

Out with the Old, In with the New



2009-'10 NJCKI Presidents enjoy their sandwiches and drinks at the President's Luncheon

BY JEN HSIEH
DISTRICT EDITOR

The newly elected District Governor, Rob Acerra picked up Gina Durham's gavel and rung the NJ Circle K bell,

officially adjourning the 46th annual District Convention on Sunday, March 28. As one service year ends, another begins, and what better way to wrap up the year than to celebrate the old and welcome in

the new? Following the wise words of Dr. Seuss, this year's District Convention revolved around the theme 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!' Host club Stockton College turned the Somerset Crowne Plaza into a Seussical world with pinwheel centerpieces and a banner based off the original cover illustration.

Throughout the weekend, members from different clubs intermingled with one another; some reuniting with familiar faces while others crossed paths for the first time. The atmosphere was full of excitement and the talk of the weekend

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March of Dimes

BY KRISTEN REED
SUBREGION F INTERNATIONAL REP

With the Springtime comes flowers, sunshine, and most importantly March for Babies. March for Babies is a charity walk event that your club can take part in by visiting www.marchforbabies.com and finding the

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Walkers at the Monmouth March of Babies

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DCON: The Start of a New Year

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revolved around the candidates for District positions: (Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and LTGs). The candidates had to endure countless questions during caucusing as well as initial fishbowl questions, testing their knowledge of Circle K and the positions they were running for. Most of the candidates were running unopposed with the exception of Governor, Editor, and Seabreeze LTG.

During the House of Delegates, the tension was high in the room as delegates made their decisions and casted their votes. In between voting sessions, delegates had to sit through the review of the Resolutions which caused a few delegates

to take impromptu naps.

Despite the length of the session, the overall process was swift compared to previous years. In no time, members were off to the Saturday night Governor's Ball where guys loosened their ties and girls kicked off their shoes, ready for a night of fun. Board members were raffled off for dances to fundraise for the District (the entirety of Rowan won a dance with district secretary, Jaime Picchi).

The next morning, members from all levels of the K-family gathered for the farewell brunch to remember the past service year, commemorate Karen Ann Conway's last moments as governor, and welcome in the new members of the 2010-'11 District Board. Until next year, New Jersey! ■

What are you looking forward to most for the 2010-'11 NJCKI year?

Seeing all of the fun service projects that are going to take place to help so many people especially since the weather is getting so warm & gorgeous ♥

Kristen Marie Reed
SUNY Potsdam



Karen Ann Conway
Kean University

Seeing what the 2010-2011 board will accomplish and all the service projects and INSIGHT!

Seeing all of the great projects and events the 2010-2011 District Board has in store for the New Jersey District ...

Loss of my facial hair at DCON if district membership exceeds the membership when I stepped down as cki administrator in 1991 ... 331 paid members on 3/31/91 ... has not been matched or passed since.

Bruce Marich
University & College Relations
Administrator



Joey G
Stockton CKI
Alumni



Meet Your NJ District Governors



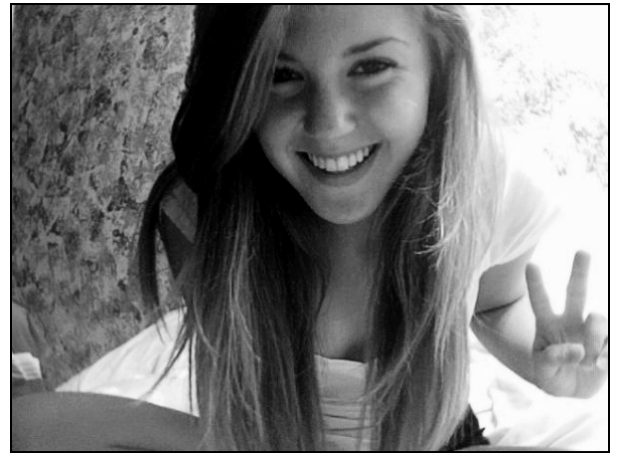
Rob Acerra
CIRCLE K GOVERNOR

Greetings New Jersey!

My name is Robert Acerra and it's my distinct honor and pleasure to be serving you as the 2010 - 2011 District Governor. On a personal note, I am finishing up my sophomore year at Monmouth University, majoring in Elementary Education and History with minors in Information Technology and Geography. I am currently rounding out my sixth year in the Kiwanis Family and I'm loving all of the wonderful opportunities Circle K has to bring to all of us! Before serving as the Governor of the District, I served as District Treasurer, Convention Chairman, and Monmouth University's Charter Club President and Club Representative on the district board. I also have a past on the NJ Key Club

Board as a Lieutenant Governor. When I'm not doing community service I enjoy hanging out with my residents (I'm an RA at Monmouth University), working with the MU SGA, creating the NJPTA Magazine, and playing board games.

I am excited and pumped to be serving New Jersey as the 2010 - 2011 District Governor. As a six year Kiwanis Family member this is truly dream come true! Thank you to everyone for your support at DCON; it means a lot to me and I won't let you down. This year we will be "Connecting the Pieces", which will serve as the theme to my service year. This year I want our district to work as a cohesive group challenging ourselves and striving to be the best we can be. If any district can do it, New Jersey can! With the size of our state...great things are possible. As your District Governor I want to serve as a guide for us to reach our full potential as a district and be "all that we can be." **CONT PG 4**



Rachel Orbach
KEY CLUB GOVERNOR

Greeting Circle-K'ers!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Rachel Orbach, and I have the pleasure of serving as the New Jersey District Governor of Key Club International this service year- a position which I am most ready to take on.

I've been involved with Key Club since my freshman year in high school, and I've made my way up the ranks, from general member to serving as my club's vice president my sophomore year. This past year I had the enormous pleasure of serving on the New Jersey District Board as the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Division 9, and now, I have the ineffable honor of serving

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Mark Esposito
KIWANIS GOVERNOR

Greetings Circle K!

For those of you who I have not yet met, my name is Mark Esposito, and I hold the position of Kiwanis District Governor, which is the highest position within the Kiwanis District, which, SURPRISE, includes Circle K. My role is to oversee the operations of all aspects of the

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Rob cont.

The 2010 - 2011 district board looks fantastic and I know every single board member will work hard to ensure that New Jersey has an awesome Circle K year. We are already taking steps to make sure that this year is one to remember. At the end of April the 2010-2011 Board convened for a weekend of training and planning for the brand new year. With our training completed, the upcoming year promises to bring the New Jersey District to new heights through fresh ideas, strong leaders, and most notably incredible opportunities for service. Your district board is ready to rock out this upcoming year. You can look forward to a year of your favorite district events as well as some new events for a change of pace! Thank you for your commitment to Circle K and the New Jersey District. Good luck with the remainder of the school year and don't forget to keep on serving! ■



Rob and his Executive Board

Rachel cont.

as your District Governor for the 2010-2011 service year.

I have many great plans in store for this service year, which simply revolve around the idea of change, to enhance the

quality of our mighty New Jersey District. My plans are as follows:

-Improve and restore **Communication** and **Correspondence**, in our own district as well as with other districts and between our Kiwanis counterparts to promote better K-Family Relations.

-**Help** those in need in my home, school, community and beyond through the vehicle of service, while re-instilling this lost value in Key Clubbers.

-**Acknowledge** those often overlooked who help to make this such a prosperous organization: the Kiwanis, club advisors, and general members.

-**Navigate** swiftly and successfully through the service year with the help and support of the entire New Jersey District of Key Club International, Circle K, and Kiwanis

-**Grow** in members, fundraising, service performed, and more!

-**Excel** in fundraising and service while

upholding the core values of this organization

As you can see, my plans for this year spell out "change". While I have many ideas in store for this service year, I plan on devoting my full time and dedication into being Governor this service year and ensuring the success of this district.

Contrary to popular belief, I am involved with a wide variety of other clubs, organizations, and institutions both inside and outside of school, including Literary Magazine, French Honors Society, politics club, and many more. In my free time, I enjoy photography, catching up on my favorite TV series, snowboarding, playing lacrosse, and most of all, enjoying my rest and relaxation!

I am honored to be serving as this year's District Governor, and I am always open to comments, questions, and any suggestions you may have! ■



Rachel and the 2009-10 Key Club District Officers

Mark cont.

Kiwanis Family.

When I use

the Kiwanis "family",

no I am NOT talking about ACTUAL brothers and sisters (but that can and does happen). What I am talking about are the many levels of Kiwanis which, includes Grade School (K-Kids), Middle School (Builders Club), High School (Key Club), College/Training (Circle K) and Aktion Club too.

All of these organizations are spon-

sored by, and are "part of" the Kiwanis Family. So if you are new to Circle K, welcome to the family!

It is one of my goals to increase the interaction between the various members of the Kiwanis Family. I ask all of you to visit with Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and/or

other "family" members during the year to make the most of your Kiwanis experience.

I look forward to continuing the growth within the Kiwanis district under this year's slogan "Kiwanis and Kids....growing together". Here's hoping your academic year is a good one! ■

Meet Your District Board



Rob Acerra
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
(BIO PAGE 3)



Anna Friars
DISTRICT SECRETARY



Elisabeth Breen
DISTRICT TREASURER
& FUNDRAISING CHAIR



Jen Hsieh
DISTRICT EDITOR

Kiwanis Committee

Bill Cater
DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATOR

Marc H. Litwack
FINANCIAL
COUNSELOR

Bruce Marich
UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE
RELATIONS
ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Scharoff
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATOR

Anna Friars is a double major in Music Education and Sacred Music, and she will be serving as your District Secretary for the 2010-2011 Service year. She can also be found serving as NJ CMENC Vice-President/President-elect and the Student Body Vice-President at Westminster Choir College. She hopes you have a wonderful summer and she can't wait to work with you all. Thanks! :)

Currently a junior at TCNJ, Elisabeth has previously served on her club board. In addition to managing the district books she will be working closely with the club Treasurers through the new dues system. She will also be acting as fundraising committee chair, working to raise funds to run the district. If you have any fundraising ideas to implement at the district level please don't hesitate to suggest them! In her abundant free time Elisabeth loves musicals, hanging out with friends, and doing service!

Jen is finishing up her sophomore year at Rutgers University and is majoring in Marketing. She's excited to be serving on the district board for the second year in a row and can't wait to attend all the numerous club and district events planned for this upcoming service year. She enjoys long walks on the beach (no, really), sketching, and taking pictures of anything and everything.



Roseanne Moy
METRO DIVISION LTG

Roseanne is a first year graduate student at Saint Peter's, majoring in Special Education - Literacy. She holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Fine Arts. Roseanne is currently an aide in an autistic classroom, with hopes to teach in highest need NYC districts. Serving as Metro LTG, she is thrilled that SPC CKI is back, at full strength since 2005-'06, and hopes to help continue this spirit of service with the energy of our 2010-'11 executive board.



Teddy John Wohlbold
SEABREEZE DIVISION LTG

**& LAWS, REGULATION
AND AWARDS CHAIR**

Teddy is entering his final year at Rutgers and is planning to complete a double major in Cell Biology/Neuroscience and Psychology. Should all go well, he will apply for medical school this summer! In his last year with CKI Teddy plans to bring great things to the Seabreeze division with all that he has gained from time in Circle K. When not in class or serving his fellow club members, Teddy slaves away in an influenza protein lab on campus. If he can escape from there, he enjoys tennis, running, travelling . . . and partying.



Jess Walling
GARDEN DIVISION LTG

Jessica is a junior at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. This year she has the pleasure of being the Garden Division Lieutenant Governor. Jessica started her Circle K journey at Brookdale Community College where she was Treasurer for two years. She graduated with an A.S. in Criminal Justice. Last year at Stockton, Jessica was Club Representative and Vice President. When she graduates next year she will have a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Certificate in Forensic Investigation.

**Kiwanis
Committee**
cont.

Carmela Adams
SEABREEZE DIVISION
ZONE ADVISOR

Dean Konner
METRO DIVISION
ZONE ADVISOR

Nancy Hart-
Esposito
GARDEN DIVISION
ZONE ADVISOR



**Chris
Rutledge**
MARKETING
& K-FAMILY
RELATIONS
CHAIR

Christopher Rutledge is currently in his third year of college and is going into his second at Kean University. Christopher is serving as the K-family chairperson for his second consecutive year and is hoping to strengthen the relations with the other branches of the K-family.



**Jaime
Picchi**
SERVICE
CHAIR

At the age of 22, Jaime is in her final Circle K year and is a super senior at Rowan University (majoring in Biology). She's excited to serve as your Service Chair because she feels that it's an excellent way to end her CKI career. When she isn't doing service or studying for her classes, she spends most of her time at CVS taking care of the sick. She hopes you're ready to do some major service!



**Caroline
Lay**
DISTRICT EVENTS
CHAIR

Caroline will be a sophomore at Monmouth University in the Fall of 2010. She is studying biology with a concentration of molecular cell physiology. Caroline served as her club secretary for three years in Key Club. She is very excited to take on the role as events co-chair and will do her best to plan fun events for New Jersey Circle K-ers!



**Hope
Fine**
MEMBERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
& BENEFITS
CHAIR

Hope is excited to be part of the 2010-'11 District Board serving as MD&B chair. She's currently a Junior with a Biopsychology major and a Biology minor. In addition to Circle K, she is also an active member in Alpha Phi Omega, All College Theater, and will be Vice President of Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society. She has been an active member of Circle K for the past three years, serving in various positions. She cannot wait to help the District grow!



**Karen Ann
Conway**
OTIC
CHAIR

As the immediate past District Governor, Karen is now serving as NJCKI's Off-to-International-Convention Chair! When she is not out doing service, you can find her out on the Norma K Fishing Fleet where she is employed. Karen is currently attending Kean University and is a Brookdale Community College alumni.



**Sonya
Shah**
DISTRICT EVENTS
CHAIR

Sonya is part of Monmouth University Circle K. Her major is Biology with a concentration in molecular cell physiology and her goal is to go to medical school. This past year was her first year in CKI and she loved it. She now serves as the special events co-chair on the district board. Along with Circle K, she is part of Tribeta, treasurer of Phi Eta Sigma, and Honors Council. She is excited for this upcoming year and to meet everyone and have a great time!

K-Family Picnic

July 24, 2010

BBQ, Fun, & Service!



\$10
tickets

Oakhurst Park
Oakhurst, NJ

MARCH: Raise Money to Improve the Health of Babies

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event nearest you. March of Dimes sponsors the event and as one of our Circle K International Service Partners, we hope to have as many teams as possible organized by Circle K clubs to fundraise to help every baby to be born a healthy baby. When you walk in March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year.

The money you raise supports programs in your community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it

funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies.

The March of Dimes and its supporters have been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$1.8 Billion to benefit all babies. This event is set to raise even more to help fund research.

If you are interested in recruiting more Circle K members to join your team, try reaching out to your district officers, fellow clubs in your division, or other organizations on campus to join you. Joining forces is a great way to raise more money for babies and inter-club with fellow clubs on campus and in your district! ■

march of dimes

ways to help out!

1 mile of dimes

Measure out 5,280 feet (one mile) of ribbon. Be creative with your ribbon and place it in a unique shape, such as the March of Dimes logo, or simply place the ribbon in a straight line. Then, have donors place their dimes side by side on the surface of the ribbon. After the ribbon is filled, give yourself a BIG pat on the back because you've raised over \$9,000 towards lifesaving research for babies!

2 bake sale

Host a bake sale in one of the buildings on campus. Have members bake goodies and donate them to the cause!

5 the walk starts here. sign up now!



start a team >

find an event >

3 change canisters

Ask your local supermarket or pharmacy if you can set up canisters near the registers so customers can drop in unwanted change.

4 fountain donations

Contact your local mall and ask them to donate the coins in their fountain.

find an event

enter zip code

go



view all events >

find a walker

First name:

Last name:

go

BY: JEN HSIEH CKI MARCH OF DIMES AMBASSADOR

Want Your VOICE to be Heard?

Want Your WORDS to be Read?

Next Circling Submission Deadline: July 10, 2010

Club Officer Transitions

Advice for a smooth move!

BY KRISTEN REED

SUBREGION F REPRESENTATIVE

Here's a quick list of suggestions to help you get started:

It's hard to believe that it's time for the new officers to take over already, but preparation on your part can really help make the difference in your club this next service year.

To start, think about all the things you wish you had at the beginning of your term. After you have a list in mind of all the resources you have acquired that you would like your successor then you can gather as many of these things as possible into a binder, CD, or USB file drive. This helpful bundle of documents can really give a boost to your replacement. This can take some time and when accompanied by a meeting between the outgoing and incoming executive boards for your club can be very helpful in sharing information, learning the history of your club, and building consistency. By starting now, you won't have to scramble at the end of the semester before graduation or summer break. Not sure what to pass on?

- Reports you filled out
- Directories & Contacts
 - Lists of duties
- Letters & Articles you wrote
- Newsletters you created or received
- Available Resources
- Anything your club has to do for your school
- Club/District Records on Service Hours, Interclubs, Meeting Attendance, and Meeting Minutes
- Any other files you created or received pertaining to CKI or the K-Family

That may seem like a lot, but that really isn't everything when you think back about it. There is so much to remember in CKI. It can be overwhelming at first, but the more time you put into transitioning, training, and supporting the new leaders of your club the better prepared they are and the better they will be able to do during their term. This means a better future for CKI on your campus and your club can grow through service, leadership, and fellowship! ■

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A Pillow Full of Love

BY MATT RUFFE
RUTGERS
UNIVERSITY



The color pink—not exactly man's best friend, but who would have guessed that when stuffed with love, a pink pillow turns out to be the best pillow any guy, or girl, will ever receive.

For the first time ever, Circle K partici-

parted in Rutgers University Programming Association's Comfy Creations Program. In this program, students were asked to either bring old t-shirts or use the fabric provided to make pillows for a children's charity. These pillows would provide a soft comforting touch to a child in need. The instructions were simple and within an hour club members were able to create pillows with no sewing required!

Circle K produced 5 pillows for the children. Some pillows were soft and ascetically pleasing while others were rustic and lumpy. In the end, a child somewhere received a gift to treasure and all of our efforts produced a smile. ■

Featured Member



Chris Rutledge

Kean University
Graduating: 2011
Years in CKI: 2

"I have been so lucky to get to know Chris throughout this past year as a CKI member. He loves all

things about CKI and if you don't know how passionate he is about helping others all you have to do is ask! You can tell just by talking to Chris about his favorite service projects and Kiwanis family moments that he loves our organization."

nominated by Kristen Reed



Penny Wars Results Are In: TCNJ Past President Pied!



IP President, Elisabeth, gets pied in the face by current co-President, Iris

BY TAYLOR DICKERSON
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

For the past several weeks, members of TNCJ Circle K have been participating in Penny Wars to raise money for UNICEF Six Cents Initiative. General members had the chance to pie one of five members of the 2009-2010 Executive Board. President Elisabeth Breen, Vice President Hope Fine, Social Chair Leann Gray, MD&E Chair Michele McGrath, and Club Representative Jessi Kafer were all at risk of being pied.

At each weekly meeting, there was a spotlight on one or two of the board members, which encouraged TCNJ Circle K's to put their loose change in the jar of the person in the spotlight that week. In the Penny War, pennies are positive and all silver coins and dollar

bills are negative. The person with the greatest amount of money in the end gets pied.

On Wednesday, April 21st, the money was counted, and the immediate past president Elisabeth Breen was chosen to be pied. Pieing took place at our last general meeting of the semester on Wednesday, April 28th. Right behind her was TCNJ Circle K's only senior Jessi Kafer. (She should expect an early graduation present from her club!)

This fundraiser contributed to a total of over \$140.00 that was raised for UNICEF Six Cents Initiative during this service year. ■



Featured Member



Laura Longo

Brookdale College
Graduating: 2011
Years in CKI: 2

"Laura Longo has done a phenomenal job as Brookdale's club secretary for two semesters now. She has continuously been

able to communicate well with other members in our group in order to submit our service hours by the issued due dates. The job is not as easy as one may assume, and with that said we gladly appreciate her dedication in making the process of developing our club an ease towards success."

nominated by Brookdale CC



what's going on with **International?**

55th Annual Circle K International Convention

August 4 - 7, 2010
Washington University in
St. Louis, Missouri

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10th Annual Large Scale Service Project

July 31–August 4, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

**3 days 9am—5pm
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Register Online Now!
www.circlek.org/convention

more information →

All About ICON!

Join us at Washington University in St. Louis, August 4-7, for the 55th Annual Circle K International Convention. For the first time in 50 years, CKI's international convention is on a college campus. Don't miss the fun!

Take a road trip to St. Louis to choose officers, vote on amendments, learn at workshops and hang out with CKI friends from around the world.

Learn more at www.circlek.org/convention/

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LSS-What?!

A Word from your International LSSP Chair, Minerva Thai

What are you doing this summer? Service, right? From July 31st through August 4th, you're going to be in St. Louis, MO, right? If you don't know why you're going to be spending your summer there, I'll tell you right now - it's for **Circle K International's Large Scale Service Project (LSSP)!**

If you don't know what that is, you are missing out on some pretty fine information there. LSSP is one of Circle K members' favorite events because it connects members from all over International in three full days of service and one day of (official) fellowship. This event jam-packs various service projects throughout St. Louis (our 2010 host city) into just three days. That's right - you will be volunteering from 9am-5pm every day!

So have you marked your calendars yet? To get a sneak peek at what we'll have to offer you as projects, check out these organizations in the St. Louis area: **Gateway Greening, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, and Mathew-Dickey Boys & Girls Club.** Now, you might be asking how you can get register: just go to www.circlek.org/convention/ and click on the LSSP link! The cost is \$185 which covers housing, breakfasts and lunches, a souvenir, an LSSP t-shirt, supplies for projects, transportation to and from projects, and awesomeness. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to serve over the summer!

Stockton Serves It Up in Annual Service-A-Thon



Stockton and Rowan members joined forces to clean up the roads through the Adopt-A-Road program

BY JOE CHRISTOPHER
STOCKTON COLLEGE

On April 9th, Stockton began its annual Service-A-Thon, a 72-hour event filled with a panorama of service projects. The event was orchestrated by ser-

vice chairs Will Colangelo and Amber Wertz, and they both did a glorious job ensuring that our weekend was both fun and chock-full of activities.

From creating coloring books for children to cleaning up the Ocean City beach, the Service-A-Thon was a

weekend-long endeavor to give back to our community. Circle K'ers rarely rest in-between service projects. It's a test of endurance, fellowship, and commitment to service, and it's also a valuable and rich experience.

One of my fondest memories from Service-A-Thon was Adopt-A-Road, in which Rowan Circle K dropped by to lend a hand and pick trash. For three hours, our crew cleaned an odd and random assortment of trash a mile down Tilton Road. The event was so successful that it is now going to be part of our weekly service projects.

In fact, Service-A-Thon is such a compelling project that Stockton is going to hold the event every semester, rather than just annually. It's a chance to boost service hours and assure the community of Stockton's commitment to service. ■



Putting together coloring books for children

SPC Walks it Out for Sclerosis

BY KATHYA ANDRE
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

On April 18, 2010, some of our members participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis Walk 2010 that took place at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Our group for the walk was named SPC CKI's. Together our group goal was to raise \$200. With the help of friends and family, we were able to raise \$300 which was way more than

our expected goal. There were fourteen different locations around New Jersey hosting this event and over ten thousand participants. The walk was about five miles in total but even through the long walk, everyone had a wonderful time. Through our dedication and effort, we were able to make a change in someone's life just by participating. We hope to spread awareness and get more people involved in the upcoming

years, since Multiple Sclerosis, just like Breast Cancer or any other forms of cancer, is a lifetime battle. ■



The History of Circle K Int

Following the February 6, 1973 action of the Kiwanis International Board to allow female membership in Circle K International on a local option basis; much activity took place that would indicate Circle K International was truly beginning to enjoy a positive future. During the 1973-74 Administrative Year, under the leadership of George S. Latimer from Fordham University in the New York District, the International Board of Trustees began servicing clubs and districts like never before.

Many new publications were reviewed and project manuals were updated to reflect the current happenings in Circle K International. During the 1973-74 Administrative Year, membership once again topped 10,000 members and 73 new clubs were Chartered. But, the total number of active Charters, after necessary Charter revocations dropped a total of 17 to 693 clubs in good standing throughout Circle K International.

Kiwanis Family Conferences were given great emphasis during the 1973-74 Administrative Year. Kiwanis Family Conferences took place both in the Rocky Mountain District and for the first time ever; a Leadership Conference under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis International Foundation took place for emerging Circle K Leaders in Chicago, IL—which was then the Home of the Kiwanis International World Headquarters.

Pennsylvania became the first district to have a female Governor when Dorothy Mihalick was elected to serve as Circle K District Governor during the 1974-75 Administrative Year. I had the pleasure to know Dorothy and she was certainly a dynamic young lady. During the 1974-75 Administrative Year, under the leadership of Craig A. Miller from the New York District, Circle K International began building partnerships with outside organizations—such as Multiple Sclerosis, the Kid-

ney Foundation, and various other national non-profit associations.

The first female International Officer was Judith A. O'Mary from the Alabama District of Circle K International. So, you all can see that Circle K was being greatly strengthened by the admission of young ladies as full members of Circle K International.

The 1975 Circle K International Convention was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario Canada. Four candidates ran for the Presidency of Circle K International, including myself. For the third year in a row, a President was chosen from the New York District. Gregory W. Faulkner became the first African American student to hold the top leadership role in any Kiwanis Family Service Organization.

During Greg's acceptance remarks he stated that service is what makes Circle K Clubs Tick and the purpose of the International Board would be to provide materials and help to clubs and Circle K Districts. Greg stressed New Club Building, particularly in the western region, and stated that he would make a major priority, the complete reactivation of District structure in the Pacific Northwest District of Circle K International.

Following the Resignation of Administrator Donald Hoss—after many comments from Circle K and Kiwanis questioning his administration of Circle K International for an approximate 8 month-period—John R. Cheydleur, a member of the Ki-

wanis Club of Orange/West Orange in New Jersey, became the Administrator of Circle K International.

During the 1975-1976 Circle K Administrative Year Circle K International Board requested the expansion in terms of membership of the Circle K International Board. The Kiwanis International Board did not take positive action concerning an increase in size of the Circle K International Board.

The Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International chose to eliminate Circle K district structure at the end of the 1975-76 Administrative Year and recommended the Kiwanis International Board the elimination of all Circle K Administrative structures above the club level.

The Circle K International Board, in response to this resolution from the Pacific Northwest District, drafted a resolution to be referred to the Kiwanis International Board in which the Circle K International Board states that District and International structure was important to the strength and progress of Circle K International and was important to ensure a positive future for Circle K International.

The Kiwanis International Board took no action to eliminate district and international structure throughout the Circle K Organization and in fact, allowed the election of a Board Secretary for Circle K International but rejected the increase in the number of Circle K International Vice Presidents.

During the 1975-76 Circle K

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as told by Marc H. Litwack

NJ District Circle K International
Financial Counselor

Administrative Year, there was for the first time in five years, a net gain in the number of total club charters. During the Washington Convention in August of 1976, the attendance reached 800 persons, which made it the largest Convention since the Philadelphia Convention in 1968.

There was a very spirited race for the Circle K Presidency and the Washington Convention elected Howard Hendrick to become International President for the 1976-77 Administrative Year. Howard had an excellent year as International President and went on to become a high-level government official in his home state of Oklahoma. In November of 1976 John Cheydleur resigned as Director. Carl R. Pounds, a former Kiwanis International Public Relations Staff member became Administrator of Circle K International.

At the Kansas City Convention in 1977, the organization invited back George Latimer who was Circle K International President three years prior, to deliver the Keynote Address. When George spoke to the almost 800 Kiwanis Family members in attendance, he urged them to take the commitment to: **Think big, not small.** To tackle large projects and problems, join with other nearby Kiwanis family clubs to look for solutions, not just band-aides to campus problems and concerns.

The Kansas City Convention elected Neil G. Giuliano, Past Governor of the Southwest District of Circle K International to become the President of Circle K International for the 1977-78 Administrative Year.

Neil was a Key Club member in Bloomfield, NJ and was a great friend to the New Jersey District. Over Labor Day Weekend in 1977 Neil became the first Circle K International President to be invited to participate in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

During the Labor Day entertainment event, Neil presented a check for \$48,000 representing the amount raised for muscular dystrophy by Circle K Clubs throughout the organization during the 1976-77 Administrative Year.

In October of 1976 the First Circle K Club was established in Jamaica. As you are aware, Jamaica has become an extremely

strong Host Country for the Circle K Organization and has had at least two Circle K International Presidents. In June of 1977, Neil became the first Circle K International President to travel to the Caribbean where he participated in an event with the Circle K members at the college of the Bahamas in Nassau.

During the spring of 1977, the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees made several revisions in Kiwanis International Board Policies concerning the functioning of Circle K Clubs then known as Manual CK-10 regarding the financing for travel and related matters of Circle K International Officers.

Following many negative comments from Circle K leadership throughout the organization, President Neil was given an opportunity to speak to the Kiwanis International Board Committee at their International Convention in Miami, FL. Unfortunately, Neil's comments to the Kiwanis International Board Committee did not result in any revisions to the new regulations put into effect by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

The New President of Circle K International for the 78-79 Administrative Year was Paul L. Frantz of Montana State University.

The accomplishments of the 1978-79 Administrative Year are not best measured statistically as moderate growth was achieved but rather strengths came in the work done by President Paul and the other members of the Circle K International Board to increase the services available to clubs from both the International and District level. For the first time in more than six years, all 30 Circle K Districts were active and all 30 Governors chosen at the various District Conventions would be present at the 1979 Circle K International in Chicago, IL.

During the administrative year, 70 new charters were issued and Circle K was extended to a fifth nation when a club was



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established at the University of Surinam. This new club was assigned to the eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

The Keynote Speaker at this Convention was 1975-76 Circle K International President Greg Faulkner.

Greg reminded the 937 people in attendance that in Chicago in 1971 Circle K International began the long decade of the '70's and as the new decade of the '80's approached there were many opportunities for Circle K International. Greg said "Circle K has undergone significant change since the last time we met in Chicago in 1971. Our Officers now look upon themselves as

existing to provide for the welfare of the local clubs and districts-not just as policy makers."

A new administrative theme unveiled in Chicago was "Caring ... Life's Magic" this theme was extremely popular and relevant to the membership of Circle K International.

As a highlight of the 1979 Circle K International Convention after a very spirited election Mark Musso a past Circle K International Vice President was elected the 25th President of Circle K International.

In Mark's Closing Address, he told the audience that it was time to get back to the basics of service. In his presentation to the convention, he highlighted his involvement with Special Olympics by citing the

comment of one young girl when she looked at him and asked "why are your people helping here? Why are you doing this for us?" Musso's response was because We Cared.

With this comment, Mark summed up his views and involvement of the proper role that Circle K International should play on a day-to-day basis. ■

Initial information concerning the late 1970's and 1980's will be presented in the next issue of **CIRKLING**.

Rolling in the Dough



BY KATHYA ANDRE
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

The smell of brownies, cookies and cupcakes filled the halls of Saint Peter's College as Circle K members had its bake sale on April 14, 2010. Armed with trays of tasty treats, Circle K members satisfied the sweet tooth of countless SPC students (including themselves) and some faculty and staff members as well. The fundraiser was aimed at raising money for various upcoming Circle K events. We were relieved when we broke even, glad when we made a little profit, ecstatic when we beat our last bake sale record, and overjoyed when we counted our profits as the bake sale ended- a whopping \$76 in just an hour! ■

featured photograph



Monmouth University CKI-er, **Brandon Karkovice**, traveled to Italy a few months ago and snapped this beautiful shot of an alleyway in Venice.

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NJCKI Builds Bears and Smiles

BY ERICA BACK
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

On District Service Day, a group of Circle K members from all over the state went to Build-A-Bear Workshop to make animals that would be donated to sick patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The group went to Menlo Park mall and made ten bears; five brown and five white. Build-A-Bear generously gave the group free ribbons to put on the bears and blank birth certificates to let the children officially name their new animal friends.

All the members had a blast stuffing the bearskins and performed a loud



and slightly embarrassing heart ceremony to transfer all their love to gifts they were making. Afterwards some members fluffed the bears in the air tub and decorated them with colorful ribbons.

The bears were so adorable; most Circle K members were unable to stop hugging them. Each person felt like they were making a real companion for the children to love and appreciate in their time, both at the hospital and outside of it.

Hopefully each cute and cuddly bear will bring lots of joy to the children they are living with now. ■

Introducing CKI Rep. Kristen Reed

School: SUNY Potsdam **Class:** 2012 **Major:** M.A. in Communication
Born: Hartford, Connecticut **High School:** Ogdensburg Free Academy 06'

Employer: Secretary, Kamp Kiwanis ♥ Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Favorite Quote: "Yeah I have flaws, like I sing in the shower, I volunteer too much, and occasionally I hit someone with my car. So sue me...wait no not really." — **Michael Scott, The Office**

Past Kiwanis Family Positions: Circle K International President, NYCKI District Editor/Kiwanis Family Chair/District Secretary/District Webmaster, NY Key Club District Governor & Lt. Governor

Starbucks Drink: Iced Venti Caramel Soy Macchiato **Crazy about:** Pittsburgh Steelers, Hockey

Favorite Class: African-American Rhetoric **Favorite Show:** Grey's Anatomy/Modern Family

Dream Job: Communication Professor and/or Director at a Non-profit

Other Activities: March of Dimes National Collegiate Council Ambassador, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Jr. Advisory Council, College Republicans

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Fun Facts: 11 years in the Kiwanis Family, grew up on the Canadian Border, loves seafood!



Summer Service

Spring Semester is finally coming to an end and everyone is ready for summer. Whether you are traveling overseas, taking trips to the beach, interning at a firm, working a part-time job, or just catching up on countless lost hours of sleep, keep service on your mind!

Service doesn't end when Summer begins. Take a Saturday afternoon off and volunteer at a local soup kitchen. Run your own Alex's Lemonade stand on a blistering hot day! Take those unwanted clothes down to the nearest Goodwill or Salvation Army.

Winners of 2009-10 Club of the Month Awards for Summer months, **Monmouth, Brookdale, and Stockton** know how to serve it up even when school lets out! Check out some of their Summer Service ideas:

**Volunteer
at a Local
Animal Shelter!**

Locate a nearby shelter:
[http://www.animalshelter.org/
shelters/New_Jersey.asp](http://www.animalshelter.org/shelters/New_Jersey.asp)

(Brookdale)

Car Wash!

Contact a nearby school, library, or any shopping centers with large parking areas where you could host a car wash! It's the perfect fundraiser for those hot, summer days (and after the winter, everyone has to get their car rinsed, right?)

(Stockton)



Service Projects

Summer Pen Pals

“We were going to look into a hospital or some other children’s organization and become pen pals with someone who needed a little bit of “summer lovin’”. We felt this was a great idea because it was the same project (pen pal-ing) but we could do it from wherever you are! For example, I’m from Maryland but I can still write a letter to someone in New Jersey.”

- Annie Coble, Monmouth



Volunteer at a local food bank, hospital, church, or any other organizations looking for a helping hand!

(Monmouth)

Participate in Walks

Check out these upcoming events:



NYC AIDs Walk in Central Park, NYC

Sunday May 16

(Register with NJ District CKI!)

Walk & Roll in Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ

Saturday, May 22

Statewide Walk with Ronald at Six Flags,

Sunday, May 23

Jackson, NJ

Take a Break...

Sudoku

Level: Easy

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