



# DLC theme *Revealed*

**O**n October 15, at the Mo-Ark District Board Meeting, the 2016-17 DCON theme was released – *Peace, Love, Key Club!* The idea of this theme was based on the 1960's and 70's. The theme will invoke a sense of fun, love and service, as service gives us a feeling of peace and caring for all.

For those who have yet to attend District Leadership Conference, it is a multi-day retreat (this year, beginning on March 9 - 11, 2017) at the John Q. Hammons Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. It is a time for Missouri-Arkansas Key Clubbers to unite, celebrate a year of service, learn new ways to benefit the community, and make memories that last. Interesting aspects of the event include forums, district elections, the welcoming activity, contests and awards, a hands-on service project and so much more.

This year, we intend to incorporate the theme into all aspects of the convention. From becoming a free spirit at our welcome activities to spreading peace and love throughout the weekend, we'll be able to complete a Key Club movement of service together.

Start preparing today, and be ready to attend the unforgettable DLC 2017, a place where we can tackle the mission of service together!



## Greetings, Missouri-Arkansas District Key Clubbers!

My name is Jessica Bae, and it is truly an honor to introduce myself as your new International Trustee for the 2016-2017 Key Club year. With a phenomenal sister district-Missouri-Arkansas, Ohio, and Rocky Mountain - I have no doubt that it's going to be an amazing year.

To tell you a little more about myself, I'm from Seattle, Washington and a senior at Kamiak High School. I love going on outdoor adventures in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, jamming out to classic rock, jazz, or hip hop and of course, volunteering in and around my community.

My Key Club journey started freshmen year when I was lured to my first Key Club meeting by the smell of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Since then, I have immersed myself in the close-knit community that fueled my passion for service and introduced me to lifelong friends. As your International Trustee, I will work as your bridge between your district and International, an accessible resource and a friend, helping to make your Key Club experience the best it could possibly be.

The Mo-Ark District will be hosting a Shoe Cutting Party at District



Leadership. We need Key Clubbers to save denim, give it to your lieutenant governor or mail it to the Mo-Ark District Office *before* January. It does not matter what color the denim is, but it can't be denim with spandex. A Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Party is not only fun & easy, but it is a tangible way to give back and affect lives thousands of miles away!

Every single piece of fabric you cut with clothes the feet of children and will protect them from \*jigger infestations. It will provide jobs for Ugandans who sew the shoes. It will change their family's life and give them pride in their skill and workmanship and provide income to care for their family.

The District will be providing some denim, the patterns, and some scissors. All we ask is that between now and DLC, you collect some more denim, bring your scissors, and a willingness to help others.

#### \*Jiggers

- Children's feet are infested with 'jigger' fleas, common in Sub-Saharan climates
- Feet become grossly swollen and disfigured
- Skin becomes flaky, pitted and covered with nodules from burrowing fleas
- Jiggers burrow into human flesh, lay pea-size eggs and multiply
- Jiggers cause swelling, itching, ulceration and infection
- Victims can suffer blood poisoning, gangrene, tetanus and other diseases
- Sometimes this can lead to amputation or even death in the worst cases



## District Project: Heifer International

Dan West was a farmer from the American Midwest and member of

the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary refugees once a day was not enough.

And then he had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow?

That "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International.

### How it Works

We empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but our approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market.

When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

We ask each Mo-Ark Key Club to get involved and purchase an "animal" from Heifer. For more information, go to:

[www. Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org)

## Need Suggestions for the rest of the Year?

### October

Early Bird Dues October 1

Breast Cancer Awareness

Key Club Week

Kiwanis One Day

Trick or Treat for

UNICEF

Annual Report – Be working on it

Sole Hope – Blue Jeans



### November

Key Club Week

Veteran's Day - Flags

Thanksgiving- club social activity

Dues are Due

Movember – prostate awareness

Fall Rallies

Annual Report- Be working

Sole Hope – Collect Blue Jeans



### December

Dues are late December 1

Christmas-club social activity

Work on Annual Report

Sole Hope – Collect Blue

Jeans



### January

DLC Registration

Annual Report should be getting close to complete

Advertise for New LTGs

Sole Hope – Collect Blue Jeans



### February

Annual Report Due February 1

DLC Registration

Sole Hope – Collect Blue Jeans

### March

DLC

## MOVEMBER?



Our fathers, brothers and friends face a health crisis that isn't being talked about. Men are dying too young. We can't afford to stay silent.

*That's why we're taking action.*

Movember Foundation is the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, year round. They're addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention.

We all know about Breast Cancer Awareness but how about doing something for the guys? Have your Key Club sponsor a Movember mustache growing contest (or draw one on!), take pictures, and have people vote for the best "Mo" with cash votes. The gentleman or lady with the best "Mo" gets bragging rights and the money raised goes towards a cancer charity for men.

Find out more about MOVEMBER by going to:

[www.movember.com](http://www.movember.com)