New Jersey K-Family Heats Up the Grill at Annual Picnic

BY CHRIS RUTLEDGE
KEAN UNIVERSITY

On Saturday July 24, 2010, the Circle K hosted its annual Kiwanis Family Picnic. The picnic attendees included the members from New Jersey District Key Clubs, Circle K clubs, and Kiwanis clubs. One of the purposes of the Picnic is to build a stronger bond with each level of the Kiwanis Family. It allows the New Jersey District to make connections with one another and get to know one another in a casual environment. We were also able to raise money for our yearly budget!

Those in attendance got to see friends that they don’t normally get to see on a daily basis and they participated in competitive team bonding games like volleyball, three-legged races, and a water balloon toss. Along with the fun and games, the New Jersey K-Family enjoyed a picnic meal made for a king consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, various salads, and desserts.

With good planning and hard work from everybody involved, the picnic had over fifty attendees and was a huge success. A special thank you to Stockton College Circle K for being the host club (and providing games and prizes) and another thank you to

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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's that time of the year again - back-to-school. I know you're all pumped and ready for the fall semester to start, right?

It's also that time of the year to recruit members to CKI! Incoming freshmen and transfer students will be roaming around campus looking for a club to get involved with - and there's no better club than CKI!

I can't wait to see all of you guys at upcoming CKI events! :)

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Sonya and Caroline for the behind-the-scenes work on the Special Events committee! Look out next summer for the next annual K-Family Picnic!

Circle K and Key Club members compete with and against each other in a three-legged race.

K-FAMILY: Unitig New Jersey k-Family Clubs

What are you majoring/minoring in?

Anna Friars
Rider University

Double major in Music Education and Sacred Music with a voice primary.

Tracy Soriano
St. Peter's College

Biology with a concentration in Forensic Science.

Majoring in Biology.

Tracy Soriano
St. Peter's College

Minoring in Chemistry.

Jess Walling
Stockton College

Criminal Justice with Forensics concentration :)
Hello New Jersey!

Are you ready for an exciting school year? I hope that everyone had a great summer vacation, if it was work, classes, or simply time at the beach I hope that some of your time included some time doing some service. As we get back into the grove of CKI I cannot wait to visit you all at your club meetings and events during the fall semester. Fall is going to be a great time between recruiting new members, Club Rally, and INSIGHT! Also, the best part about fall is all the new members! This is my favorite time of the year as we share our love for CKI with new friends and make a ton of new memories.

The number of service hours recorded has been low over the summer. If you didn't know, we take those hours that you record in your clubs to compile our total district service hours and total hours for the whole organization. Don't forget to submit your summer service hours to your secretary so that it can be recorded!

If you ever have any questions, concerns, comments, or just want to talk...please feel free to contact me or any member of the District Board! Remember that November is Kiwanis Family month. I encourage you to get in contact with those Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs in your area! Let's increase those Interclubs!

I can’t wait to see you all at Club Rally and INSIGHT!

Rob Acerra

Don’t Forget the Governor’s Project! Host a BWB Book Drive today!
Messages from Your LTGs

Metro Division Post-ICON Update

Metro Divisional Trainer:
Saturday September 4th, 2010
To be held at Saint Peter’s College, Room TBD
2641 John F Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Parking: 98 Glenwood Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
Call/Text 201 306 4475 for more info.
All of NJDCKI is welcome!

Caldwell College: Officially chartered! I am in the process of gathering their club meeting and event calendar. Charter Night Information Coming soon!

Drew University: Alive and well! Danielle (President) and Sarah (Secretary) have been in contact with me throughout the summer. Sarah spent time volunteering in Africa this summer (more details soon!) Both kept very busy this summer and will be starting meetings in the beginning of September.

Hey Seabreeze Division!
What’s sizzling?!

It’s LTG Teddy here, reminding you that it’s time to take off the summer shades, loose the beach ball, and finally to head back to the wonderful – and usually stressful – world of higher education. September is a busy time for Circle K members, officers especially. The beginning of the semester is prime time to start recruiting new members, as many incoming students will be particularly eager to commit to an organization for the rest of their stay at college. It is imperative to get a head start on the recruiting process; begin by making an attractive flyer and distributing it around campus. The most effective form of advertisement is definitely attendance at your institution’s fall involvement fair, if your school offers one. Remember to register for the fair and to show up with many of your club’s members. The involvement fair specifically sets aside time for new students to “shop” for an organization, so this is a perfect opportunity to advertise. It’s always a good idea to wear your club shirts (if you have them) and to have promotional items (pens, colorful posters, brochures, candy, etc.). Remember, you are trying to sell Circle K – sometimes amongst many other service organizations – so be prepared to explain what the organization is about, why you joined, and what advantages there are to joining. As your lieutenant governor, I am personally thrilled to see all your accomplishments unfold in the upcoming service year. And, after getting to know many of you very well, I am certain there will be many!

Yours in service (by the sea!),
Teddy John Wohlbold

Kean University:
Three members (Jen Russo, Karen Ann Conway, and Sarah Peretti) attended ICON. Fall meetings are being scheduled, as well as the fall schedule of events.

Saint Peter’s College: One member (me) attended LSSP and ICON 2010. Had lots of fun, met many new people and learned a lot while doing service! MR. CKI is being planned, but may not be in September due to scheduling problems with the College, but look out for it! September 1st will be the first meeting at 12PM. They will also be recruiting during Freshman Day 2010 and Club Fair. The 2010-11 E-Board are busy planning, so look out for more!

Roseanne Moy

International President
Hello Garden Division!

Hope your summer was great! It is now time to get back into the swing of things with the new semester. Make sure to table and get some new member on board this year! A lot of Key Clubbers are coming into the Garden Division this year so make sure to hit them first. If you need any table ideas or fun service project ideas let me know! Please remember to sign up for COTC on September 12th and make every effort to attend! I'm sure there will be great workshops for you guys!

If you guys have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to say hi, please e-mail, call, Facebook, or IM me! I am going to miss you all terribly while I am interning in Washington, DC. Jaime Picchi will be helping me out this semester and will be my eyes and ears to happenings in the division. I am going to try and make it home for as many events as possible. Club Presidents please e-mail me the meeting agenda each week so that I can stay in the loop with the clubs. You will also be getting weekly e-mails from me just checking in to make sure everything is going smooth. I will miss you guys and see you soon!!

Jess Walling

Introducing Your 2010-11 Circle K International President

Inspired by your wonderful website, and the 18 ways to serve it up this summer, I thought I would provide 18 ways I would like to introduce myself. My name is Amanda, (most people call me “Marf”) and I am from the Texas-Oklahoma district (1). I enjoy a good game of volleyball (2), singing loudly in long car rides (3), the Philadelphia Phillies (4), and making someone’s day just a little bit happier (5). I received a bachelor’s in Psychology at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA (6) and am now working towards a master’s in industrial/organizational psychology at Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX (7). Although, I think you might want to know a little more about my Circle K experiences...

On the CKI level I embrace our three tenants of leadership, fellowship, and service daily (8). Leading is an attribute that I owe to the Kiwanis Family beginning as a charter Key Club member, secretary, and president (9). Furthering my experience in CKI I was also able to serve as Elizabethtown College Club President (10), Pennsylvania district Kiwanis Family Chair (11), and Pennsylvania District Governor (12). Moving to graduate school in Texas, I was able to charter my home club at Angelo State University (13) and serve as the 2009-2010 CKI Subregion D Representative (14). Fellowship and Service go hand in hand, as I always serve next to my friends in some of my favorite projects such as Ronald McDonald House (15), reading to elementary school children (16), or volunteering at a soup kitchen (17). Through these three tenants I have adopted CKI not just as a club or international organization, but as a way of life.

If you are still wondering why I am sharing all this information,
Break the Ice

BY HOPE FINE
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & BENEFITS CHAIR

It is almost the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year so get excited! Listed below are some ice breaker ideas that can be used at the first meeting or can be used at subsequent meetings later on in the year! If there are any questions about any of the ice breakers listed feel free to e-mail me at fine2@tcnj.edu.

West Wind Blows
Everyone stands in a circle standing in front of a marker, such as a rock or a shoe. One person stands in the middle of the circle and describes something about themselves. It could be something like “My favorite color is blue”. Everyone in the outside circle who also likes the color blue must change spots with another player. Someone will get left out of a spot. They then go into the middle and repeat all over again!

Grilled Cheese
Have a group of about seven stand on a bed sheet. The object of the game is to fold the sheet into a triangle while keeping everyone on the sheet and then get the sheet to be on the other side.

People Bingo
Everyone is given a game board with facts in each square such as “I am a senior”. Find someone for each square.

Check out more Ice Breaker ideas:

CKI MISSION
Developing college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.

fall COT
Did you hear about the fall Club Officer Training?
Come to learn about your role as a club officer and meet the District Board!
And psst, did i mention the free lunch?

Sunday, September 12
10:30 am @ Brookdale
be there.
what’s going on with International?

Giving Back to St. Louis

BY DANIELLE SAMMUT
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This year’s LSSP (Large Scale Service Project) was held at the Washington University campus in St. Louis Missouri. As a first-time attendee, I must say that it was an enjoyable experience and I am so glad that I had the opportunity of hands-on service in the wonderful St. Louis community and the undeniable fellowship.

From July 31 to August 3, eager CKI volunteers from all around the world took part in various community service projects during the day and nightly in-house service projects with each of the CKI service partners. On the first night, everyone was split into teams and quickly grew a group unity with their fun-filled cheers. (If you want to check them out, they are on the YouTube channel titled: CKI LSSP).

With their excited team spirit, teams woke up bright and early on Sunday to help out at St. Louis community gardens and painted a mural on a tunnel for a children’s medical center. The weather was a very hot, 102 degrees-but that couldn’t stop us! On Monday, some escaped from the heat indoors at a 19-acre Boys and Girls Club by doing indoor maintenance work and being mentors for the children, while some others helped outside at the stadium.

The following day, some teams went to another Boys and Girls club where they focused on being mentors to the children by participating in activities with them such as Ultimate Kickball and dance.

Meet Me at ICON!

BY CHELSEA ZIGLER
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

After participating in Circle K’s Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) I did not think that one event could be as rewarding. However, I was proved wrong. The International Convention was held directly after LSSP and was an experience I will always remember.

Throughout the convention we were able to learn from all the various speakers. One of the guest speakers, Ethan Zohn, the winner of the show Survivor, talked to us about the importance of how something so little can make such a huge impact.

Another great speaker, Kevin Wanzer, focused on attitude and how loving not only yourself but others is of great importance.

In addition to the speakers, there were two caucusing sessions in which we were able to...
In addition, some were doing more manual work in the kitchen by making 330 kabobs for the children and cut 15 pounds of onions!!! Another group did landscaping around the beautiful St. Louis Arch.

On the last morning, an optional service project to paint a mural in the tunnel at Washington University was offered to the teams. Many woke up bright and early to show their support. The results were beautiful.

Later that day, many LSSP volunteers took part in Fellowship Day. I was not able to attend this event so I asked my friend Michael Zebrowski, the Past New York Governor about the event. "We worked to solve a murder mystery. Through completing various team-building activities, we were given clues by the various "informants". We eventually discovered that LSSP Chairwoman Minerva had been bludgeoned to death with a watermelon by LSSP Secretary Cal Bur-
	on."

Also, when asked to describe his LSSP experience, Michael Zebrowski eagerly replied, "Since 'service' is one of the tenets of Circle K International, it is great that the Large Scale Service Project affords us the opportunity to involve ourselves with community service projects outside of our home clubs and districts. Throughout the year, we perform service primarily within our own communities, but LSSP gives us the opportunity to come together as an organization and make a united, hands-on impact together."

Overall, it was an absolute pleasure to meet people from all around the world, who live by similar ideals. Not many people get this opportunity and I am really glad that I am one of the few. We all teamed together and gave back to the convention host city of St. Louis. I cannot wait for LSSP in Virginia Beach next year! I hope more of us can make it! As Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Continue to do great things, as I know all us Circle K'ers will do this upcoming year.

L-R: Volunteers working in a local community garden, challenging a Boys & Girls Club to some basketball, Matt Maran (Stony Brook CKI) cleans up, and Rachel Bennett (Arizona CKI) spends time in the gym.
to hear each candidate’s goals for the new CKI year. Two sessions of The House of Delegates also took place in which we discussed the amendments and voted for this year’s sub-region representatives as well as the International President and Vice President.

A special congrats to Cal Burton, our Sub Region F representative, Nicole Loehr, International Vice President, and Amanda Marfisi, International President!

As well as having caucusing, House of Delegates, and speakers, workshops were also held. I learned a lot, and I’m sure that I can say on behalf of everyone who attended that these workshops were truly beneficial. From planning your Circle K year to recruitment techniques to managing revenue and expenses (hosted by our very own Governor, Rob Accera) to destressing methods, we were able to learn so much.

On the second to last night, there was a special performance by Crimson, a comedy hypnotist, who provided a night filled with laughter and fun. Further, we had many guests who talked about the many organizations that Circle K helps with such as March of Dimes, Better World Books, and our newest project, The Eliminate Project. Though we all got up super early every morning to get dressed up in business attire and walked from building to building to building, it was all worth it. Through LSSP, we were able to learn through service and fellowship. International Convention showed us not only service and fellowship, but leadership as well. From Opening to Closing Session, International Convention was a time for learning, but also one where memories and friendships were made.
or who the heck I am, I am a huge advocate of getting to know people of CKI, before getting to know their titles. With that being said, I would lastly like to introduce myself as your 2010-2011 Circle K International President. I can’t wait to be of assistance to such wonderful districts including the Jersey Fresh, New Jersey District. Hopefully, I will get to meet you all this year at a district or international event. Until then, feel free to contact me for 18 more ways to serve it up, share 18 facts about you, or just 18 different ways to say hello!