On Friday, April 11 TCNJ hosted a campus wide Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society. A wide variety of groups, including Circle K, all put their differences behind them and came together for a night of hope, encouragement, fun, and remembrance. For those of you that don’t know, Relay for Life is a fundraising event run by the American Cancer Society that lasts all night, from 6pm to 6am. The night started off with a touching autobiographical story by a TCNJ Freshman who is a cancer survivor. It reminded me of just how many people, and such a variety of people, are affected by cancer. No one is immune, and by our participation in Relay we can help comfort and save lives; and have fun at the same time! Next was the survivor lap, the care giver lap, and then the team lap, where everyone at the event starts walking. Then, for the rest of the night, every team is supposed to have at least one person walking at all times, like a relay. People take turns walking and participating in different events, such as volleyball, dodge ball, a hula hoop contest, a scavenger hunt, egg race, trivia, dance contest, and karaoke. The whole event was Hawaiian themed, so teams decorated their “camp sites” with palm trees, grass skirts, and flowers. Many teams got very into the theme. Some even had tents. The Circle K team all wore leis and some of us wore our lime green shirts from District Convention. It was fun to spend the night with friends and know you were helping to fund cancer research. And it would be even more fun with more people. So next year you should join us and help fight the battle against cancer, and have fun!
Greetings to Our 2008-2009 Circle K Service Year!!!

By: Steven San Filippo, President

Greetings!! As the 2008-2009 Club President and Club Representative to the District Board, I would to thank you for continuing to be a member of Circle K and hope that you will continue next year, unless you are graduating, of course. **Special thanks to our graduating officers, Christine Ng, past Club President, Club Secretary, and District Service Chair, Jessica Ovadia, Two-Time Club Treasurer, and Kaitlin McCann, current International Vice President and past NJ District Governor, among other positions, for their continuous dedication and commitment to Circle K in the past 4 years!!!!!** I wish all of our graduates continued success in their careers and/or graduate schools. Also, good luck to all those going on Study Abroad in the Fall semester and hope to see you when you return in the Spring semester!! We will miss you when you’re gone but know that you are having a great time away from TCNJ.

Our goals for next year are starting once again with membership recruitment and retention to grow our club and keep our current members involved in the future of our club. We will be continuing our weekly projects in September and will be planning many other larger club and district events for next semester. **There are still things going on in the summer including K-family Picnic, usually held in Jamesburg, NJ on a Saturday afternoon in July, as well as Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) and International Convention (ICON) in Denver, Colorado from August 2-10.** We will be continuing our fundraising for the UNICEF Six Cents Initiative and possibly other causes as well. We hope to be able to make better contact and more events between our Circle K club and the Kiwanis and Key Clubs in Ewing and surrounding areas. Our Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be hard-at-work over the summer and when we return in the fall to do our best to make all of our projects and events successful, including having more social and fellowship events for members to get to know each other and become fully integrated in the Circle K family. Thank you for having me as your 2008-2009 President and I hope for another successful year in Circle K!!!!

Trenton Litter March (Continued)

By Virgilio Degala, Vice President

The kick-off began with greetings from several government officials, including Public Works Director Eric Jackson, and other event organizers who welcomed and thanked the thousands of people prepared to pick up garbage littered along the streets of Trenton.

Team Yellow was dropped off at Sylvester Street and New York Street and picked up broken glass bottles, old cigarette butts, forgotten pieces of newspaper, and even a few car parts. Several bags of trash, and a few bags of recyclable material later, we made our way back to the State Hall. Although Team Yellow was unable to attend the final awards ceremony, the time spent at the march allowed TCNJ Circle K to help clean the streets of Trenton in celebration of Earth Day.
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District Convention 2008
By Hope Fine, Fundraising Chair

With the end of the first half of this semester and the start of spring break, TCNJ Circle K was excited for a fun-filled weekend at District Convention to celebrate the service accomplishments for the 2007-2008 district year. Upon arrival at the gorgeous hotel in New Brunswick, TCNJ dropped off their luggage and walked in the rain to a little pizzeria. The dinner was a little longer than expected and we thought we were going to be late to the opening ceremony. However, what we did learn was that nothing started on time at Convention because much preparation was needed in order for the planned events to run smoothly. At the opening ceremony the agenda was given out for the rest of the weekend. However, most people were not thinking that for ahead and were just looking forward to the big event of the night: the pool party. TCNJ had a great time swimming in the pool, sitting in the hot tub, or just socializing with other Circle K’ers.

The next day was when we really got down to some serious business. Caucuses were held to listen to what each candidate running for district office had to say about why they should be elected for the upcoming year. In addition, workshops were also held. Some workshops topics included: fundraising, membership building, and even dancing! We learned the Soulja Boy dance, which was good because the song later played that night at the dance party. The next day officers were picked and Kristen Aitkens was announced as a District Governor for the 2008-2009 district year. There was also a lovely memorial for Gina Durham, who will greatly be missed. TCNJ won many awards including Best Single Service Project. TCNJ Circle K’ers had an amazing experience and cannot wait for another great service year.

From right to left: Stefanie Zitelli, Hope Fine, Elisabeth Breen, Jessica Ho, Steve San Filippo
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**After School Tutoring: Year in Review**

By Alicia Hill, Secretary

Once a week last semester and twice a week this semester Circle K member have been sharing their talents with local kids at After School Tutoring. Club member would walk to the Hollowbrook Center, only ten minutes from campus, and help elementary and middle school students with their homework. By going every week, the children got to know the college students who came to spend time with them, and the kids were always really excited to see us. Sometimes they didn't want us to leave. With the children, we have worked on everything from reading, to telling time, to science, and even algebra.

The tutoring center has also been a great opportunity for education majors to gain experience in the field they will be entering in only a few short years. Once the kids were done their homework, it was time to play. They would always be eager to teach us new games. The girls liked to play model and go on adventures to the beach. When the weather was nice, the children also enjoyed playing football, tag, and hide-and-seek. Most of all, the kids took pleasure in playing with the college students’ phones and taking pictures and videos. Some would even make up dances to the phones’ ring tones. Going to After School Tutoring was always a great way to get off campus and break away from the stress of classes and work. All in all, After School Tutoring has been an extremely successful weekly project, and we can’t wait to return in September.

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**Welcome our new committee chairs!!**

**K-Family:** Caressa Slocum (slocum2)

**Scrapbooking:** Megan Alfieri (alfieri4)

**Social and Fellowship:** Cheryl Varghese (varghes4)

**Fundraising:** Hope Fine (fine2)

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