

Ways Kiwanians Can Interact Personally With Key Club Members

The below suggestions were provided by the 60 adult and student members of the Florida District of Key Club Board of Trustees. What makes these effective is the degree to which the adults interact with teens such that these young people feel valued, appreciated, and respected. Spend more time listening and appreciating them, rather than getting them to listen to you. You might be pleasantly surprised by what you learn. Be sure to consult with you Key Club before carrying these ideas out to be sure they will be attractive to your Key Club members.

1. Jointly charter a new K-Kids or Builders Club.
2. Get involved with a project of your Key Club where you can assist them with something they have difficulty doing themselves (like finding sponsors for a project). Take them with you when you make sponsor contacts, for example.
3. Offer Key Clubbers summer internship or jobs at you business.
4. Invite the Key Club Lt. Governor to speak at your meeting (i.e., provide the program).
5. Interclub at local Key Club meetings (does not have to be your own Key Club).
6. Invite your Key Club officers to your club board meetings.
7. Attend your Key Club's board meetings
8. Attend your Key Club's regular meetings
9. Ask Key Clubbers to attend your Kiwanis meetings, sit with them, and talk with them.
10. Attend Key Club District Conference.
11. Have a joint Kiwanis-Key Club divisional council meeting.
12. Do something special for Key Club officers on their birthdays.
13. Call your Key Club president periodically and ask how they are doing and if they need anything.
14. Meet with the Key Club officers and explain how Kiwanis will financially support them and what they are expected to do to raise their own funds.
15. Offer to drive Key Club Members to their next function (project, Conference, DCM, Kiwanis zone conference, Key Club Zone rally, Kiwanis meeting, etc.).
16. Make sure all Kiwanians are encouraged to attend a Key Club meeting or board meeting at least occasionally, perhaps on a rotational basis.
17. When attending a Key Club meeting or other function, participate in their games, projects and ice breakers instead of just observing from a distance.
18. Ask a Key Clubber to help you with a question about technology (computers, computer programs, wireless devices, advice on what to purchase, etc.).
19. Plan fund raisers and service projects *with* your Key Club members....not just invite them to participate.
20. Lead an ice breaker at a Key Club Divisional Council Meeting.
21. Ask a Key Clubber to lead an ice breaker at a Kiwanis DCM
22. Offer to help your Key Club plan a service or fundraising project, serving on their project committee.
23. Actively participate on your Kiwanis Club's Key Club Committee; make sure you let your Kiwanians, not just the advisor, participate fully with the Key Club.
24. Coordinate with a Key Club member to organize a K-Family event with both clubs in attendance.
25. Invite and assign a Key Club member a particular task at service or fundraising project.

26. Invite Key Club to a Kiwanis meeting and do a project together.
27. Introduce each Key Club member who is present at the Kiwanis meeting and have them speak a little about themselves.
28. Invite a Key Clubber to a Kiwanis District or International Convention.
29. Invite a Key Clubber to your Kiwanis Club's Annual Meeting where you install new Kiwanis officers.
30. Invite Key Clubbers to join your Kiwanis club for a social night out at a restaurant or other social event for both Kiwanians and Key Clubbers.
31. Participate in a Key Club project.
32. Attend a Key Clubber's sporting event, recital, etc.
33. Let Key Club members take over/run a few Kiwanis Meetings (give your program chair a break).
34. Have the Kiwanis Club president and Key Club president can sit down and plan a joint project or event.
35. Invite Key Club members to sit on Kiwanis committees or attend committee meetings.
36. Introduce each Kiwanian at a Key Club meeting and have them speak a little about themselves.
37. Have an icebreaker at a Kiwanis Meeting where Key club members can tell about themselves and vice versa.
38. Invite Key Clubbers to the games of a POP Warner football league Kiwanis sponsors.
39. Travel together with Key Clubbers to Kiwanis or Key Club events.
40. Plan and carry out a day at Disney or some other venue with Key Club and Kiwanis.
41. Conduct an award ceremony for the Key Club at the end of the school year
42. Sponsor or co-sponsor with Key Club a K-Family Picnic (can be a divisional event as well).
43. Key Clubs enjoy hands on service projects, and when Kiwanians are involved in those it really helps students get to know and bond with Kiwanians.
44. Become a mentor to a key clubber.
45. Have Kiwanians conduct officer trainings or committee chair workshops for their Key Clubbers.

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