



K-Kids Teach Circle K Members

Bowling Green K-Kids Alexia Huang and Kate Su became Professors for an evening when they were invited by the Adelphi Circle K to teach the college students how to make origami cranes.

After learning that the 5th graders had organized a class project that resulted in more than 1,000 paper cranes, Adelphi Circle K President Katie Henn asked the K-Kids' Faculty Advisor and teacher Rich Santer if the K-Kids members would come to the Adelphi Circle K meeting and teach them the skill.

The 5th graders explained how Mr. Santer's class began to make paper cranes after reading the novel *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr. The story describes Sadako's attempt to earn a wish by folding 1,000 paper cranes. While Sadako died before her task was complete her classmates finished her task and told her story to promote world peace. Before learning of the www.studentsrebuild.org project and the Bezo Family Foundation's pledge to donate \$2 for each student made crane mailed to them to help rebuild the areas of Japan destroyed by the recent tsunami, Santer's class had intended to send their paper cranes to Hiroshima Peace Park. However, the class instead voted to donate their 1,000 paper cranes to their school's K-Kids and began a K-Kids project to make another 1,000 cranes to help the people of Japan.

Webinars Listed for May, June

Devote your Tuesday evenings in May and June learning to make an impact on your club meetings, club website, community projects and Kiwanis members worldwide by attending these free webinars:

Being an Informed Delegate (May 17): Get an overview of what delegates will discuss at the Kiwanis International convention's business session, learning more about amendments and candidates for office so you can consider your vote carefully.

Club Meetings with Impact (May 24): Make an impact on the standard, boring old club meeting by keeping everyone excited and engaged through fun and rewarding activities.

Quick, Easy Service Projects (June 7): Yes, your club can make high-impact changes in your community through service projects that are quick, easy and low-cost; these Kiwanis clubs do.

All webinars start at 8 p.m. Eastern time. To sign up for these sessions, register at www.KiwanisOne.org/webinars.

Key Leader

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It's time to start planning for the Spring Session of Key Leader.

The upcoming session starts the third week in May, which is May 13-15.

Key Leader is a program designed for 14-18 year-old high school students, but we do accept graduating junior high students each spring as well. The program is dedicated to teaching five basic principles of Quality Leadership: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and Pursuit of Excellence. They achieve this in an intensive weekend of interactive programming. Students are given a workbook that covers all these areas and they are walked through each, utilizing various exercise resources which include a lead facilitator, student facilitators, videos, music, various partnerships with fellow students. There is also an outside adventure course that reinforces all the concepts addressed within the classroom. They top it all off with a bonfire and s'mores.

Students may come from area high schools, boys and girls clubs, scouting programs, Big Brother/Big Sisters, homeschoolers or be recommended by a family member. They can be sponsored privately by local business or family members, and of course their local Kiwanis Club.

Please consider asking others in the community to assist with tuition so that you may send more students. Right now I have two local banks and one doctor donating to the program. I would be willing to create displays for any business that needs one. Start contacting your local schools guidance departments to solicit likely candidates from them. Call other organizations working with young people for students as well.

Tuition is \$175-\$200. A \$25 scholarship is provided to the first 1,000 Key Club Members who sign up. There is a late fee of \$25, so start signing up now. Go to www.Key-Leader.org and click on registration for more details and to register; all registration is done on line. Key Leader is also in need of snack money donations, (ask me how) and chaperones!

For more information please visit our new website, www.Key-Leader.org. If you have questions or other suggestions, please address them to Mary Jean Sprague, askmj@hvc.rr.com or 845-255-0969/943-0507.