to create a challenge – "Get into group 1 or group 2 and create a chant, the better presentation of the chant wins!" In the end, there was a tie. The workshop wrapped up with an icebreaker to introduce one to everyone and ask questions to Brent about his first *Fall Rally*.

The day continued with more workshops, until noon, when it was lunchtime! Many people talked with friends, enjoyed the pizza and salad, and had fun taking photos for the one hour lunch break.

More workshops occurred between then and 2 PM, when everyone got back into the gym for the closing session. There the attendees traded their surveys for raffle tickets. After that, everyone took a group picture. During the raffle, one lucky soul actually won twice! But, he was told that the second ticket wasn't valid and so, he received only one prize. Another soul had won an item, but wanted what another soul had already won, a prize of a stuffed animal kitten with a ball of yarn. Fortunately or unfortunately, the two traded prizes. When the day was over, it was 3PM and many thought they had a wonderful day... or as one person said, "Officer Training Conference rocks!"



The Random Photo Collage

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Decorating the Case









Member of the Month - Ana Tavalera

Congratulations to Ana Tavalera, the red panda of the month for this month. We would like to congratulate her for being a KEY club active senior (seniors rock!) We would also like to recognize her innumerable hours of service. Thanks for being such a great role model!



Team leader & MoHi senior Ana C. Talavera gathers trash from the river's edge to load into the raft. – With Ana C. Talavera @ 9th Street Bridge and River Road, Modesto, CA.

FB, Tuolumne River Trust

Don't forget to keep the tradition and join KIWANIS!



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