Yo ho! From November 14-16 Circle K members from throughout the New Jersey District met for a fun-filled weekend at a YMCA camp in Blairstown, NJ. This pirate-themed event: Insight 2008. After the 2.5 hour car ride TCNJ Circle K members was greeted by TCNJ’s own Con-Con chair Liz Connelly. After all the Circle K members arrived (even those that had a 5 hour car ride after getting lost from Rowan and Stockton) we formed our teams. It was with these people that we would be traveling around with the whole weekend completing team building activities. We also popped balloons unveiling the name of our secret buddy for the weekend. Throughout the weekend we would secretly get to know this person, write them little notes for their mail box, and design them a little treasure chest. Opening night concluded with a bonfire and roasting of marshmallows; in addition to the traditional marshmallow fight.

The following day it was raining. However Circle K members did not let this stop them. Teams traveled from cabin to cabin completing teambuilding activities. As Circle K members we are always doing service. After our team building activities, we made cards for sick children from the Make a Child Smile organization. We also wanted to thank the camp for being so generous this weekend. So what did we do? We helped them with service. We cleaned up the camp and helped with mulching. Following dinner was a scavenger hunt held by the host club Rider. My team Buoyant Booties won. We walked away with a treasure chest full of booty! After the scavenger hunt was a candlelight vigil. Everyone in attendance sat in a circle. Candles were lit one by one. As each member lit his candle he told everyone about his favorite part of the weekend. To wrap up the night, Circle K’ers danced the night away with all the close friends they had met that weekend. The following day was very emotional. We met our secret buddies, saw a slide show of all the events from the weekend, and said our goodbyes. I had an amazing time at Insight and cannot wait to see everyone again at District Convention 2009!
Circle K Fall 2008

Inductions

By: Caressa Slocum

Welcome all new members!
On November 15th, 2008 the Circle K E-Board gathered to welcome the new members by giving them pins, information about the organization, and cake! Fifteen of the new inductees were able to make the ceremony, which took place in Decker’s main lounge. After the Circle K pledge was said and the members were educated on our school’s chapter, everyone spent their time snacking and getting to know one another! Needless to say, the night was a success.
Our Circle K club members spent 6 days from November 18th to the 24th at Mount Carmel Guild’s Thanksgiving Drive. We helped the organization collect and organize tons of Thanksgiving donations of turkeys, canned vegetables, potatoes and yams, stuffing, gravy, drinks, desserts, and snacks, as well as help make the 2,000 Thanksgiving bags needed to provide Thanksgiving meals to those less fortunate in Trenton. Collection and organization of the food and bags lasted from Monday, November 17th until Sunday, November 23rd, and distribution of the food happened on Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th. Our members spent one or more hours each day during this period to make sure all of the food was ready for distribution to the needy for their Thanksgiving meal.

Sister Loretta Maggio and the other Sisters and employees of Mt. Carmel would like to thank us for the hard work that we put in all week long. Special thanks to Jessi Kafer, Nicole Magno, Sarah Lapinski, Jamie McCloskey, Jill Olsen, Michele McGrath, Alicia Hill, Jen Woodring, Elisabeth Breen, Alissa Abad, Emily Dudek, Micaela Ensminger, and myself for all of the hard work at Mount Carmel. I encourage those that enjoyed working at Mt. Carmel to join me for our weekly project at Mount Carmel on Fridays at 2 PM, where we provide many varied tasks for the Sisters there to help them in running their emergency assistance office for the poor persons of Trenton.
By: Alicia Hill

On Saturday, November 1, 3 Circle K members got up bright and early to participate in Ewing Township’s Park Cleanup. We picked up trash at the Hollowbrook Center, which is a community center located within walking distance of the campus. The weather was great and everyone was still warm after picking up trash for two and a half hours. Trash was picked up all around the site, including collecting many bottles and articles of trash from a large woody area on the side of the property.

It is always interesting to see the stuff the people leave behind and ponder what they might have been doing there. After all was said and done, we were able to fill 5 trash bags and even took a few pictures to commemorate our accomplishments. The center’s grounds looked amazing at the end of the morning. Not only were we able to beautify the community, but we also raised $250.00 for our club. Hopefully we can participate in the event next year to improve our community and have a great fundraiser for our club!

Rowan Towers Halloween Party

By: Florence Seaman

Circle K invited 35 underprivileged children from the Rowan Towers apartment complex in Trenton to a Halloween party here at TCNJ filled with excitement and smiles. Their first surprise came when they entered into the spiritedly decorated Decker Lounge, covered in all corners with pumpkins, ribbons, and more. Then the children participated at cookie decorating, mummy wrapping, freeze dancing, and mask decorating stations while dressed in their festive Halloween costumes. (Our Alicia Hill also found her Halloween spirit and dressed up as well!) The children of varying ages all seemed to appreciate the nonstop action and fun. Not only did they participate feverishly in social interaction at each of their stations, but they also left with candy prizes and crafts to take home. At the end of the fiesta, the children each also received their own goodie bags filled with tricks and treats. It seemed that the children’s energy only grew throughout the night! We hope they return next year!

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