

Kiwanis form Key Club at Miles Mac

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The East Kildonan Kiwanis have established a Key Club at Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

Key Club, a branch of Kiwanis International, is the largest high school service club in the world. There are close to 145,000 students involved in 17 countries.

Angela Landreth, Key Club president at Miles Macdonell, says enthusiasm for the club is running high at the school. Thirty students have joined, nearly double the first-year norm in the United States, where Key Clubs are popular.

"I like the idea of the Key Club. It's nice for the school to get involved in the community. It promotes a good image not only of teens, but of the school as well," she said in an interview at the charter night ceremony, held at the school Oct. 20.

"It's such a perfect organization to do so many things in the community," she said. Until now, she pointed out, there were few formal options for the many students interest-

ed in community service work, or for those wishing to develop leadership skills.

The club has only just got off the ground so projects have not been finalized, but Landreth said members are talking about conducting a toy drive for the Christmas Cheer Board, setting up a scholarship fund, and going carolling at seniors' homes.

The Key Club executive includes: Dung Dang, Inga Eyjolfson, Shawn Majta, Melanie Bernas, Cindy Prokopchuk, Ashley Filyk, Kathleen Howard, and Andrea Zbrog.

Al Rouse, Kiwanis' Division 2 lieutenant-governor, says the Key Club at Miles Mac is the second in the city. There is also a club at Vincent Massey Collegiate.

In the River East School Division, Kiwanis has established a Builders Club at John Henderson Junior High. A club at Valley Gardens Junior High is also planned. At the elementary level, they have instituted a Terrific Kids and BUG (Bring up Grades) program at Birds Hill, Sal-



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Angela Landreth, president of the Key Club, and the Kiwanis' Mario Colonelli, with the Key Club charter.

isbury and John de Graff schools.

Mario Colonelli, immediate past president of the East Kildonan Kiwanis, says the club has talked about forming youth branches for many years, but they

have only become a reality since Rouse took on the task in the last three years. A retired school trustee, he worked with schools to set up the clubs.