

## RKC (Rosemead Kiwanis Club) Satellite Meeting Minutes – 07/15/2015

### Overview:

#### **Attendance:**

Key Club: Timothy Hu

Kiwanians: Art Landing, Luis Danny Salas, Van Trac, Sue Yamamoto

#### **Opening sequence:**

Invocation: Luis Salas

Pledge of Allegiance: Van Trac

### Program:

The meeting focused on reviewing the "10 Responsibilities of Sponsoring Clubs," a document based on a presentation by two Key Club advisors in Indiana featured in a recent Kiwanicle, here.

Timothy Hu, VP for the Rosemead HS Key club, was asked if he had any questions with regards to the responsibilities and where the Key Club was in terms of meeting the goals listed in the presentation. He acknowledged the need for the Club to develop its committee structure, formalize its activities plan and complete work on its bylaws. At the same time he noted the need to be able to show members "some benefit" for attend the meetings and participate in activities. Motivating people to be more involved has been the ongoing challenge.

In a discussion which followed five tangible "benefits" of Key Club membership were cited:

- 1) **SCOPE** - Giving a person who already has a desire to "serve and make a difference" the ability to serve on a greater scale by facilitating handling of such "overhead" administrative items as insurance, street closure rules, etc. The RKC's involvement with the recent 5K run is a good example.
- 2) **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS** –College admission officers are increasingly "looking deep" when it comes to competing applications – listing participation in a service club is nice but today is not enough. The question is "what did you actually do?" With MRF documentation it is possible to reply in detail.
- 3) **NETWORKING AND FELLOWSHIP** – being in a group acquaints one with others who have background and talents which can be teamed with one's own – no own can be great at everything, but with contacts a group member can supplement their own expertise, not just immediately but even for a lifetime.
- 4) **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - Affording opportunity for developing leadership skills by both making plans, implementing them and then addressing unforeseen problems. Being part of a group gives access to both hands on experience in this area and formal training through activities such as Key Leader and Division/District training sessions
- 5) **JOB RESUMES** - potential employers recognize that taking part in community service shows that students have had experience valuable skills that are transferable to the work environment, such as problem solving, teamwork, and the ability to follow instructions

Obviously this list can probably be modified and expanded upon, but it was noted that some sort of handbook and more formalized presentation program for new members would be helpful. One approach in addition to the suggested service committee structure would be a systematic approach to communication and mentoring – essential in a mega-club the size of RHS. This might include the following:

1. There could be a membership and education committee including pairs of mentors comprised of an upper-class RHS Key Clubber and a sophomore understudy.
2. Each mentor pair would be fully briefed both before the school year and on an ongoing basis on all opportunities for members. This briefing should include training in how to be “member friendly” and seen by the contactees as an information resource rather than making people feel pressured.
3. At a formal orientation and induction ceremony they should be introduced to a group of 8-10 assigned freshman and sophomore key clubbers.
4. During the school year each mentor pair would be responsible to maintain regular contact with their assigned contactees, informing them of completed and upcoming opportunities, inviting them to participate and responding to their concerns.
5. Team members would meet monthly with designated Club officers plus faculty and RKC advisors to review results of contacts and facilitate both activity involvement and resolution of any concerns,

Other suggestions made included the following:

1. Attendance by Key club members at regular Kiwanis luncheon meetings in the summer.
2. Possible meetings of selected RKC members with faculty advisors, key RHS Key Club officers and (in the case of RHS) key faculty members including Dr. Bristol
3. Inclusion of both new Key Club members and parents in possible fall orientation meetings. The purpose here is to facilitate parental understanding of their Key Clubbers involvement and hopefully generate more parental support.
4. Holding of longer general RHS Key Club meetings after school featuring outside presenters on a periodic basis
5. Systematic recognition of service participation at various stages
6. Inclusion of both Kiwanis advisors, faculty advisors and key Club officers in the Key Leader program.

There was no formal listing of upcoming service activities, but there was mentioned the following events:

- Longo Toyota fundraiser (Sat, July 18 and Sat, August 8, 2015)
- 12<sup>th</sup> annual Familia Unida carwash (Sunday, July 26, 2015)
- Monthly Familia Unida meeting (Friday, July 30, 2015)
- Santa Monica Bay Cleanup (not specified)

--- Based on notes by Sue Yamamoto, with commentary and post-meeting suggestions and information from Art Landing, Luis Salas and Van Trac