

July Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Mar Vista,

School has been out and summer is here! With summer comes the free time and relaxation we've all been looking forward to pretty much since the year started.

Even though school is out, volunteering never stops! There are tons of volunteer options in our area, and we've doing more as a Key Club, even over break.

Check out the Letter from the President on page three for our goals on membership, community service, as well as important

announcements and the pictures of the month on page 3.

Make sure to check the Facebook Page every now and then to make sure you haven't missed the new updates and news.

I have also implemented a website for our club, so make sure to check it out!

Sincerely,
AJ Jones
Editor

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

RELAY FOR LIFE

On June 9th, Mar Vista Key Club met up at our Club President's house at 8 in the morning and double checked to make sure they had all the items to ensure a fun 24 hours of community service: Sleeping Bags, Tents, Snacks, Water, and Lumpia from Kathleen Budd.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life started at 9, with the first laps being reserved for cancer survivors,



The first lap being completed by Cancer Survivors.

After the laps were completed by the Survivors, our Key Clubbers got to work by walking. "I got to meet a lot of new people and get closer to old friends while we walked and talked" says Justice '15, who along with Mariko '13 walked and jogged the equivalent of a Marathon! Many of the Key Clubbers bonded by singing

and dancing to the music, provided by the DJ. Even when the lights went out, our Key Clubbers kept going, walking to *Kick it to Cancer*, one of the many themes of the day.



Sean Arca and Adrianna Amanonce walk a lap at night.

At the Relay for Life, there were many booths run by families and groups trying to support the fight against Cancer. Through booths and sponsoring, over \$18,000 were raised in twenty-four hours.



Group pictures of almost everyone from Key Club who went to the Relay.

"It's one of those motivating events that just make you want to change for the better" says Kathleen Budd '13. After a moment of silence, all of those who lost a family member or friend to cancer were called up to the track. "It was very touching to me," says Kimberly Buendia '13 "the moment of silence for those, including me, who have lost a loved one battling cancer."

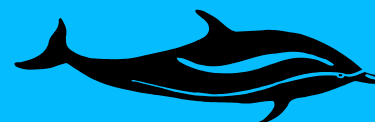
When they got tired, the Key Clubbers crashed in two tents, but some decided to keep walking through the whole night.



Kathleen Budd, Mariah Hill, Nicole Riccio, and Monica Goodwin smile for the camera as they walk their 2nd mile

The next day, there was a Facebook post from almost everyone who went about how sore they were. When asked if it was worth it, Adrianna Amanonce says "Totally, I ran for my grandma and great grandma"

KEY CLUB



RECENT EVENTS

Picture of the Month



Monica Goodwin gives an apple to an exceptional athlete

Letter from the President

Hey Everyone! We're coming into our mid-summer time and already we are making great progress with our club! We are getting more fun ideas to benefit our community as well as coming together more as a family at our events. Our summer plans have gone well and I can't wait to enjoy more with you guys! Some of our upcoming goals for this year are having at least 50 community service hours per member as well as expanding more as a club to our school. We are at about 17 hours of community service per member as well as having 33 members in our club! Let's go even farther and show everyone what we can do!

Thanks,
Mariko Nakawatase

Announcements

- This month's DCM has been moved from the 4th of July to the 11th.
- There will be no club meetings at school until August.
- Our website:
www.marvistahighkeyclub.weebly.com
is up and running.

KEY CLUB



SPORTS FOR EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

Sports for Exceptional Athletes is a program that helps the developmentally disabled ages 5 and up; Mar Vista Key Club decided to help out on June 2nd by feeding the hungry athletes.

The Key Clubbers met bright and early at the Imperial Beach Boys and Girls Club and made sandwiches alongside Kiwanians from the Imperial Beach Kiwanis Club.



Monica Goodwin, Mariko Nakawatase, and AJ Jones form an assembly line for making Turkey Sandwiches.

When over 200 sandwiches were finished, they were loaded and everyone headed over to SDSU and set up to feed the athletes participating in that day's activities.



Mariah Hill, Nicole Riccio, and Sean Arca prepare for the incoming crowd as AJ Jones check the team in.

Almost immediately after setting up, a line formed for the sandwich bags; teams and athletes were checked in and sandwiches were given, along with their choice in

drink and chip. "It was nice to be able to talk to the people we were helping, and really see their faces" says Monica Goodwin '13.



Kevin Borges holds a drink for an athlete while he chooses his chips.

The Spots for Exceptional Athletes provided a sense of camaraderie for all involved, including our Key Clubbers.

MAJOR EMPHASIS PROGRAM

The Major Emphasis Program for this year will be focusing on young children "ages 0-5" and is called Project Jumpstart. As a club, we'll be doing a variety of events and projects to help young children "one baby step at a time"

