

# KAY KLIPS

## January, 2011

The **Hiawatha KAY Club** held their annual Silent Auction at the first home basketball game. There were approximately 20 baskets to bid on ranging in themes from Red Hawks to superheros. The money raised went to the Missy Newell Memorial Fund.

The **Horton KAY Club** have had a busy 1<sup>st</sup> semester with several activities. In mid-October, the club members decorated cookies for the high school secretaries & the Horton Police Department. These two groups represent *"the unspoken heroes of the community and/or school"*. In November, the club members hosted their annual fall dance which was a costume party. Also in November, the **Hiawatha KAY Club** invited the **Horton Club** to join in their silent auction baskets for the *Missy Newell Memorial Cancer Fund*. The **Horton Club** put together a K-State basket that brought in \$75 for the worthwhile event. In December, as part of Citizenship Week, the club had a Christmas party. They also made gift bags full of treats & homemade ornaments & gave to the teachers. To finalize the week, the members were encouraged to participate in the Christmas Angel Tree. The members are participating in a newly established county wide seatbelt safety program. Several members traveled to Hiawatha for training. The club members did a seatbelt check one morning as students & staff arrived on campus. The sheriff's office presented a program on the importance of seatbelts. In January, the club members will do another survey to see how compliant everyone is!

The **Lincoln KAY Club** began their school year with a membership drive at the football field following the sports drink scrimmage. Board members enlightened the group on the history, mission statement & goals for the KAY organization. The evening concluded with group games & relays.

Next on the agenda for the year was to complete the Area 4 service project which is to promote recycling awareness in our schools & community. The club decided to make the project a week long event. On Monday, the KAY members went to the grade school to do the "Grocery Bag Project". Members showed the grade school students a presentation explaining the recycling process & why we recycle. Students were then given a grocery sack & asked to draw or write a recycling message on bags that were then returned to the grocery store to be given to merchants.

On Tuesday, the high school students were challenged to "Get to School Cool", where they had to find alternate means to arrive at school besides driving cars. Students were seen either "hoofing" it or carpooling.

Wednesday was GO GREEN Day. Students were asked to wear green. The final project will be a continuing activity in which members will set up recycle bins at the home

football games & will also stay after games to help pick up trash in & around the stands.

The club planned & organized class competitions before the bonfire during Homecoming. The night was a success with a large turnout of the student body participating in the competitions. To promote school spirit for Homecoming outside of the school, the KAY members painted windows of several local businesses & went to the Elementary School to put spirit tattoos on the students.

December was busy with the KAY members collecting items for Operation Christmas Child & helping with the White Gift delivery.

The **Maize High School KAY Club** sponsored the annual Mitten Tree. Mittens, gloves, socks, hats & scarves were collected. The Club worked with Caring Hearts of Maize to support the cause. Most items were taken to children in homeless shelters. Excess donations went to the Operation School Bell which is dedicated to providing clothing, shoes & other personal hygiene products to families in need. The raised enough food to support 60 families. The Club assisted the PTO in hosting a Holiday Shop at the elementary school. Santa, a giant teddy bear & cookies greeted the kids as they walked through the doors. The members assisted elementary students pick presents for their families. The parents set a budget for the kids to spend. The adults sat & enjoyed snacks while their child was with their personal shopper.

The **Manhattan-Anthony Middle School KAY Club** were very busy the first semester with various projects. The club organized a food drive & reward any homeroom that could block out their doorway. The students collected 891 canned or dry food items & donated to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. During Citizenship Week, the members did something each day of the week recognizing their school, community, nation & world. School activity was to dress like your favorite teacher; serve your community; wear red, white & blue in honor of our nation; dress in your favorite foreign attire recognizing world & the last day was honor your club. They members were recognized at a school wide assembly. The club celebrated KAY membership with a taco party. The students had to answer questions about the KAY organization before they could receive ingredients to build their taco. In December, the club went shopping for an Angel Tree recipient. They all felt good & realized the importance of giving.

## **Oberlin-Decatur Community KAYs Never Stop!**

"This year has been so much fun now that the the guys are apart of our family!" said KAY president Serena.

Kay week is really important to our organization. Our main focus is other people. KAY's goal is to help our school, community, world, and nation.

Each day of the week we focus on a different thing. At the beginning of the year we put recycling boxes in all the classrooms, so when we are done with paper, we don't waist it. Monday we went around and picked up all the boxes full of paper and took them to our local recycling center.

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Tuesday we went around to our community day cares and read to the children. Joni Marshal, Marie Merls, Alice Stanley, Shelly Macfee, and Cheryl Sauvage we're really inviting and the KAY members had a lot of fun reading to their day care kids.

Wednesday we collected items such as: socks, underwear, belts, and shoes for the kids in Haiti. Thursday KAY's baked cookies and went around the school and sold them to raise money for cancer. And on Friday KAY members came together and put on an appreciation breakfast for all the staff here at DCHS!



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As you can see the KAY club is very busy, but you haven't heard the last from us yet!