



The Lion's Tale



Help Support Cancer Research by Joining Our Relay Team

By Team Captain Steve San Filippo

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Have you heard of the American Cancer Society? Do you like to support cancer research? Have you ever been to Relay for Life? Do you like walking and staying up all night with your friends playing games? If you answered Yes to one or more of these questions, then consider joining the TCNJ Circle K team at this year's TCNJ Relay for Life occurring from 5 PM on Friday, April 11 until 6 AM on Saturday, April 12 in the Rec Center. Opening ceremonies begin at 6 PM and then the walking begins for a full 12 hours of being with your friends all night long. The special part of the night is remembering those that died from cancer, as well as



those that survived with the Luminaries ceremony at 9 PM that involves lighting up paper

bags decorated to remember the victims of these diseases, as they line the entire track that everyone walks. This part of the night puts everything into perspective and helps you realize how wonderfully life is. There are various games and music all night long, along with snacks and games played with your team. A part of the team has to be walking the track at all time but as long as enough people decide to come, then you can take shifts and it's really not that bad at all. Remember to bring your sleeping bags if you plan to take a nap during the night, along with snacks, drinks, and games to keep you entertained. Feel free to bring with you if you wish. You are allowed to leave and come back at any time with your wrist band provided at the registration.

So, if you have decided to attend, please visit our



Club homepage at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~circlek> and click on the Relay for Life registration link. Then click, Join Circle K under the Circle K roster list. Simply, follow the registration instructions and choose to either pay the \$10 registration fee online or offline at the registration table on April 11. Also, feel free to raise any additional funds from friends and family and you your online website to begin your fundraising!!! There a contest for the team with the most fundraising, so please start fundraising now so that Circle K can be the team that wins the contest!!! Come to Relay for Life and you will enjoy yourself and be supporting cancer research!!!

District Service Day

By: Vice President Stefanie Zitelli

On February 9, Circle K'ers from across the state met at Rider University for a day of service and fellowship at New Jersey Circle K's annual District Service Day. Each year, the day is held at a different school and this year several members of our club made the short trip to Rider to participate in activi-

ties such as giftwrapping and decorating books for children.

There were also plenty of off-campus service projects, from sorting clothes at Home Front free store to helping out at Greenwood House nursing home. Of course, there was also time for a delicious lunch

and socialization. We enjoyed the chance to spend time with other Circle K'ers and serve our community at the same time!



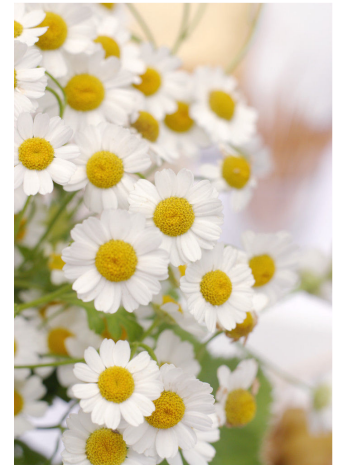
Visiting Greenwood

By: Next Year's Treasurer Elisabeth Breen

Early Sunday morning, (Well it was 10:00. But that's pretty early!) February 24th, a group of Circle K members traveled to Greenwood House, a healthcare facility for the elderly, to help spread some spring cheer. Although spring is not here yet outside, we were able to bring spring inside with a festive spring wreath craft made from pa-

per plates. The residents loved the craft and were very happy to see us. They enjoyed picking out the color flowers they wanted and sticking stickers on. Some were very meticulous about what colors they used. Sometimes they liked it even better when we made it for them! They enjoyed having someone to talk to; discussing their children and all the

places they used to live. Circle K'ers and seniors alike had a great time. The day ended on a great note with Mildred saying, "I need to buy insurance for this!" because she liked her craft so much she didn't want anything to happen to it. You should join us next time we go to Greenwood and be a part of the fun!



**Have a fun
and safe
Spring Break!!**

Late Night Service

By: Editor Katrina Verendia

This semester, we had another Late Night Service in the Decker main lounge. We put together several peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as well as learned how to knit. After making about 60 pb&j sandwiches, we had extra peanut

better and extra jelly which is going to be donated to Mount Carmel Food Pantry. The knitting lessons were provided for anyone who wanted to learn to knit squares that will be donated throughout the rest of

the semester for Project Linus which puts together blankets for children who are seriously ill. Late night service was a great time for people to get together and get to know each other a little better. Be sure to come out to the next one next year!

Spotlight On: Next Year's President Steve San Filippo

Full name: Steven Charles Vincent San Filippo

Nickname: Steve

Year: Junior

Major: Biology

From: Freehold, NJ

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Circle K Project: Mount Carmel; also love International LSSP (Large Scale Service Project)

Interests: EMS, biology, medicine, playing games, relaxing when I can

Pets: none

Message to Circle K members: Participate in many different service projects to be able to learn about many different aspects of the community!! Don't forget about our club - we're always here and we hope you want to be involved too!!



Year in Review

By: President Jessica Ho

The 2007-2008 TCNJ service year has been a year of lots of memories and maintaining the chapter's history of excellence. With a goal of increasing service opportunities and improving all K-family relations, we have more than reached our own expectations. We ran an average of eight different weekly service projects each week, reaching out to the animal shelter, soup kitchens, elementary school students, and even Jewish senior citizens. Thanks to our super motivated and active members as well as our dedicated, supportive executive/committee board members, we were able to participate in Trenton cleanups, host Sunday morning craft events for local nursing

homes, throw a Halloween party for kids in Trenton, and make over 20 blankets for Project Linus. In addition to adding on new projects, we also expanded our fundraising capabilities, by running Coldstone Creamery nights, gift wrapping for tips, and working at Six Flags for a day. Meanwhile, we've helped our local Ewing Kiwanis club with their Peanut Sale and Pasta Dinner fundraisers. Finally, TCNJ has really been working on making our fellowship pillar just as important as our service pillar! We created a service incentives program that gave out awards to 31 members for their participation, hosted apple picking and bowling socials, and have had

themed general board meetings! And, of course, we had a GREAT time hosting Insight for the awesome New Jersey district. I just wanted to thank a few people for the great year that we've had. First, to the executive and committee board, thanks for being an awesome team. Without everyone's help, we couldn't have done half of what we accomplished this year. And more importantly, thank you to all of our general members – without your dedication and commitment to helping others, there would have been no club! Stay awesome - we're looking forward to another exceptional year next year!



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Meet the 2008-2009 Circle K Officers!!

By: Next Year's Editor Jennifer Chang

After another fun-filled year, annual elections took place on February 27, 2008. As the last pamphlets were distributed and speeches were presented, five new faces were inducted into the new Circle K executive board. Former Secretary Steven San

Filippo was elected to be this year's new President. This semester's Publicity Chair Virgilio De Gala took the position as Vice President. Freshman Alicia Hill was elected as the new Secretary and Elisabeth Breen, this spring semester's Service Chair, was

elected as Treasurer. Last year's fundraising chair, Jennifer Chang, took the position as Editor. All of them are excited to serve as your new executive board!



Circle K



Club Office

Brower Student Center
Student Activities
Back right corner

Office Hours

Monday 11-4:30
Tuesday: 12-1; 2-3
Wednesday: 8:30-9:30; 12:30-3; 4-5
Thursday: 11:30-12:30; 4-5



It's not too late to hand in a letter of intent to be a committee chair for next year's board!

MD&E (membership development and education) - help recruit members and give incentives for participation!

Scrapbooking— take pictures throughout the year and put together a wonderful scrapbook to compete at DCon!

Social—plan events to get Circle Kers together to do fun things!

Fundraising—coordinate fundraisers for the club and for charities!

Publicity—advertise for Circle K events by making signs!

Service—come up with different service projects!

K-Family—get in touch with Kiwanis and Key Club members to set up joint events!

Webmaster—keep the Circle K website up to date!

Events for the Rest of the Semester

Had a rough start to the semester and haven't been able to go to all the wonderful Circle K events yet? Don't worry, the semester is only half-way through and there are still going to be opportunities for you to come out to and bond with other Circle Kers or to do other service projects. After Spring Break (!!) we're having a bake sale in the Student Center on St Patrick's Day and returning on Wednesday to have a special Springtime meeting. Come out and support Circle K!



Bake Sale	March 17
Bowling Social	March 29
Visiting Greenwood	TBA
Blood Drive	April 2
Relay for Life	April 11

