

Leo Club and Key Club take a look inside!

by Ryan McGowan

Students at Parkland High School have a wide variety of clubs to join, ranging from educational clubs like the Latin Club, to stranger clubs like the Steak Night Club. But no matter what club students join, they are social gatherings for students to meet and share ideas and have fun.

Two of the more beneficial clubs that Parkland has to offer are the Leo and Key Clubs. These clubs both allow students to express themselves and help the community through many opportunities to volunteer.

The Leo Club is connected to the Lions Club, an international organization with members across the globe who give time to volunteer. The Leo club is a small branch at Parkland lead by Mr.



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Mondschein that deals with local issues.

Some of the local issues tackled by members of Leo Club deal with donating and volunteering for local charities and organizations. Members of the club can help out by volunteering at local animal shelters, the Agape Food Bank, the Lehigh Valley Zoo and other organizations.

While the Leo Club strives to make our local communities better, they also help out with issues here at Parkland. They conduct fundraisers like the waffle and ice cream sales to raise money for various issues. Along with this they also host the school's Entertainer of the Year competition, which raises money to donate to other charities like the International Lions Club.

Key Club, like the Leo Club, is another

club which students can join to volunteer for their community and school. It is also connected to a larger organization called the Kiwanis Club.

The Key Club allows students to volunteer to help people through various programs like Miracle League, the Special Olympics and opportunities to help at nursing homes and elementary schools.

"The Key Club is a great club to join because you get to help out people and get the experience of making a difference," said sophomore Ashley Unangst. The club is beneficial to both the people getting



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help and the students involved. The club requires students to volunteer at least 30 hours of their time, and it finds ways to help the students reach their required hours.

The Leo Club also requires a minimum of 30 hours of volunteering.

This volunteering experience is beneficial to students when they submit their extra-curricular activities to colleges.

"The clubs are great. They allow kids to help others while getting good experience and having fun with friends," said sophomore Alisha Rege.

Modern literature can define a generation

by Nadia Boekenkamp

Romeo and Juliet, *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Scarlet Letter* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin* are a few pieces of literature that defined earlier generations. These novels are read by students today to understand what life was like in the writers' time; the struggles, accomplishments, and everyday lives of people living during those generations. But which pieces of today's literature will tell people one hundred years in the future what our generation was like?

Historically, writers did not have the technology to allow them to get information out to the rest of the world. Because of this, they were only able to write about what was going on in their immediate area at that time in history and were not able to write about what other people in other countries were going through. Today, information at our fingertips and writers can get information in an instant about another country for a story they may be writing.

"In the past, writing was not as wide spread as it is now [...] They set up what they were able to accomplish through writing," said English teacher Mrs. Inserra.

Writers were also not very common. With the outlets we have today, such as blogs, websites, newspapers, magazines, etc. somebody can become a writer very easily. They can create their own blog or website and publish work.

But in the past, it was not such an easy task. Most people just did what their father did or continued in their family's business. Without the outlets we have today, writers did not have as many opportunities to get their writing published.

"Writing in the past was

more of a passion, [...] There was not as much opportunity to have writing as an occupation," said Inserra.

Today we have novels like *Twilight* and *Harry Potter* that are commonly read. Are books like those going to be the literature that defines our generation or just pieces of fiction that people enjoy reading?

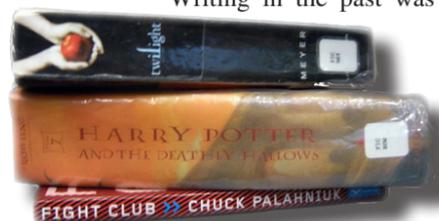
"No matter your preference, *Twilight*, *Fight Club* and the *Harry Potter* series all attack your deepest desires and principles without the use of fancy language. Modern literature is also more thoroughly individualistic than past literature," said junior Anna Berger.

Although a book may take people by storm because of its popularity, it may not be one of the pieces of literature that will define who we currently are as a generation. It can and most likely will tell of some of our generation's years, but it may not tell of everything our generation went through and accomplished.

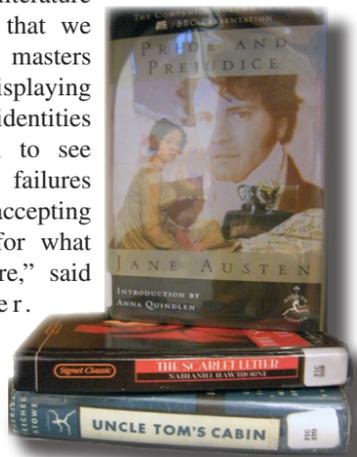
"Our older writers are still writing our history," said Inserra.

With our history still being written, our generation can allow its writer to create a piece of literature that truly defines who we are. What our accomplishments, struggles and life are like still has a chance to be written. What exactly will it say about the generation that we are currently living in?

"Our literature shows that we are masters in displaying our identities for all to see and failures in accepting them for what they are," said Berger.



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Will Meyer, Rowling and Palahniuk be just as revered as Hawthorne, Austen and Stowe?

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