



Fall 1999

# At Kent State University

## Convention 1999: Orlando, Florida “Magic of Excellence”

**By Kim Hauge**

*Golden Key Historian*

We arrived early in the morning on Aug. 5 at our beautiful hotel the Peabody in Orlando, Fla. Golden Key had arranged for an evening of “Night Magic” at Sea World that was exclusively for Golden Key members and their guests. It included a fully catered lunch and then Sea World had several shows that you could attend at your leisure.

The park remained open until midnight for the Golden Key members. They really made you feel special, and of course, this was all free thanks to Golden Key!

On Friday, we started off the day with a complimentary continental breakfast and then Regional Meetings were held where we had an opportunity to meet members from the Great Lakes Region (of which Kent State’s chapter is a part).

Starting at 10:30 a.m. you could pick from a host of workshops ranging from leadership workshops to Web design to planning and conducting successful meetings. There was a wide range of topics to choose from to benefit all in attendance.

Starting at 5 p.m., you had your choice to spend free time on your own or you could partake in the Downtown Disney trip. Golden Key again provided continuous shuttle transportation from the hotel and back. I chose the Downtown Disney trip along with many of our other chapter members where we enjoyed shopping, site seeing and dinner at Bongo’s - a really neat Cuban Café on the Disney property.

Saturday was another busy day. It started off with a Student recognition Breakfast at 8 a.m. and Personal Development Workshops that started at 9:30 a.m. Again, there were so many to choose from. I chose the Marketing Golden Key Workshop and two Chapter Activity Workshops entitled “Best of America” and “Mentoring: The Key to Member Success”.

There were three different Corporate Panel Presentations held in the afternoon. I attended the “Focus on Leadership” discussion. The panel, which consisted of executives from General Mills, Merck, MBNA, Monster.com, Gateway and KPMG, were extremely

**By Ryan Burr**

*Golden Key Newsletter Editor*

Golden Key’s International Convention was elaborate, educational and recreational.

An astronaut who commanded and saved Apollo 13 from disaster who spoke on our last evening in Orlando, Fla highlighted the three-day event. His speech was the most inspirational and intense I’ve ever heard.

His story of facing the threat of losing the Apollo 13 crew was fought with an attitude of “failure is not an option.” As students, we can apply this courage in every situation we approach in life.



easy to talk with and handled this presentation in an open question/answer format. This was a great opportunity to learn more about the major corporate sponsors that are out there looking for Golden Key members to fill vacancies within their companies and see what  
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After the speech and steak dinner, we had a dance in the ballroom of the Peabody Hotel, where we stayed.

Judging by the sweat dripping off everyone, we were enjoying the music and dancing.

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Who's in charge here? Well, there are several people. With each Golden Key Newsletter, we are going to feature each of these officers, so all Golden Key members get the opportunity to...

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

This issue's feature: Cory Helm

**Major:** Fashion Design

**Class Level:** Senior

**Position:** Community Service Chair

**Q: Why do you feel your position is important? Why did you apply for it?**

**A:** My position meets the philanthropic needs of the organization. Golden Key has taken large steps to make a difference in many peoples' lives and it is up to the person in my position to introduce these projects. I was interested in the position to expand my community service profile and work with such a domineering group.

**Q: What do you want to get accomplished this year and why?**

**A:** I would like to accomplish more group involvement and set goals. These are

very important to any group and give us a sense of progress. It establishes a sense of satisfaction many people look for in organizations. (**Editors note:** Cory also mentioned she is the President of another organization who would "love" to collaborate with Golden Key on projects.)

**Q: Why is Golden Key important to you?**

**A:** Its dedication to Kent and the community. I love the service projects that...links other university organizations and departments — Above all, (I like) the people. We have the best students who give up their time to help. The result, excelling both in and out of the classroom.

**Q: Hobbies, interests, and general information stuff about yourself. Also, include one thing you have never told anyone about yourself. (be honest!)**

**A:** I like art, horseback riding, sewing and swimming. I also enjoy kids and helping them. I am also very involved and it has taught me how to conform to be a contributor and not necessarily a leader all the time. (I always wanted the whole bowl of wax.) I think maturity helped.

## QUICK HITS

\* Golden Key has hosted two information tables sessions this year. The first took place during the Black Squirrel Festival during the first week of September. The second round of tables were held Oct 6 and 7. Both sessions were very important in getting Golden Key's name publicized more around the university as well as attracting possible future members.

During the Black Squirrel Festival Tables, Golden Key got e-mail addresses from approximately 15 members we had lost contact with. These members were asked to resubmit their name and e-mail addresses so that they will remain a part of the organization. Also, an encouraging sign was the number of people who stopped by the booth who were not members, yet still took the Golden Key information set out on the tables.

Jenn gets angry when you don't visit the Golden Key Web site. When Jenn gets angry, Shawn gets upset -- and when Shawn gets upset, people die!

See us on the WEB at .... <http://www.kent.edu/stuorg/goldenkey>

## GOLDEN KEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Golden Key chapter at Kent State is all about service.

But on a cold, damp Saturday morning Oct. 23, six Golden Key officers made sure Golden Key's service also makes a difference.

The service project Golden Key members chose to do this semester for "Make a Difference Day" was to do general clean up work at the King Kennedy Center, a community center in Ravenna.

Vice president Carla Stoll, Historian Kim Hauge, Publicity Chairperson Marie Clark, Service Chairperson Cory Helm, Newsletter Editor Shawn Turner, and Web master Jennifer Taneri all took part in cleaning toys, chairs, windows, rear-

ranging book shelves and cleaning up the office.

The event, which was set up in part by Clark who also does tutoring at the center, began with the group meeting at the bus stop in front of the Kent State Student Center. From there, the officers (along with Hauge's daughter and her friend who assisted the officers in helping to clean at the center) arrived at the King Kennedy Center and immediately rolled up their proverbial sleeves and got ready to work.

The group spared no expense in making sure that every nook and cranny in the center had felt the spray of Windex at some time during the morning. Each member seemed focused on his or her newfound janitorial roles. Taneri, for example, spent the two hours the group

was there making sure the book shelf she rearranged was exactly the way she wanted it as she took the hundreds of books off the shelves, dusted the shelves, tossed the books which had their covers torn off or were otherwise unreadable, and then meticulously placed all the books back on the shelves.

"I have my own method for when I clean," Taneri explained.

The group's work will not go unnoticed, as a reporter from Kent State's television station, TV-2, also arrived on the scene. After interviewing Clark, the reporter documented the officers' community service project.

It may have been just one morning, but it made a difference. And that is what service, no matter what the day, is all about.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, first of all, I believe introductions are in order!

For those of you who may not know, my name is Shawn Turner and I, along with Ryan Burr, have inherited the job of Newsletter Editor from Phyllis Higgins. I am very excited to have this position and I am looking forward to bringing you the latest Golden Key news and updates. The basis for any successful organization is communication, and that is what this newsletter is all about. By keeping officers and members on the same page (pardon the pun), everyone will be better able to function as a group.

My hope is to publish at least one newsletter each semester. I also want to expand the newsletter in terms of its departments. I do not want to simply cover Golden Key events, I also want to cover the individuals who make Golden Key the exceptional organization that it is. This is why I am adding the "Meet Your Officers" section, as well as trying to write stories on individual members of Golden Key.

Also contained in this issue you will find a "Quick Hits" section. I added this section so that the smaller things Golden Key does also receives the attention the larger functions do. With the numerous events Golden Key hosts every semester, it is nearly impossible to cover every single one of them in a single issue. This section will make sure, as I mentioned, to cover every program Golden Key puts on, regardless of size. That reminds me, Rebecca's participation in the Crop Walk for charity was, because of space demands, left out of this edition so I wanted to make mention of it here.

I would also like to add that the schedule of events contained in this issue was taken off Golden Key's Web site. I want to get across to everyone that this Web site is an invaluable source of information for all Golden Key members. Web master Jennifer Taneri does an outstanding job of keeping the Web site updated with all the essential Golden Key information. The Web site can be found at [www.kent.edu/stuorg/goldenkey](http://www.kent.edu/stuorg/goldenkey). In addition to a schedule of events, you will also find the list of all Golden Key officers and their e-mail addresses, informa-

tion about the Golden Key chapters, history and headquarters, where our office is located at Kent State, as well as a Golden Key scrapbook that shows Golden Key members doing what they do best: serving the community!

Finally, I would just like to say the newsletter is always in need of stories from all of its members! Without stories, there is no newsletter so please do not be shy in submitting articles (about one page in length) for any Golden Key event you happen to attend. Also, the newsletter is in need of staff members! Anyone interested in assisting to lay out issues of the newsletter should either come to the meetings and let me know, or drop off a note in my mailbox at the Daily Kent Stater in Taylor Hall.

That is about all for this letter. Thank you all very much for picking up a copy of the newsletter and I hope to see you all at our next meeting!

**Shawn Turner**

*Newsletter Editor*

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## Golden Key sees its future

If the Sophomore Reception held on Oct. 14 is any indication, Golden Key's future is secure.

The reception, which took place in Kent State's Moulton Hall Ballroom, is held annually to welcome in those sophomores who are on the verge of being invited to become members in the organization.

More than 30 sophomores showed up for the reception, which Golden Key President Rebecca Erwin said was "a lot more than last year."

At the reception, the sophomores were treated to a video depicting scenes from Golden Key's national convention in Los Angeles.

Following the movie, each of the Golden Key officers in attendance took turns telling the groups how beneficial being involved in Golden Key can be, from helping out around the community to how it aids its members in finding jobs after graduation through networking.

After the talking was finished, there was only one thing left to do – eat! Golden Key Web master Jennifer Taneri

could be seen vigorously preparing party punch by mixing 7-Up and Sherbert Ice Cream as Vice President Carla Stoll cut pieces of cake that was brought in for the reception.

As the sophomores stood in line waiting to be fed, they were given the chance to meet individually with the Golden Key officers. The advice the officers in attendance doled out must have been effective, as each officer could be seen holding court with his or her own group of sophomores.

This type of individual attention apparently had a positive effect on sophomore Tim Bugansky. When told of the employment opportunities offered through Golden Key by Newsletter Editor Shawn Turner, Bugansky said he would "definitely" join.

This is the first of two receptions that will be held this semester by Golden Key. Whereas this reception welcomed the on campus students, the off campus sophomores will be receiving their acknowledgment soon.

Letters are in the process of being written that will congratulate these sophomores on their excellent academic achievement and invite them to join Golden Key.

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## Message from the President

Dear Golden Key members:

My goal for Golden Key 99-00 is to get as many people involved as possible. That everybody who chooses to enter our organization has an opportunity to participate in one way or another.

I became president of Golden Key because I wanted to get involved and to develop my leadership skills. So far I have learned that I have a lot to learn.

I hope this year is successful and that everybody who does get involved has a learning and growing experience from this organization.

Sincerely,

**Rebecca L. Erwin**  
*Golden Key President*

**Kim Hauge cont.**

qualities they are looking for. This is a great opportunity to get your foot in the door and these panelists were very approachable during this session and throughout the entire convention. They were present throughout the three days and always welcomed you to come talk to them.

On Saturday, we also had a poolside lunch and were able to browse through the many displays put on by various chapters pertaining to community service and chapter ideas. This gave you another opportunity to meet other chapter members from around the United States and abroad, collect ideas and learn how to implement new ideas for your own chapter.

Saturday evening was awesome! Our closing banquet included additional awards, an incredible Keynote Speaker Gene Kranz, who was the Apollo 13 flight commander. To hear this man talk about the Apollo 13 mission was fascinating, it made the movie version seem like a commercial. Kranz shared this story in such detail and with such suspense that it kept you on the edge of your seat the entire time as if you were just hearing of the events of Apollo 13 for the first time.

After dinner and the keynote speaker there was music and dancing until 1 a.m. For those that still had the energy, like us KSU folks, the hotel was nice enough to let us continue our party around the pool.

I finally packed it in around 2 a.m.

It's hard to sum up all the opportunities and experiences this convention has to offer. There's nothing like being there and seeing and feeling the first-class treatment that you receive from the moment you get there to the second you depart. The accommodations are first-class and the food, entertainment and workshops are excellent too.

You can become as involved as you like or choose to relax by the pool or go shopping. It's up to you. Because I was the "new kid," I chose to grab hold of as much knowledge as possible to be able to contribute to our Chapter and my personal goals.

To those who are fortunate

enough to become a part of Golden Key, I encourage you to become involved too. This organization has the power to assist you in reaching your personal and professional goals - take advantage! As one of the corporate members said during the Leadership Workshop, "Raise your hand and get involved."

These corporations want people like you and I, and Golden Key International gives us the opportunity to connect! So, I'll see you soon at our next meeting and at Nationals in 2000.

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**Ryan Burr cont.**

I also enjoyed our trip to Sea World where we saw a ski show, killer whale show, and other events. The Sea World in Orlando is far more extravagant than Ohio's park. We rode a 10-minute long water ride in Orlando, which drenched us.

An afternoon and evening was also spent in Downtown Disney. I realized you're never too old for Disney paraphernalia. I found a unique picture frame with a slew of famous villains in Disney movies.

I also saw a fascinating Lego creation of a giant serpent in a pond. I was amazed that such a large object could be assembled by Legos and stand in a pond.

But the most valuable part of the trip was the fellowship of interacting with new people from all over the world. I correspond with a friend I made in Orlando through e-mail. He is from Tampa, Fla.

I also met people from Hawaii, Australia and other regions of the United States. My experience in Orlando was eventful. This was my first time flying and my first visit to Florida. Plus, I went home feeling inspired to work hard for what I want and more culturally aware after meeting people from around the world.

I'm eager to attend the convention next summer in Los Angeles.

***Thanks to Carla, Ryan and Dr. Zuckerman for helping with the newsletter! You all rock!***

## **Upcoming Golden Key events**

*Nov. 27 -- Salvation Army Angel Tree at Chapel Hill Mall. Please contact Kim Hauge for more information. You can e-mail her at [khauge@neo.rr.com](mailto:khauge@neo.rr.com).*

*Dec. 1 -- Golden Key Executive Board meeting. 4 p.m. Room 309, Student Center.*

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*Dec. 18 -- December graduation flower sale. Time to be announced.*

*Feb. 7 -- Etiquette Dinner. 7 p.m. in the Schwebel Garden Room. Please contact Carla Stoll for more information. You can e-mail her at [fimcarla@aol.com](mailto:fimcarla@aol.com).*

*Please keep in mind Golden Key is not just an academic organization to be used solely as a resume-builder. To fulfill our obligation as a true student organization, we need all members to participate in these service projects. See you there!*