

# DICON 2008

*Shooting Stars Service,  
Galaxies of Opportunities!*

*By: Lauren Burianek*

Get ready to **soar above the stars** and make a difference at the **Carolinas District 47<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC!** We'll be taking a tour of the **galaxies of opportunities** that await new and old Circle K'ers alike in the upcoming year, participating in **service projects**, and meeting **fellow students** that are out of this world! You'll get the chance to **pick District Board members**, vote for your new **stars of service and leadership**, and learning more about how you can really **make a difference** in your schools and communities. Mark the date - **February 29<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and don't let this opportunity pass you by!

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...left until this year's **District Convention**...or at least there was when I sat down to write this! But you can check to see exactly how much time is left until DCON simply by logging onto the **District Website** at <http://carolinascki.org>. On the homepage, you'll find a **counter** keeping track of the time left until this year's District Convention! You can also check out the **DCON page** (<http://carolinascki.org/DCON.html>) for all those little tidbits you want to know before you arrive! There are **flyers** that introduce you to this year's theme as well as the convention's service project, and there's an **agenda** so you know what to expect each day of the convention. There's also information about some of the local shops and places to eat in **Myrtle Beach** so that you can make the most of your free time! Also, you can find information on **District positions** and applications so that you can apply to be a part of the **2008-2009 Carolinas District Board**. This year's **Awards Packet** was also added recently, and is a great way for your club to get the recognition you deserve! I hope you're looking forward to this year's convention, because it is a **celebration** after all! We know you've all worked hard this year, and we're excited about having this opportunity to celebrate all that we've **accomplished!**

Ashley Hedges

## Host Committee Openings

Hello all!

We have a few openings for anyone that would like to be more involved in planning **District Convention 2008!**

The **host committee** is responsible for:

- Introducing Circle K Members to Myrtle Beach and explaining nearby attractions
- Registration (members of the committee should be able to be in Myrtle Beach by 2pm)
- Showing true hospitality to new and old members of Circle K alike
- Helping with decorations, set up, and clean up

If you or anyone from your club would be interested in helping out with the Host Committee, please email me your name, email, and phone number at [burianek@email.unc.edu](mailto:burianek@email.unc.edu).

Thank you so much!

Lauren Burianek  
Conventions and Conferences Chair

## Governor's Visit to UNCG

Hey Carolinas!

Back in December I had the chance to go up to UNC-Greensboro and spend the afternoon with the club doing some service. I spent the afternoon with them at 'Branches of Love.' We decorated Christmas trees that were then donated to local families. What a great project!

The UNC-G club was there in full force; they had four official teams. There were a large number of people there from all sorts of organizations. With that many trees you can imagine all the lights, and guess what happened. We blew a fuse and the one side of the room and the hallway lost power! But even with half the room of trees out no one stopped their work, eventually the power came back. The trees came out great and we all had a bunch of fun. There was lots of laughter and lots of service. One of the best parts was seeing Stuart dressed as a "Spartan dressed as Santa." What a combination! To the UNC-Greensboro club: thanks for the great afternoon of service. Keep up the great work!

I can't wait to make my next club visit!

-K



# Divisions' Page

## Capital:

Hi Capital Division! I hope you all had an amazing break and are enjoying the new semester. As a division we have accomplished a lot this semester. We not only host the two largest clubs in our District, UNC and Duke, but UNC is also tied for the 3rd largest club in Circle K International! All of our clubs have also paid their dues and are in good standing! To top it all off Meredith College will soon have their charter reactivated! Don't forget that your club can still grow; members are still able to pay dues for this semester. Congrats to all your hard work in making our division so amazing!

I hope to see all of you out at DCON at the end of February. Not only will you learn a lot about the workings of Circle K, meet new people from all over North and South Carolina, enjoy the beach and have tons of fun, but you will also have the opportunity to pie both myself and your club president in the face! How can you pass all of that up?

K-Love,  
Jacqui Moskel



## Blue Ridge, Coastal & Triad:

I hope you all had a nice Christmas break and are well on your way with the spring semester! As you all know, it's time to get back in the swing of Circle K too. Do you know what fun-filled event is fast approaching? Why, it's none other than the Carolinas District Convention (DCON)! Make sure you mark your calendars for February 29-March 2<sup>nd</sup> because this is going to be one extravagant weekend you won't want to miss! You will be able to meet and greet with members of other Circle K clubs across the Carolinas District, meet the 07-08 District Board members, attend workshops that will offer information about how to improve your clubs, and even elect new officers for the 08-09 District year! If those aren't enough reasons to attend, this year DCON is held in Myrtle Beach, SC! While it might be a little cold for a swim, there will most likely be Twister games, Apples to Apples, and late night Steak 'n Shake outings occurring during free time. DCON is the end of an old year and the beginning of a new exciting year. Get a jumpstart on the year to come by attending and learning as much as you can, then take that information back to your clubs. I hope to see all of you down at Myrtle Beach with your toes in the sand on February 29<sup>th</sup>!

Stephanie Northcott

## Metro & Palmetto:

Have you always been curious about what might be in outer space? You already know that you love service... so this year's District Convention is the place to be! February 29<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the best weekend in the Galaxy as Circle Kers from across North and South Carolina (and a few guests) gather for the 2008 District Convention. If you haven't caught on yet, this year's theme is Shooting Stars of Service, Galaxies of Opportunities. I hope to see you all there!

On to other business... as it moves into February, things should be full steam ahead for your club! As school starts to get busy, don't let Circle K slip through the cracks. Ask for help, get all the officers and members involved in planning events, and don't forget to have fun.

Hope to see many of you in Myrtle Beach!

Katy Giesken  
Lt. Governor  
Metro and Palmetto Divisions

# Kiwanis Family

## All Bets Are Off!

Last weekend, Kiwanis International Trustee Alan Penn spoke to a room full of Circle K administrators about the future of Circle K, assuring them that Kiwanis is ready to be as flexible as it needs to ensure the continued success and growth of our college-based service organization. In discussing the sometimes strangling rules and bureaucracies governing Kiwanis-Circle K relations, Penn stated, "All bets are off."

Circle K clubs sometimes find themselves in difficult situations in relating to their sponsoring Kiwanis club, not because of the weakness of the Circle K club but because of the unresponsiveness of the Kiwanis club. In other instances, the sponsoring Kiwanis club has problems of its own they need to address. In still other situations, there may be a group of college students who wish to form a Circle K club on their campus and there is no Kiwanis club willing to sponsor them. This will no longer be a problem because now Circle K clubs do not need to have a sponsoring Kiwanis Club to form.

While a Circle K club does not need a sponsoring Kiwanis Club, it is still preferred. However, Kiwanis International is willing to be even more flexible in how Circle K clubs are sponsored. The current

allow for one or two Kiwanis clubs to sponsor one Circle K club. No more. Now, three clubs or even an entire Kiwanis division can sponsor a Circle K club. Rather than have one or two Kiwanis clubs sponsor a single Circle K club within the Kiwanis division, imagine two or more Circle K clubs all being equally sponsored by a dozen or more Kiwanis clubs as a division.

The Kiwanis International Board has also given over a major responsibility to the Circle K International Board, stating that KI no longer needs to approve CKI Policy Code changes, only changes to the CKI Bylaws. Now the CKI board has the flexibility to enact rules and regulations for its organization without having to go to Kiwanis for approval on everything.

"The Kiwanis International Board is finally showing a willingness to let Circle K do what it does best," Carolinas CKI District Administrator Kathleen Marsocci said. "They're letting Circle K be creative in getting the job done. According to Trustee Alan Penn, Kiwanis has embraced the philosophy that if there are technical rules that get in the way of Circle K's growth and success that those rules should be revised or set aside."

With **DCON** just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about your relationship with your local **Kiwanis family**. If your club is having trouble coming up with ideas to enhance your **K-Family relations**, then come to DCON and attend the **Kiwanis Family Workshop!** We'll show you easy ways to involve your Kiwanis relatives in your **events** and show you how to enhance your **relations**. Creating a **strong family bond** between the Kiwanis branches is imperative for this amazing organization because the different **branches** thrive off of each other's energy. Your relations are sure to improve after you take our **"How to Improve your Family Ties"** Kiwanis Workshop. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

Stephanie Northcott

# Some Extra Stuff

## *Conventions and Conferences Chair*

By: Lauren Burianek

Conventions and Conferences Chair has been one of the most rewarding positions I've ever had the opportunity of being in. I've been able to plan and put to action several of the conferences, as well as District Convention, in order to help Circle K'ers meet new people, become more inspired, and have an overall wonderful time! It's been a busy year, but the board and my friends have had my back through every second of it. It's definitely a position that helps spark your creativity and your ability to work with people, make decisions, and push you to your limits in order to help you accomplish things you never thought possible.

## *Membership, Development, and Education Chair*

By: Jacqui Moskel

The Membership Development and Education Committee is responsible for helping clubs run more successfully. The committee provides material that helps clubs find new and exciting ways to make their recruitment and retention of members more effective and their meetings more interesting. It also helps with providing ways to educate members more about Circle K so that they will become stronger members in our organization and continue to come back to the organization year after year.

## *LTG*

By: Jacqui Moskel

As Lieutenant Governor (LTG) for your Division, you are the main liaison between your clubs and the District level. An LTG keeps their Division up to date with District happenings while also keeping the District informed of their clubs status and events. LTGs also have the job in bringing their Division together and instigating inter-club relations. LTGs host President Council Meetings where all of the Division presidents get together to converse through sharing ideas with each other. They also host Divisionals; service or social events for the entire Division. LTGs attend District board meetings and make sure that their clubs turn in their monthly reports on time. As LTG, possessing good communication and organizational skills is a humongous help. While being LTG can sound like a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun and rewarding at the end to see your clubs grow and succeed.

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- Palmetto LTG
- District Service Project Chair
- Info-Tech Chair

If you have any questions about availability or job descriptions of any of the above positions, **PLEASE ASK!!!**

\*\*\* Newsletter available with job descriptions. If you would like a copy, please e-mail Anita at aiari@clemson.edu

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