

# Summer Va--tion

By Hope Fine, 2010-2011 NJ District Membership, Development, & Benefits Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Although it is summer, I hope everyone did not forget about Circle K. Since I am at TCNJ for the summer doing research in the MUSE program, I knew I wanted to continue to volunteer. There are so many great places to volunteer around this area. Of course, I decided to volunteer at Library for the Blind. I have been going there once a week for the past four weeks with one of my friends that is also on campus taking classes. Although she is not a Circle K member, she loves volunteering there with me and is planning to join Circle K next year!

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# Summer Updates

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As the NJ District Membership Development & Benefits chair, I have been doing a lot of Circle K work for the District. I have created a New Member Orientation Program and a Recruitment news letter that will hopefully be up on the District website soon. I also created a Ways to Stay Active During the Summer newsletter. So make sure you check out the website! I also attended the District Board Meeting in June. We picked themes for Insight and District Convention! Our Insight theme is Harry Potter and District Convention theme is 007. I cannot wait to see everyone in the Fall!



## INSIGHT 2010 and DISTRICT CONVENTION 2011

### **K-FAMILY PICNIC**

**Who? You and the NJ District**

**What? BBQ, Fun & Service**

**When? Saturday, July 24th**

**Where? Oakhurst Park**

***Check out the Facebook event!***



# Over summer break, I volunteer...



... as a Local Training Program (LTP) Escort at the NJ Special Olympics at TCNJ. It was a lot of fun! I was paired up with a lady named Carolyn, and she participated in the softball throw and 100m walk; she won bronze in both categories! Just being there and seeing people with so many different disabilities really touched my heart, because

they didn't let any of those things get in their way of having fun and competing in the games. And they are all so selfless - cheering for each other and congratulating each other. It was an amazing experience, and I would definitely like to do it again next summer.

By Iris Tian, 2010-2011 Co-President



... at my local library in Livingston. They have a summer program for little kids and there are many ways to help out. One of the activities that I've been involved with for a couple of years is Book Buddies. I was paired with one or two children, ages 5-8, and I helped them learn to read. As an Education major, I especially enjoyed this program, but that's not a requirement; all you need is patience, a good attitude, and

a mastery of the English language. For those who like arts and crafts, you can volunteer as a Craft Assistant, where you can help set up and run little art projects for the kids. If working with children really isn't your thing, libraries are always looking for Shelves to put away all of the books and magazines that kids borrow during the summer.

By Priti Mankikar, 2010-2011 Treasurer



# A Father's Day Tradition



Me and my dad at the Denville Kiwanis Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>, my family and I attended the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Denville, New Jersey. The Denville Kiwanians are always cheerful and smiling, ready to serve a delicious meal under a pavilion at a local, riverside park.

This is a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club, which is dedicated to serving the children of the Denville school district, particularly the Builders Club at the local middle school.

In the photo to the left, my father is holding a can from their coin drive, held every year on Kiwanis Peanut Day. This is a fundraiser where the Denville Kiwanians pass out bags of peanuts to supporters who donate to their cause.

The breakfast takes place annually, and my family has enjoyed this tradition every year, rain or shine, since I was a toddler. Not only is it a time for my family to spend together, but it is also a time to catch up with neighbors and friends who come out to celebrate Father's Day at the Pancake Breakfast as well.

Our morning is never complete until my sisters and I skip rocks on the river with our dad and grandfather. Needless to say, the Denville Kiwanis Club continues to make our Father's Day memorable, year after year.

By Taylor Dickerson, 2010-2011 Editor

# Greetings from Arizona!

Hi Circle K!

I just got back on July 17<sup>th</sup> from a four day Leadership Conference in Arizona; and while we did the typical group games and discussed our leadership style, we also spent four hours on one day volunteering. This may not seem like a long time, but the impact we made was surprisingly HUGE.

At the Conference there were roughly 400 students from colleges all over the U.S., and for the community service project students were split up by their region. The Northeast region contained around 100 students and together we went to the first food bank ever established - Saint Mary's Food Bank Alliance in Phoenix, Arizona. 35 of us worked on one assembly line sorting donated food into boxes.

Since I was at the very beginning of the assembly line, I had to unpack boxes and put cardboard liners in them to make the boxes sturdier. Everyone had a specific task, which led the assembly line to run relatively smoothly. And while working on an assembly line for 4 hours may sound pretty dull, I think it's safe to say that we all had a pretty phenomenal time volunteering at Saint Mary's. The atmosphere in the warehouse was just amazing; we were all happy to be there, and it gave many of us a chance to get to know each other better.

After all the food we were responsible for was packed and sealed, we learned that our group of 35 students had just packaged 9,000 pounds of food! The other groups from the Northeast in the warehouse with us packaged similar amounts, giving us a grand total of 31,000 pounds of food! And what is even more amazing is that 1 pound of food is equal to 1 meal. In four hours, 100 students were able to provide meals for 31,000 people!!

It was a great day, a great experience, and I am so grateful that I was able to be a part of it. It just goes to show you that it is possible for a group of students to make a difference and impact the world... but as Circle K-er's you guys already know that!! =)

By Liz Schiavi, 2010-2011 Vice President

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## ↑ SUMMER SERVICE IDEAS How can you stay involved?

- \* Volunteer at a local hospital
- \* Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- \* Volunteer at a local library
- \* Volunteer at a local nursing home
- \* Volunteer at a local food pantry
- \* Hold a food drive for a food pantry
- \* Clean up trash on the beach
- \* Clean up trash at a park
- \* Participate in a walk or marathon for a good cause
- \* Have a lemonade stand or a bake sale to raise money for charity
- \* Run errands for an elderly neighbor, water their garden, or read them a book
- \* Collect school supplies for underprivileged students

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