

Welcome New Members!



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TCNJ Circle K executive board members pose with their newest members at the Induction Ceremony.

The Thanksgiving weekend celebrations continued into Monday, November 29th, as TCNJ Circle K warmly welcomed 37 new members to our club, causing our membership to soar to a grand total of 59 members. The new members were welcomed with a short and sweet ceremony held in the Decker Main Lounge on Monday evening. Co-Presidents Iris Tian and Georjean Barcebal gave a brief history of TCNJ's Circle K and MD&E Chair Michele McGrath related Circle K to the whole K-family organization that the new members were about to join. After each new member was pinned and awarded a certificate, the ceremony concluded with delicious cake and refreshments for both new and old members to enjoy.

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Live to Serve, Love to Serve
Jersey Fresh Style

A Weekend of Magic and Service

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INSIGHT 2010

Greeted by headmasters and headmistresses upon arrival, newly enrolled students of the New Jersey District of Circle K International were divided into their Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry houses through the one of a kind sorting hat. After a round of introductions, house bonding was well under way on the first night of Insight Weekend 2010 when a house anthem competition ensued. Many wizards and witches showed off their singing, dancing, and team spirit talents among many other things. The night wrapped up with group break-out discussions regarding how magic can be made in the community through the service of a wide variety of leaders, and how working together despite our differing leadership approaches is necessary to obtain teamwork not only at Hogwarts, but at our separate colleges and universities.

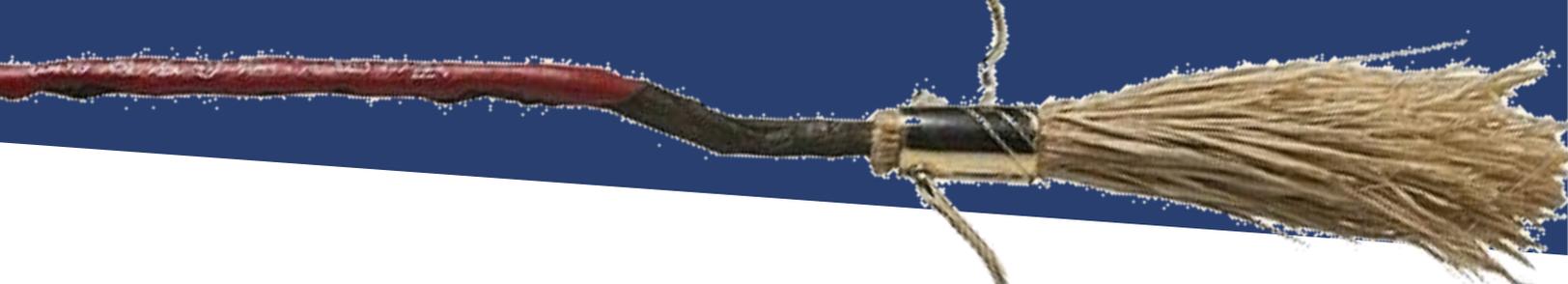


Saturday morning started off bright and early after our first nights in the toasty, heated cabins. With our assigned houses, we

then took our shot as separate groups at different team-building courses in the woodsy hills of Camp Mason. Whether we were collectively trying to keep a single wooden platform balanced without touching the ground, or tip-toe through a spider web of twists and turns, these activities only boosted our house connection and ability to work with leaders not like ourselves. Later on in the afternoon,

an Amazing Race themed challenge was thrown upon each of the houses to be completed in a 2 hour time limit, in which every house vied to tackle the most tasks with the greatest display of teamwork in the allotted time. Following this intense extravaganza of unique wizardry through working together, each Hogwarts student was afforded the opportunity to choose which community service activity they wished to partake in before a bounty feast for dinner. A choice ranging from raking leaves to installing drapery in the cabins, the New Jersey District of Circle K International was more than willing to brighten up the looks of Camp Mason through the magic instilled in their giving nature.





Wrapping up quite a busy day of team building and volunteering, all of the houses regrouped to attend the Host Club's, Brookdale Community College, sponsored event. Full of eliminating rounds ending in the free-for-all soda can balance test, Brookdale's Club Co-President Danielle Sammut ended up showing up all of us aspiring wizards and witches with her skills. Followed up by the Great Hall Speak-Out and Candle Light Reflection, it was quite apparent that less than 24 hours had brought each one of these houses and Hogwarts students closer through fellowship and made all the difference in defining what was taken away from this insightful experience. Ending the night with the Yule Ball, the New Jersey District of Circle K International was able to celebrate the lessons that had been learned that weekend and take part in further establishing the new friendships that had sparked.

Sunday came too quick for all us, despite Daylight Savings Time. While there was a hurry to eat breakfast, finish up any last minute notes for the Owl Post, and discuss bids for the Pie-the-Board Auction, the frenzy in the air was magical to say the least. After an intense auction to support district fundraising efforts, District Editor Jennifer Hsieh shared a video of photos to reflect the weekend, and then pieing was well under way. Saying goodbye was probably the hardest part of the whole weekend, as each Hogwarts wizard and witch

knew they would have to return to their original collegiate dwellings to attend academic classes the next day. But they would never forget the Magical World of Service they immersed themselves into at Insight 2010. We hope that you will join us at Insight 2011 to shape an experience similar to this based off of your unique leadership characteristics!



Member of the Month

CHRIS MASSA

Nominated by: Iris Tlan

Chris has been to every general meeting, and he has been actively involved in Circle K ever since he joined. He always stays after to help out with our service projects, and he's been to quite a few big events, including the Light the Night Walk. He also raised the most money for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF! He is always eager to help out, and he even stayed to help Liz, Rachel, and Iris clean out the Circle K office before break, without anyone asking him to. He is an extremely dedicated new member, and he greatly deserves to be Member of the Month. =)



Weekly Service Project Updates

SPOTLIGHT ON: EWING ANIMAL SHELTER

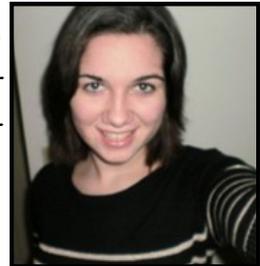
Pictured below, TCNJ Circle K members volunteer at the Mt. Carmel Food Pantry.



DID YOU KNOW...

...that 2,000 sets of utensils were wrapped for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen this semester?!

Jackie DeNarie
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This semester we added a new weekly service project! On Sundays, a group of Circle K members visit the Ewing Animal Shelter. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays, so we help them accomplish whatever they need to get done. We wash food bowls, wipe down cages, and fold towels, among other odd jobs. We also get to socialize with the animals! We play with some of the pit bulls who are waiting to be adopted, as well as with the cats in the multiple cat rooms that they have. I look forward to another semester of volunteering and helping the animals in the community, and I hope that you will join me!

Late Night Service

Service



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On October 21st, TCNJ Circle K held Late Night Service in the Cromwell Main Lounge. Late Night Service is held once a semester and is the largest service event that members can participate in on campus. There was a great turn out of Circle K members to work on various service projects. Members of the Leadership Development Program also joined in after their weekly meeting. These extra hands helped to make this service event even more successful. Members could choose from three different service projects. The first project was making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. By the end of the night, we made a total of 237 sandwiches. The second project was making blankets for Project Linus. Members worked together cutting and tying the fabric to create blankets for children in the hospital. 31 blankets were created in all. The last project that members could choose to work on was making cards for Make a Child Smile. Members made creative and heart-warming cards to be delivered to terminally ill children. With many people working together, this event was a great success. Thank you to all the members who attended and also to LDP for helping Circle K out with this event.



Leadership



Fellowship



Current Events



STUDENT LEADER AWARD CEREMONY

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On Thursday, December 2, TCNJ Circle K Vice President Liz Schiavi was recognized by LDP at the Outstanding Student Leader Award Ceremony. She was nominated by her fellow board member, Taylor Dickerson. The Award Ceremony was organized by our very own secretary, Rachel Santitoro. These Circle K members exemplify our second pillar, leadership, at its best! Congratulations, Liz! =)



BLOOD DRIVE

Liz Schiavi

Vice President

Class of 2012, Accounting Major

On November 2, 2010, Circle K held its most successful Blood Drive ever! The goal set by the American Red Cross for Circle K was to have 40 participants, and for the first time we exceeded the Red Cross goal! Over 50 people, both students and faculty, donated blood. The Red Cross collected 53 productive units and had 5 double red cell procedures. Circle K would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who donated blood!

Other contributing factors to the success of our blood drive were the publicity provided by our co-publicity chairs, Sam and Stef, who did an amazing job promoting the event, as well as everyone who volunteered to sit outside of Eickhoff and encourage people to sign up. Thank you all for your dedication to this service project! We will be having another Blood Drive in the Spring Semester, and we are looking forward to setting our goal even higher!!



ROCK THE HOUSE!

Chris Massa

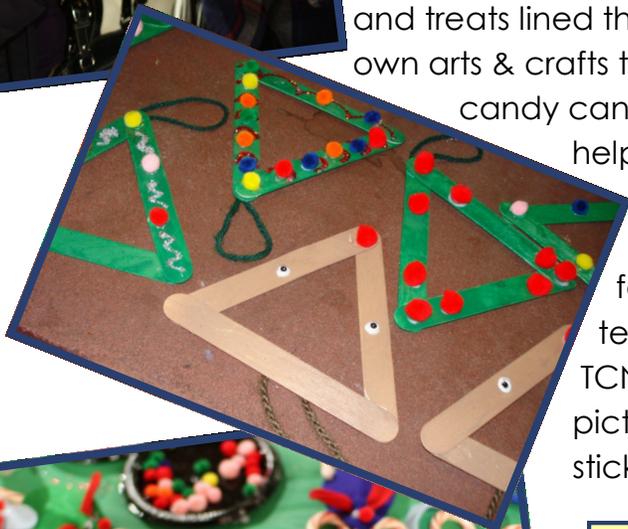
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four incredible groups. Deep Treble and Orphan Sporks are two of Rutgers' most popular acapella groups, and they performed back to back. Their performances were very memorable. Lords of Liechtenstein, a two-brother musical duo, performed several of their original songs next. They are a very talented and charismatic band. R.A.P.S, a cultural club for Philippino students, was the final group to perform. They showed off some dance moves, using several cool props that added to their performance. It was a very unique way to end the show.

This year's benefit concert really was great; it showed off all of the talent that college students have to offer the world. Best of all, the money raised from the concert went to support the New Brunswick Ronald McDonald House! But wait, there's more! Door prizes were won by some lucky ticket holders, and Janika won a dinner to Chipotle! After the blissful harmonies left our ears, we could not stop talking about the awesome night!

Happy Holidays

from TCNJ Circle K!



On December 9th, 2010, The College of New Jersey hosted its annual TCNJ Holiday in the Brower Student Center. The theme for this year was "Holiday on Main Street" and that it was! Outside, two white horses decorated in lights pulled carriages of students up and down the campus. Inside, holiday themed activities, arts & crafts, and treats lined the student center atrium. Circle K hosted its very own arts & crafts table. Many students were drawn in by the felted candy cane mice, lined across the front of our table. They helped make those as well as holiday ornaments, all for charity. A total of 42 candy cane mice and 21 popsicle stick ornaments were made. With "snow" falling in from the second floor of the student center and the spirit of the Holidays looming all around, TCNJ Holiday was a success. Nothing paints a better picture of holiday spirit like a hot glue gun, popsicle sticks, glitter, felt, and creativity.

Check out the TCNJ Holiday eCard at
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ktG54Rwtwc

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Happy New Year!

Warm up for Winter Social!

Join us at our ***Winter Wonderland!***

***WHO: YOU & NJ CIRCLE K**

***WHAT: A night of dinner & dancing with Circle K-ers from around NJ**

***WHEN: Saturday, February 5th, 2011 6:00pm-10:00pm**

***WHERE: Cromwell Main Lounge**



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