

Meet your new Governor!

Hello Carolinas District!

Wow! I am so excited for this year! My name is Shirlyn Davenport and I am your new 2011-2012 Carolinas District Governor for Circle K. I am a senior English major with a History minor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Outside of Circle K, I am currently taking summer school classes, working for the Department of Housing and Education, and I am both a T-Link mentor and a C-STEP mentor for incoming UNC transfer students.



There are a lot of exciting things happening on the district level! You might be away from school, but we are creating a lot of resources for you to use when you get back. The District is creating a plethora of items that will become available to you both throughout the summer and at the beginning of the school year. Our motto this summer is: Plan and Prepare. We've got new resources coming to you about membership recruitment, updating bylaws, paying dues, and all of the great events that we will be hosting in the fall!

I have been communicating with all of the club presidents in the district and they have some exciting things in store for you next year as well! Summertime certainly equals a great break from school, but it's also the best time to plan for upcoming Circle K events. It is also a great time to really break out in your hometown communities and show local areas what a great organization like

Circle K is by leading by example. I encourage you to go help out with a local soccer camp, work with your local children's hospital, or perform a beach clean-up depending on where you are. Just because you're out of school does not mean your community needs you any less. This is a great opportunity to use your free time to create a project, or develop a relationship with your local Habitat for Humanity or soup kitchen that could also help you network and develop references in the future.

I hope you're having a great summer. Stay safe! We want to see you again in the fall. ;)

Yours in Service, Leadership, and Fellowship,

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COMING SOON:

Follow The Carolinian on





ARRRRRRR! I do believe introductions are in order, ay? Me name is Artie, and this here is me crew!

DISTRICT SECRETARY,
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DISTRICT BULLETIN EDITOR,
Kelly Gagnon

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The main focus up until now has been planning for the Fall Call Conference. This year the theme will involve the Wonderful Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The reservations for the cabins at Carowinds Campground For FCC this coming fall are going to be set in the coming weeks. For District Convention, the hotel is being chosen and negotiated and the dates and theme are set as well and amazing. The next few steps are to appoint DCON committee chairs and get working on putting together an awesome DCON this coming school year.

This coming month the Carolinas District website shall be seeing a colorful overhaul. This coming school year is going to be a bright and successful one for the Circle K clubs that make up our wonderful district and our website will soon reflect our awesomeness!!

My name is Abigail Vaaler and I am super excited about being your District Service Project Chair. You can call me Abigail or Abbie or "Hey You Over There!", but if you go with the last of those choices, I might not know you are talking to me. I am a rising senior at UNC Chapel Hill, and am from Austin, Texas, which I think is an awesome place. I am double majoring in Biology and Chemistry, with a Spanish minor.

As the Carolinas District Service Project Chair, one of my main roles is to promote projects to support our District Service Project, the Boys and Girls Homes in Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. The Boys and Girls Homes provides a home for children who have been removed from situations of abuse and/or neglect. There are several different ways for us to help the Boys and Girls Homes: by raising money, collecting gently used items to donate, and going in person to do service at the Homes during our Fall District Large Scale Service Project (DLSSP). District Large Scale Service Project (DLSSP) is a weekend-long event held each semester at which members from throughout the Carolina's District join together to perform hundreds of hours of service and have loads of fun. This Fall's DLSSP will be held at Boys and Girls Homes the weekend of Sept. 16-18. I look forward to seeing you there!

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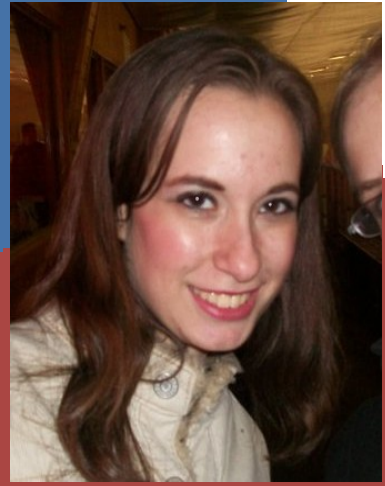
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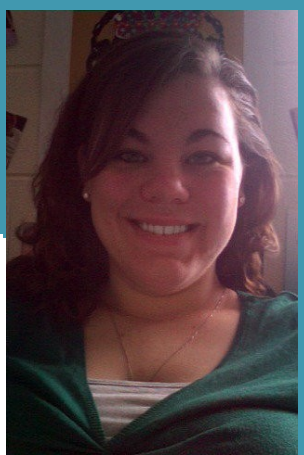
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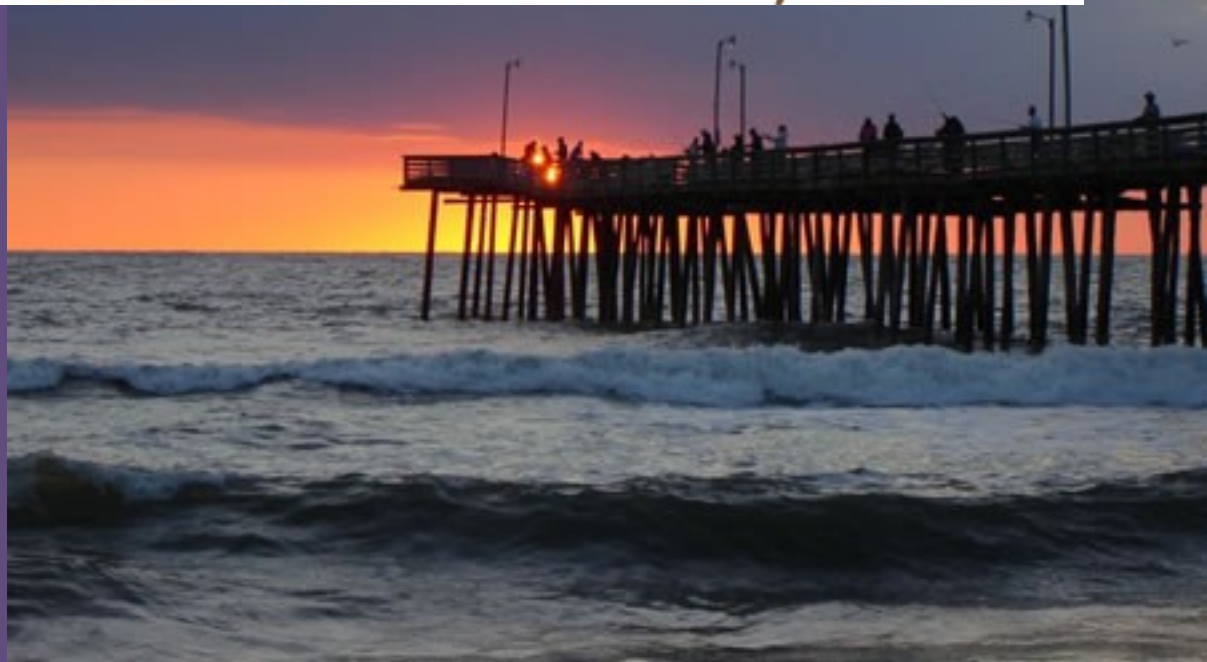
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Love the beach? Love CKI?



**THIS
IS
THE
PLACE
TO BE!**



Meet Circle Kers from all across the world who share a passion for service, just like you,! Attend fun workshops, a talent show, the service fair, caucusing for next year's international board and much more at the Virginia Beach Hotel and Resort Conference Center ON THE BEACH!

AND IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

MAY 23rd ends regular registration, but there is always late and on-site registration as well!

For all of the nitty-gritty details, visit
<http://www.box.net/shared/8ti59byicr>
(the Carolinas 2011 ICON Newsletter created by OTIC chair, Jacqui!)

... and don't miss the

LARGE-SCALE

Service Project
(aka LSSP) before ICON!

June 20th—June 22nd

Serving in Sunshine: Don't it feel good?



- Beach clean-up
- Service Fair (making awareness pins, Kiwanis dolls, etc.)
- Helping at Hoffler Wildlife Creek, First Landing State Park And MORE!

Sign up today!

You can find more information regarding registration for LSSP in the Carolinas 2011 ICON Newsletter or follow 11th Annual Large-Scale Service Project on Facebook!

Give it up, for the
OUTSTANDING PEOPLE
of the month!

These people are those of which that were nominated based upon outstanding contributions to CKI and Kiwanis Family Relations. Great job everyone, and keep up the good work!

Mr. Gary Greene (of Boys and Girls Homes)



*< < Katherine Kline
(from NC State University)*



NCSU Club Officers ^ ^

Words to Live By...

CHANGE Happens Slowly

I once was interviewed on CNN along with Rosa Parks. "Rosa Parks was the woman who wouldn't go to the back of the bus," said the host. "That set in motion the yearlong bus boycott in Montgomery. It earned Rosa Parks the title of 'mother of the civil rights movement.'"

The host's description—the standard rendition of the story—stripped the boycott of its context. Before the day Parks refused to give up her bus seat, she had spent twelve years involved with her local NAACP chapter, along with E. D. Nixon, an activist in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters union who was the head of the chapter; local teachers; and other members of Montgomery's African American community. The summer before, Parks had attended a ten-day training session at Tennessee's labor and civil rights organizing school, the Highlander Center, where she'd met an older generation of civil rights activists and discussed the Supreme Court's recent decision banning "separate but equal" schools. In the process, Parks also became familiar with previous challenges to segregation: Another Montgomery bus boycott, fifty years earlier, had successfully eased some restrictions; and a bus boycott in Baton Rouge had won limited gains two years before. The previous spring, a young Montgomery woman had also refused to move to the back of the bus, causing the NAACP to consider making her the centerpiece of a legal challenge—until it turned out that she was pregnant and unmarried, and therefore a problematic symbol for a campaign.

In short, Parks' decision didn't come out of nowhere. Nor did she single-handedly give birth to the civil rights movement. Rather, she was part of a longstanding effort to create change, when success was far from certain and setbacks were routine. That in no way diminishes the personal courage, moral force, and historical importance of her refusal to surrender her seat. But the full story of Rosa Parks reminds us that her tremendously consequential act, along with everything that followed, depended on all the humble, frustrating work that she and others had undertaken earlier on, and on the vibrant, engaged community they had developed in the face of continual hardship and opposition. Her actions that day also weren't accidental, the product of her feet being tired, as we've so often heard, but rather a deliberate effort to challenge injustice. What's more, the full story underscores the value of persistence; had she given up in year three or seven or ten we'd never have heard of her. Finally, it reminds us that Parks's first step toward involvement—attending a local NAACP meeting—was as critical to altering history as her famed stand on the bus.

Heroes like Parks shape our images of social commitment—of how change actually takes place. Yet when I speak throughout the country, most of those who hear my talks don't know the full story of her involvement. In this instance, the conventional portrayal may actually make it harder for us to get involved. It suggests that engaged citizens emerge fully developed and socially adept, to take bold and visionary stands. It implies that we act with the greatest effect when we act alone, at least initially. It assumes that change is instantaneous, as opposed to incremental, a series of often-invisible actions that gradually—and taken together—gather momentum and influence events. Depicting Parks as a lone pioneer reinforces the romantic but ultimately false myth that anyone who takes a committed public stand, or at least a fruitful one, has to be a larger-than-life figure—someone with more time, energy, courage, vision, or knowledge than any normal person could ever possess.

By elevating Parks to superhero status, the myth also obscures the story's most powerful lessons of hope—that when we begin to act on our beliefs, we set out on a journey whose rewards we can't anticipate, that seemingly modest initial steps can lead to powerful results, and that any of us can contribute to bringing about change, in small or large ways. Parks's story also reminds us that as we do tackle common problems, we can discover and develop strengths and passions we never knew we had. We can begin to reconnect with our fellow human beings, with our wisest and most humane instincts, and with the core of who we are, which we call our soul.

Yet most of us know next to nothing of the battles ordinary men and women fought to preserve freedom, expand democracy, and create a more just society. Many have remarked on America's historical amnesia, but its implications are hard to appreciate without recognizing how much identity dissolves in the absence of memory. We lose the mechanisms that grassroots social movements have used successfully to shift public sentiment and challenge entrenched institutional power. Equally lost are the means by which participants eventually managed to prevail.

Think about how differently one can frame Rosa Parks' historic action. In the prevailing myth, Parks—a holy innocent—acts almost on a whim, in isolation. The lesson seems to be that if any of us suddenly got the urge to do something heroic, that would be great. Of course most of us wait our entire lives for the ideal moment.

The real story is more empowering: It suggests that change is the product of deliberate, incremental action. When we join together to shape a better world, sometimes our struggles will fail or bear only modest fruits. Other times they will trigger miraculous outpourings of courage and heart. We can never know beforehand what the consequences of our actions will be.

From: *Soul of a Citizen: Living With Conviction in Challenging Times*

By Paul Rogat Loeb

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Dates to Remember!

MAY / JUNE

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 20 Subregion G 2nd Annual Event | 21 Subregion G 2nd Annual Event |
| 22 Subregion G 2nd Annual Event | 23 Last regular registration day for ICON! | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 CMR's Due! | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Club Goals Due! | 16 | 17 | 18 |

Letter from the Editor

Hey Carolina Circle K'ers! My name is Kelly Gagnon and I am your newly elected Bulletin Editor for the upcoming year. I am a rising Sophomore at UNC (still sadly undecided...) with a great love for the Kiwanis Family and service! I am really excited about this position and getting to know you all at district events. There's a lot of great service and social events planned so I better see each and every one of you at them! Because this is my first Bulletin I highly encourage you all to offer up constructive criticism or likes/dislikes so that I can make adjustments to each one each month (that's right, you heard me- ONCE A MONTH!) But with all that being said, I hope you all have an absolutely lovely start to summer, wherever you may be! :-)

CK Love,
Kelly Gagnon

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