

A Welcome from the Governor

Carolina's Circle Ker's

Welcome Back! I hope that each and every one of you has had a fantastic summer. Now that the academic year has started again you can expect some great things. The district board has worked hard over the summer to make sure that the upcoming year is full of fun and exciting events for all of you.

I would like to inform all of you that Melicia Mathison from the Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District is our new sub-regional representative on the International Board. She was elected by our sub-region members in Portland, OR at ICON. She is super excited to get to know our district and plans on coming to visit.

Just a quick reminder of our district goals for the year:

1. Increase total membership to 600 paid members
2. Perform 12,000 hours of service with 10% (1,200 hours) dedicated to youth literacy
3. Raise \$7,500 for our district service project with \$2,000 coming from joint Kiwanis Family fundraising
4. Build at least 3 new clubs
5. Obtain 90 participants at fall trainer and district convention and 40 participants at the district service project events

I am really looking forward to the year ahead; I know that you all will help make it a great one.

Yours in service,
Kathryn Geiger

Does YOUR CLUB have an upcoming event you want the Governor to attend?!

LET HER KNOW!

Email her at:
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2007-2008 Carolinas District Board



What's happenin' in the Sweet Carolinas District

Fall Rally vs. Fall Fest?

Last year at Fall Rally, Circle K'ers from all over the Carolinas District came together to form friendships and gain leadership skills as teams competed in a fun-filled "Survivor" themed weekend. Sunday was spent at Carowinds amusement park listening to a motivational speaker, meeting people from the Kiwanis family and spending a full day riding rides and hanging out.

This year, however, the district board decided to split off from Key Club's Fall Rally and created a new event: Fall Fest! Rather than just one day, Fall Fest will be a full weekend full of fun competition that teaches us to be leaders as well as work as teams. It will also give members a chance to meet more people from the Carolinas District, learn more about Circle K, AND do a small service project.

Circle K members are still invited to attend Fall Rally at Carowinds on Sunday, October 7. The event will include a motivational speaker as well as a full day of fun at the park. Hope to see you at both events!!!



Fall Rally 2006



Fall Fest: Legends of the Hidden Temple

By: Lauren Burianek

Get ready for a brand new weekend of fun, fellowship, and service with Circle K! The Carolinas District will be traveling to Hickory, NC to Camp Ginger Cascades in order to build new relationships and learn more about Circle K. Each attendee will get put into a group based on the old Nickelodeon television series, *Legends of the Hidden Temple*: Red Jaguars, Blue Barracudas, Green Monkeys, Orange Iguanas, Purple Parrots, and Silver Snakes – you remember. Your team will cross the moat, go through the steps of knowledge, and fight your way into the temple to achieve your prize! In the midst of this excitement, we will also be taking part in several service renovation projects around the camp to help make the camp a better, cleaner, and safer place for future visitors!

Join us **September 28-30th** in Hickory, NC. We guarantee it will be a weekend you *won't* forget. Look for more information soon!

Mark your calendar with these upcoming EVENTS!

9/28-9/30 – Fall Fest at Camp Ginger Cascades

10/7 – Fall Rally at Carowinds

10/26-10/28 – Kiwanis Family Conference at Black Mountain, NC

November (date TBA) – Fall DLSSP

A Welcome from your LTGs

Capital:

I hope everybody had a relaxing summer and is ready to get back into the swing of Circle K! I hope you all are just as excited as I am about this coming year; if not start pumping yourself up now! This year is going to be filled with tons of **fun, service, and fellowship**. We have some exciting district and international events coming up such as **Kiwanis Family Conference** and **Fall Fest**, which I hope to see all of you at. This year I will be working on more **inter-club relations** and events for our division to allow us all to interact more with our neighboring schools. I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year, and as always do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, no matter how trivial they may seem.

Jacqui Moskel

Blue Ridge, Coastal & Triad:

Whether you spent your summer relaxing by the pool, on exotic vacations, or working various jobs, I'm sure coming back to school is bittersweet. Sure, staying up late and sleeping late are out of the picture, but back to school means back to **Circle K!** What couldn't be sweet about that? This is a fresh start on the school year, so let's take advantage of it and start out strong.

I welcome everyone from the Blue Ridge, Coastal, and Triad divisions back to Circle K, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Now is the time to be planning **service projects**, coming up with **fundraising ideas**, and creating fun ideas for **socials** for the semester, so don't delay. When you are planning for service hours and projects, don't forget to factor in a few hours towards **youth literacy**. As a district, our goal is to dedicate 10% of service hours to benefit this issue, and it would be great if everyone could help towards our goal.

With all the talk of a fresh beginning, let's not forget to carry this enthusiasm throughout the entire year! I am extremely confident that this year will bring great things, and I am looking forward to seeing them unfold. If your club is holding a service project, annual event, fundraiser, or just a gathering to celebrate fellowship, I would be more than happy to share in the fun. Let me know what's happening in your club so I can be involved and help each and every club grow in service, leadership, and fellowship. Good luck to everyone starting classes!

K-love,
Stephanie Northcott



Metro & Palmetto:

Welcome Back Metro and Palmetto Divisions!!!

I hope everyone enjoyed a fun filled and safe summer. As classes pick up and begin again, so do the activities of Circle K. Spend some time at the beginning of this semester to **recruit new members** to your club; new members are great! They not only increase the volunteer power of your club, but they also bring new and interesting ideas for **service, leadership and fellowship** with them. The beginning of the semester is also a great time to set some **goals** for your club or review the goals you made at club officer training. These goals may include **increases in membership, a certain number of service hours, or a certain project** you would like to complete this year. Now is the time to not only refresh your memory of these goals, but to make yourself a plan on how to succeed. As always, if you or your club needs any help, don't hesitate to contact me. The easiest way to get in touch with me is by e-mail at kgieske@clemson.edu. I am here as a resource to you. Good luck with all your school work and service!

Your's in Caring and Service,
Katy Giesken



Circle K International

LSSP 2007: Fording the River of Service!

By: Amanda Lawing



Most of you have at least heard of CKI's International Convention (ICON), but do you know about the Large Scale Service Project? Each year during the week before ICON, CKI'ers from all over the world unite to provide service to the city or community that is hosting convention, sort of as a way of saying thanks. This year, our project was in the State Parks of Portland, Oregon.

As 159 of us met at the end of the Oregon Trail, we climbed through the forests to remove invasive ivy plants. While ivy can be helpful, if left alone for too long it will overtake other plants in the forest. Our biggest job was to uproot the ivy near trees and other plants in two state parks, but we also created trails, painted recycling cans, and built a bridge! One regular park volunteer said that in a few hours, we did more work than he would be able to do in over a year!

Don't think that LSSP is all work, though. The first and last days are dedicated to fellowship, where we build relationships with people from all over the US, Canada, and the Caribbean. Evenings included game nights, a sock hop, and smaller service projects, and we spent part of one day at the park playing in the river!

If you're wishing that an event like this happened more than once a year, then look forward to hearing about our District Large Scale Service Project, where we meet up to serve the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw. I hope to see all of you there!

Circle K International

Focusing on the Future: CHILDREN



Open a
Book,
Show them
the World!

The **Service Initiative** of Circle K International was designed to educate all CKI members about the problems and issues that face children worldwide. A **Service Initiative** project is any project that focuses on children between the ages of **6 to 13**. There are three emphasis areas that change every year. This year's emphasis area took effect on April 1st and focuses on **Youth Literacy**. So make sure your club becomes involved with improving scholastic achievement of children!

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

- Albert Einstein

ICON House of Delegates Handles 92 Proposed Amendments, Rejects Massive Structural Changes

By: Jeffrey Marsocci, Assistant District Administrator

In three separate House of Delegates sessions held from August 6-7, 2007, representatives from clubs throughout Circle K International carefully considered 92 amendments to the international bylaws. While there were many technical amendments, there were also major structural changes being proposed from both the Circle K International Board and the Pacific Northwest District Board; these changes often being two versions of the same general concept. Throughout the sessions, CKI President Alec Macaulay maintained order, often calling out "Decorum, delegates, please."

Underlying the proposed amendments were ghosts of the Case for Change, which, among other things, would have eliminated Circle K districts and place supervision more directly under the international board and international office. The elements of the Case for Change were soundly rejected at the 2006 convention in Boston, and several of the proposed 2007 amendments which could have lead to the eventual elimination of districts were also rejected.

One major change in the Bylaws which met with little resistance was the elimination of all required district positions other than governor, and instead power was left to the districts to determine what officer positions would work best. This gave smaller districts the ability to eliminate many board positions and instead allow the governor and club presidents to work more directly. Two other amendments that would, in combination, lead to the

eventual elimination of many districts was imposing a minimum number of members and clubs to maintain district status and a provision allowing clubs to opt out of their districts and become a "club at large." The proposed minimum number of clubs was ten coupled with a district-wide minimum membership of 225. The option of allowing clubs to opt out of their district would have made it more difficult for districts to maintain this minimum.

During debate, newly elected 2007-2008 Circle K International President Amanda Badali from the Southwest District gave an impassioned condemnation of the proposed minimums as a way to take away the voting rights of smaller districts, and she pointed out that she and newly elected 2007-2008 Vice President Kaitlin McCann would have been ineligible to even run for those offices. It was also pointed out during debate that more than a quarter of the delegates present would not have been allowed to vote and participate because their district did not meet the minimum requirements. Both amendments failed.

Another contentious proposed change from the Pacific Northwest District was eliminating individual annual dues in favor of annual club dues of \$400 regardless of club size. It was argued that this provided an incentive for smaller clubs to grow by highlighting there were no member dues and that their sponsoring Kiwanis Club could include the annual fee in their budget. The points against the single club fee won out voting down the amendment by a wide margin, with delegates arguing that

many times a lack of Kiwanis support results in low membership numbers, and then a club of four people trying to grow would be saddled with \$100 each in dues. A similar proposal from the IBoard would have set annual club dues at \$300 per club along with a \$15 per returning member fee. Both proposals also included a one-time \$25 fee for new members.

The Pacific Northwest District also proposed creating sub-regional training conferences to replace the Governor-Administrator Training Conference (GATC), arguing that there is a lot of wasted money in these conferences and high expenses in bringing all of the governors and administrators to Indianapolis for annual training. The proposed conferences would also potentially replace all club officer training and district officer training by the districts by bringing everyone together for standardized training. The delegates soundly rejected this amendment, with some delegates arguing that it made no sense to bring everyone together in even more remote places from their district when it was hard enough to get officers to come to training, and that a standardized training made no sense when districts could now eliminate and create positions that worked well for their district. Still others questioned whether several large conferences with a lot of attendees would cost CKI less money than one conference with just governors and administrators.

The Circle K International Board proposed eliminating committee work by the international board of representatives, instead delegating it to sub-regional committees of member volunteers. The arguments

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"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results."

(ICON House of Delegates, contd.)

in favor of the amendment were that it allowed members to be more involved in debating issues and providing solutions, and it would free up the international representatives to spend their time counseling their districts. There was no great resistance to this amendment, and it easily passed.

Other amendments designed to reduce the work of the international board, and consequently expenses, were a reduction in the number of in-person meetings of the international board to two per year starting in August of 2008 which passed, and the elimination of the positions of president and vice president which failed. The delegates also voted to bring the International Convention budget more directly under the control of the international board, whereas in years past overspending outside the control of the board has caused huge convention budget shortfalls.

While a House of Delegates session with 92 amendments could have devolved quickly into an unmanageable situation, the focused attention of the delegates and President Alec actually managed to take up most of the amendments and actually adjourn 10 minutes early.

[Please note that while factually accurate, this article also contains the opinions of the writer, particularly with regard to whether or not certain amendments were an attempt to revive the Case for Change defeated in Boston at the 2006 ICON].

52nd Annual CKI Convention Portland, OR

CONVENTION
2007

By Katy Giesken

This past August 4th-7th was the 52nd Annual Circle K International Convention. This year's convention was held in the beautiful Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon. This convention was extra important to the Carolinas District because the (now Immediate Past) International President Alec Macaulay is from the Carolinas District.

The opening session was filled with District spirit and pride as well as speeches from Dave Curry, the President Designate of Kiwanis International and the Keynote speaker, Mohammed Bilal. This session was followed by the service fair which showcased the major project of each district.

Saturday and Sunday each hosted many informative workshops. There were workshops for each of the elected CKI positions, club members, and advisors. There were also workshops on each of the CKI partners, as well as workshops designed to help the members of CKI learn how they could better the organization.

Sunday afternoon brought the first round of caucusing, during which members seeking international office were given time to speak and answer questions. A second caucus session was held on Monday afternoon specifically for those members running for the position of Sub-Regional Representative. The convention also contained three sessions of House of Delegates, during which representatives from each club in attendance discussed and voted on proposed amendments to the CKI governing documents.

The entire convention, however, did not only consist of business, voting, and workshops. There were ample opportunities to have fun and make new friends. These opportunities included a tour of the Columbia River Gorge, two themed Block Parties/dances, an awards night, and an Inaugural Ball. The whole convention was filled with fun, laughter, and friendship. I hope to see you at the next international convention in Denver, Colorado.

Fellowship

"Friendship is like a prism through which the many variations of beauty are revealed in our lives."

- Anon

The Kiwanis Family

Kiwanis: your most important resource!!!

By: Kathleen Marsocci

Your District Governor Kathryn Geiger set some lofty goals. However, I'm behind those goals, and she and I ask that you help her realize her vision for a stronger, more effective, and more fun Carolinas District. I am confident that by working together we can achieve them. Please look to Kiwanis as a resource for you and your club, whether it's joint service projects, fundraising opportunities, financial assistance or even personal and business questions. (Many Kiwanians are happy to help you with your service AND career goals.)

What many Kiwanians don't realize is how Circle K can help them. This is where you come in. Yes, you, the Circle K members. By taking the initiative you can help Kiwanis become a stronger organization. Remind Kiwanians of the impact we can make by working together. Kiwanis International has set a goal of reaching one million members by 2015, and membership growth is at the forefront of many Kiwanis Club goals.

By actively working with a Circle K club, sponsoring Kiwanis clubs can:

- Grow membership from new people that enjoy working with college students;
- Enhance club activity by conducting joint, hands-on service projects;
- Exchange ideas to make club meetings and activities more relevant, fun and enjoyable;
- Expand the impact of your service by teaming up on big service projects; and
- Lay the groundwork for bringing Circle K members into their Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Committee on Circle K is also ready and willing to be a resource for you. The committee consists of myself, Jeff Marsocci, Christine Rhyne-Johnson and Tom Currier. Each of us brings our own specialty to the committee. Jeff is an excellent writer and trainer. Christine is wonderful at special event planning and Tom is great at building new clubs. Not to mention our own experiences in the Kiwanis family. We are only an e-mail, Facebook message or phone call away. Together we will have an outstanding year.



Upcoming
Event!

Kiwanis Family Conference

By: Stephanie Northcott

Mark your calendars, ladies and gentlemen, it's that time of year again – Kiwanis Family Conference (KFC) on **October 26th-28th**! The Kiwanis Family Conference is located in beautiful **Black Mountain, NC**, and is sure to be an event you will never forget. Held in the Sweet Carolinas District, this event is open to clubs internationally and will welcome over 250 members of **Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis** from almost every district! Throughout the weekend, join us in bonding with our fellow Kiwanis Family members while we celebrate **leadership** and our **K-Family** spirit. This fun-filled event will be held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly Conference Center, and you can leave your suits and dresses at home, because the entire weekend is casual wear. You better act fast! Registration is due by **October 7th**, 2007! Join us for a **weekend** of fellowship, fun, and even a pizza party in Black Mountain, NC for the annual Kiwanis Family Conference!!



Carolinas District at KFC, 2006

Carolinas District Service Project

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The Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw, NC

By: Robert Dodson

Hello again, Carolinas District! I hope everyone had a great and restful summer so we can hit the ground running, or at least not trip over ourselves as we begin. I remind everyone that we are continuing with the **Boys and Girls Home** as our District Project. With Fall Fest and other events planned for September and October, DLSSP has been tentatively scheduled for early November, and as soon as a certain date is set, the specific date and time will be made available to all district clubs. Other projects and resources should be ready for the clubs soon, which will also come your way soon. Otherwise, I wish everyone good luck as classes start and offer encouragement that there is a world beyond schoolwork, and that all of you have great potential to make a difference in it. Bye for now!

The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina is a non-profit, non-denominational home for children located at Lake Waccamaw, NC. The Home provides out-of-home child care for at-risk children in residential care, family foster care and adoption. The program of care includes educational, social, and spiritual development. The mission of the home is to provide residential and foster care/adoption programs for neglected, abused, and hurting children that emphasize academic and Christian education to address their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs in a homelike, Christian setting.

Source: <http://www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com>



Fall DLSSP 2007

"You can not do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

- Anon

Secretaries' and Treasurers' Corner

Need some cash for a service project your club wants to do?!?
CHECK THIS OUT!

The Tomorrow Fund

The Tomorrow Fund is an endowed fund for Circle K International held within the Kiwanis International Foundation. This fund, utilizing the interest earned, helps Circle K Clubs and Districts serve the world through grants for service opportunities. The fund is established through a portion of your Circle K Club International dues, through direct donations, through the donation of Carthage-Pullman Society Memberships, and through the donation of Sapphire Circle Honoraries.

Tomorrow Fund grants can help you take action. Look around and identify the things that need to get done on your campus, in your community and in your world. Circle K Clubs and Districts can now apply for grant funds to support varied service projects.

To apply for **grant funds** visit: <http://www.circlek.org/service/tomorrowfund.asp>



Welcome back Carolinas District!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! However, it is back to school now, and that obviously means back to Circle K. Hopefully you are all as excited as I am!

Although it may be hard to get back into the swing of things, it is important to remember that this is one of the most important and busiest times for Circle K. Along with **recruiting new members** and **planning events** for this upcoming year, it is important to remember to **collect dues on time** and **report service hours**.

Dues come to a total of **\$33** per member, of which \$25 goes to international and \$8 to the Carolinas District. Dues can be paid as early as **October 1st**, but it is important to get them in by **November 30th** at the latest. As of December 1st, dues will be considered late. Clubs may also charge their members a club due to help put money towards club funds.

It is important to let your members know what their dues cover. New members will be welcomed with **membership cards, pins, handbooks** and **certificates**. For all members, dues will allow them to go to **district and international events**, along with having their **service hours** count for International.

This brings up another important point. We can only help International achieve their goals by encouraging people to pay their dues, do service, and most importantly record every member's hours. Don't forget that all monthly reports are due to the district the **5th of EVERY month**.

Well I wish everyone luck for this upcoming year! I can't wait to see you all soon!

K-love,
Anita B. Iari



"A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune."

- Anon

Some Extra Stuff

The Mission of Circle K International...

is to involve college and university students in campus and community service while developing quality leaders and citizens. Circle K inspires people to better **our world**.

Club Member of the Month: Dale Hamilton

Dale is being recognized as a dedicated member for the month of September for going to International Convention full of energy and excitement! He not only took tons of pictures to help capture memories, but he also helped foster positive relationships between the districts by forming friendships that do not recognize state boundaries. Thanks for all your dedication as a member and hard work as club President!

Something to look forward to . . .

DCON 2008 in Myrtle Beach

2007-2008 Carolinas District Board

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New Club Building: clubs soon to be welcomed to the Carolinas District

- East Carolina is working on final paperwork
- **2 clubs** have ordered starter kits:
 - Technical College of the Low Country
 - Pitt Community College
- Conway Kiwanis Club is working on restarting a club at Coastal Carolina University



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