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# CIRKLING

## All About ICON by Emily Madera

International Convention will be here before you know it! Are you ready for a fun filled time, seeing all your friends, and creating changes for our amazing organization? The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Circle K International Convention will be taking place in Denver, Colorado from August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, where Circle K will have the opportunity to “Reach new heights”. We will be staying in the fabulous Sheraton Denver Hotel (formerly Adam’s Mark) which has a health club, and outdoor pool, a sauna, and is located right in the heart of downtown Denver. For you computer geeks, there is a business center and free wireless internet in the hotel lobby.

With the 10th-largest downtown in the United States, Denver’s visitors have no problem finding unique shops, outdoor cafes, galleries, and more—especially in the heart of the city, which is exactly where we will be.

If you max out on the shopping experience—if that is even possible—there are plenty of sightseeing options. After all, Denver has the nation’s largest city park system and 850 miles of paved bike trails. Take a spin, or just gaze in wide-eyed wonder at the neighboring 120-mile range of mountainous magnificence, which includes 200 named peaks. Perhaps there’s an unnamed peak waiting for you.

After your commune with nature, head to Elitch Gardens, an amusement and water park in downtown Denver. Love animals? Some of your favorite critters make their homes at the Denver Zoo and the Downtown Aquarium. You don’t have to wait until dark to go stargazing. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science has the world’s most advanced digital planetarium. Continued on page 9.

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“We’ve got to hold on,  
to what we’ve got,  
, ‘cause it doesn’t make a difference,  
If we make it or not,  
We’ve got each other,  
and that’s a lot,  
For love - well give it a shot.  
Whoah, we’re half way there,  
Livin’ on a prayer,  
Take my hand and well make it,  
I swear,  
Livin’ on a prayer...”

– Bon Jovi

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

LSSP (August)

ICON (August)

Club Rally (September)

### The Pledge:

I pledge to uphold the objects of Circle K International, to foster compassion and goodwill towards others through service and leadership, to develop my abilities and the abilities of all people, and to dedicate myself to the realization of mankind's potential.

### The Mission:

The Mission of Circle K International is to develop college and university students into responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to serving the children of the world.



### The Tomato:

Hey everyone! I am the Jersey District Mascot, Fresh the Tomato. I am super friendly so of course I want to be your friend. I am inviting you to write me with your thoughts, questions, concerns and pictures. Please feel free to send me lots of e-mail at [njdfreshtomato@gmail.com](mailto:njdfreshtomato@gmail.com).

LEADERSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

SERVICE

### The Editor:

Hello everyone. Welcome to the July issue of the Cirkling. Enclosed you should find updates about ICON, DOTC, the new club representatives, as well as other important Circle K news. Please feel free to send me articles, pictures and advertisements at [missmorajimenez@gmail.com](mailto:missmorajimenez@gmail.com) for the next issue!

Go Merrily!  
Editor Mora Jimenez

Lots to see!

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# Governor's Corner

## State of the District

Hello New Jersey!

Happy summer to each and every one of you! I hope that all of you are getting out there and enjoying the sand, surf, beaches and of course the many different service opportunities this summer! Since April 1<sup>st</sup>, we have currently performed 1,593 service hours! Way to go New Jersey! Also, that's not all...currently we are looking strong with 233 members with 9 active clubs and many more in the works! This year, we intend to **GROW** our great district to something bigger and better! At the District Officer Trainer held May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>, the District Board came up with these goals for the 08-09 year!

1. Membership Goal of 309 by March 31, 2009
2. Service Hour Goal of 8,675 by March 31, 2009
3. Projects for the year: Habitat for Humanity - building as many houses as we can and try to build one in Gina's name...Governor's Project, Martha's Fund - as many walks as we can set up, Locks for Love - 1 member per club will donate their hair at D-CON, Natural Disasters - donating goods and collecting at district events, and Six Cents.
4. Fundraising Efforts: Children's Specialized Hospital - \$1,500, Gina's Scholarship - \$1,050, Brian C. Kull Foundation - \$1,005, Dystonia - \$1,000 and Tomorrow Fund - \$1,000 for a total of \$5,555 for the year.
5. To be strong, united, together, and successful during this year!

On a personal note, we have decided to join Kiwanis and Key Club in supporting Children's Specialized Hospital, truly bringing the K-Family in New Jersey together! "We are F.A.M.I.L.Y." will be our theme song this year as we invite members of the K-Family to our events and vice versa! Don't be shy; invite some Key Clubbers, Kiwanians, or Builders Clubs to your next event! The more the merrier I say!

One more piece of info before I wrap things up...this year is also about **YOU** the member. The District Board has incorporated some new events into this year's calendar as well as *spicing* up some favorites in order to give **YOU**, the members of the New Jersey District something different and exciting to look forward to! Be on the lookout for these great events and if you would like to sponsor one of the events on the list or create a "fresh", new event then send them to the board! This is **YOUR** year New Jersey CKI!

Well gang, that's all for now! Keep up all your great work throughout the summer months! This truly is the time to map out the game plan for the upcoming year and get things ready for recruitment in the fall! As always, stay Jersey Fresh and always Believe!

Serving with SNAPS,

Kristen M. Aitkens

New Jersey District Governor 2008-2009

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# District Goals at a Glance

Service Hours: 8,675 hours

Members: 309 members

Fundraising: 5,555 dollars

Children's Specialized Hospital \$1,500  
 Gina Marie Durham Scholarship \$1,050  
 Brian C Kull Scholaship \$1,005  
 Dystonia \$1,000  
 Tomorrow Fund \$1,000



## Projects

Habitat for Humanity  
 Martha's Fund Walks  
 Locks of Love  
 Natural Disasters: donation of goods  
 6 Cents Initiative



## Host Clubs

District Event	Date	Host Club
K Family Picnic	July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Brookdale
Club Rally	September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Stockton
Insight	November 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Rider
Winter Social	January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 or January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	Drew
District Service Day	February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Rowan and Rutgers
DCON	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2009	TCNJ

# Kiwanis Committee Update

The Kiwanis Committee on Circle K Clubs is here to serve you and your club needs. The Committee is made up of dedicated Kiwanians who's only purpose is to help you in making sure your club has all the resources it needs to be successful.

There are several members of the committee. I'll introduce them all throughout the year in this, and subsequent issues of Circling. The main contact you will have with a committee member is with your Zone Advisor. There are three of them throughout the District:

Nancy Hart-Esposito is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Winslow Township, Cedar Brook. Nancy is a Past Kiwanis Lt. Governor and in addition to working with the Kiwanis Committee is also serving as the New Jersey Kiwanis District Chair for the Kiwanis International Foundation. Nancy will be working to support the needs of the Circle K Clubs of Rowan, Stockton, and TCNJ and will be helping all clubs and the board with any needs they have in the area of Service Programs.

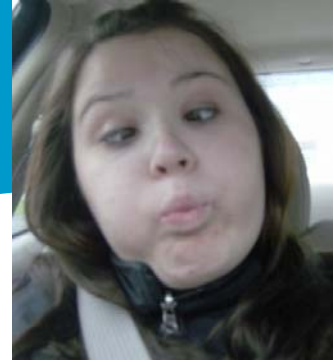
Kathleen Mascenik is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge. She is currently serving in her second term as Lt. Governor for the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International's Division 6. Kathy will be working to support the needs of the Circle K Clubs of Brookdale and Rutgers and will be helping all clubs and the board with any needs they have in the area of Meeting Planning.

William "Bill" Cater, Jr. is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Randolph and served as the Governor of the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International in 1997-1998. Bill is currently serving as the Chair of the Kiwanis District Project, Children's Specialized Hospital. Bill is currently working to support the needs of Drew University and will be helping all clubs and the board with Membership Growth.

All these Kiwanians are dedicated to serving you. You can find their contact information in the back of the Circle K District Directory. Please reach out to them, introduce yourself, and take advantage of the resources they can provide you with!



# GREETINGS FROM YOUR INTERNATIONAL REP



By. International Representative Kristen Reed

Greetings New Jersey District!

I hope this finds you well. I am writing each of you to give you a little bit more insight on what exactly my job is and how I can help your club succeed this year. Circle K International is broken up into Sub-Regions which include letters A-G. Each Sub-Region is given representation on the International Board to make sure the needs of that Sub-Region are heard loud and clear. The New Jersey District falls under Sub-Region F and shares me as their International Representative with the districts of Capital, New York, and New England.

As an International Officer at your disposal I can help your club by providing you with helpful resources such as a Sub-Region E-mail Reflector, Monthly Sub-Region Newsletters covering International and Club Topics, and various manuals including Club Officer Manual, Diversity Manual, Public Relations Guide, and much more! In addition, there will be an amazing event at the beginning of August called International Convention in Denver, CO where your club will get the opportunity to meet face to face with other leaders of our Sub-Region and Circle K International.

That's not all! Have you thought of a resource that you would like to see that is currently not available? Let me know! In addition to being International Representative of Sub-Region F I also serve as Membership Development and Benefits Chair for all of CKI. This means if there is something you would like to see I can help put the wheels in motion and make sure that resource gets available to you or can point you to the right direction of an individual that can help you.

It is my hope that this article has given you a better sense of my duties and how beneficial International Representatives can be! Whether its recruitment posters to problem solving or anything stretching from dues to member retention please feel free to give me a call any time for assistance. Also if you haven't already I invite you and your entire club to join the Sub-Region Google Group at <http://groups.google.com/group/ckisubregionf> for up to date Circle K and Sub-Region news notifications. I look forward to working with you to make your summer as successful as possible and I can't wait to see everyone in beautiful Denver, Colorado for International Convention!



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# Club Updates

## Rider Updates by Emily Madera

The month of May was a bit slow for Rider Circle K. We finished off the year with our Spring Blood Drive, reaching a record high of blood donors, and we also had our end of the year party at Secretary, Amanda's house, which was filled with games and food. For the month of June we do not have any events planned, however, our sponsoring Kiwanis Club will be holding a fundraiser at Cheeburger Cheeburger and also attending Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), which we hope to jump on board with that. We are looking forward to our benefit concert for Darfur in the beginning of the fall semester.



TCNJ Club Summary – April - July 2008

By: Steve San Filippo, Club Representative/Club President

TCNJ had a successful beginning to the 2008-2009 Service Year by appointing a full board of 8 committee chairs, publishing our first newsletter on April 30, and giving out weekly service project awards to deserving and dedicated members for the spring semester. We held a successful Cold Stone fundraiser on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be donating the money raised, along with other fundraising dollars to the Six Cents Initiative and Happiness is Camping at the beginning of the fall semester, and will continue fundraising for Six Cents in the fall. The entire Executive Board attended COT and helped form goals for the beginning of the fall semester. We are preparing literature and other recruitment things for fall recruitment and beginning to plan our fall projects. Recruitment has also begun online through posting in the TCNJ Class of 2012 Facebook group and it has already sparked initial interest by new students, many of whom were involved in Key Club in high school. Summer is the time for planning and that's what TCNJ is up to right now!!



## Club Building Updates

### By: Emily Madera

The Club Building Committee has been actively gathering contacts for schools and institutes of higher learning to build Circle K Clubs at. The outlook thus far has been positive and some initial contacts have been made and have received responses. Please see the list below to read more about the clubs we are trying to build. Also, if you know anyone who might be attending these schools and is interested in Circle K, please send their information to Club Building Chair, Emily Madera at [evily42@aol.com](mailto:evily42@aol.com).

*Warren County Community College* – A club building kit has gone out to this club and I have received a student contact which I will be in touch with soon.

*Kean University* – This club is currently in the process of rebuilding and has been for the past year. The original “president” decided he no longer wanted to be involved with Circle K, so I have been in contact with another interested member, Zak Valdes, who I am waiting on to let me know when he would like to meet to discuss the status of the club and how to move forward with it. I also invited him to our Kiwanis Family picnic.

*Montclair University* – This club has requested a club building kit and I am intending on sending a welcome to Circle K e-mail to contact the student David Rodrigues to follow up on club status.

*Georgian Court University* – I have contacted the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Jackson to research information on this club. I also have a student contact, Jennifer Plaia who will be helping with the rebuilding process of this club. I have also contacted their SGA to find out about who I need to speak with in order to further establish this club.

*Ocean County College* – This club is still listed as an active club on the college website. I have contacted Alison Noone from the college, who has responded that she would love to rebuild this club and is excited to meet with us to discuss further options.

*Cumberland County College* – I have contacted Kellie Slade who is the Director of Student Life and Athletics who has told me how to start the club. She used to attend Rider and is very familiar with Circle K and told me that the potential member who requested a club building kit (Julie Guarerra) would need to have only 5 interested people to start this club. I have contacted Julie, but have yet to hear back from her, so I will be calling her soon.

*Atlantic Cape Community College*- A letter has been given to Mora to send to Cynthia Correa about building a club there. This school currently has a Rotaract, so the letter ties into how Circle K would be a value to those students as well. ACCC also has three campus locations, therefore, it could be possible to build one club for all three campuses or a club on each campus.

*Monmouth University* – I have sent an e-mail to the student activities board to get further contacts on who to work with to build a club. This school currently has a habitat for Humanity Club and a community service club, so the initial contacted stated how Circle K could benefit these students as well. Administrator Steve sent me some contacts about who to work with on building this club since the schools new President showed interest in our organization.

# What Happens in CKI.... DOTC Commentary

I liked how everyone was able to work together at DOTC. People seem very open to ideas and different perspectives and everyone respected others input. ~ Emily Madera



Hoola hoops, Lucky Charms®, and poker chips? Yup, DOTC 2008 had this year's District Board working together on many different leadership and teamwork tasks involving all sorts of crazy activities. The theme was "What happens at DOTC stays at DOTC, but what you learn will stay with you forever." The 2008-2009 District Officers devoted their weekend to learning about their duties, cultivating ideas, and generating district goals.

Thank you to all DOTC attendees for your participation, energy, and hard work. You have a fabulous year ahead of you and I can't wait to see you achieve your goals!

Christina Lukac  
Certified Trainer

This was my first DOTC so I didn't quite know what to expect, but I had a lot of fun. Christina Lukac did an amazing job working with Governor Kristen in planning it. We did an activity with lucky charm pieces in which we had to make rows of them. However, each person had their own task they had to complete whether it was making sure the rainbow piece was on the end or making sure there was a certain number of oats pieces in each row and there was someone else who had the opposite task. I thought it was a great activity. We also made rules for the weekend at the beginning of the trainer which I thought helped us to respect one another. In addition to the team building activities, we got some work done. Even setting the goals for the year was amusing! I think that this board is a great group of people and we're going to accomplish a lot. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! ~ Jaime Picchi

I felt that DOTC was a great bonding experience for the entire District Board that allowed us to all meet and discuss our plans and goals for the district.

- Steve San Filippo



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## G.A.T.C. by Governor Aitkens

Imagine this...your bags are packed, your heart is racing from excitement and nervousness, and you're about to land in Indy for a weekend in the woods with 61 other people. You have now entered into the GATC Zone! During the weekend of April 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the CKI International board, along with other specialists, train the newly elected Governors for the upcoming year at the Governors/Administrators Training Conference. It is truly a jam packed weekend filled with meeting all of the Governors in your class, planning out the year with the Administrator, getting a special tour of 3636 Woodview Trace, and getting the inside scoop on all things International! This weekend helps the Governors reduce their anxiety by asking lots of questions, as well as providing them with useful tools to help them throughout their year!

I was shocked when I walked into the cabin and saw a lot of familiar faces! I pretty much knew more than half of my Governor's class due to previous Conventions and LSSP! This made my experience that much better, plus it was held at a camp! What better way to bond then over many games of "Big Booty", and "Never Have I Ever." We shared expectations and fears with one another while providing different ideas to be taken back to the different Districts. The International Board was there which was awesome since it allowed all the Governors to meet with their Rep and the Governors in their Region. I must say that Sub-Region F is just the best because it is lead by strong ladies who are fun and creative! Whoot Whoot Sub-Region F! We even have a song thanks to our International Rep Kristen Reed!!



All of the Governors and Administrators at GATC!!



## G.A.T.C. continued



Gov and Administrator at International!

Kicking back in the Kiwanis International President's Office!



Since we were there during Kiwanis One Day, all members present for the weekend performed 2 hours of service for the camp! How fun does this sound...moving mulch from one end of the park to the other and across a bumpy field! Let's just say that we started coming up with many different chants to keep us going! My personal favorite was, "One can make a difference" and it had a really fun beat! If you see me at the next District Event be sure to ask me about the "One" chant! I'll be happy to give you a show!! J

GATC is truly an amazing weekend! It calms your fears about becoming Governor, provides you with the necessary tools to help you with your year, and you come home with lots of FREE stuff!! All of the Governors bring left over t-shirts from Conventions or other events they've had and just give it away! I believe I left with 5-10 shirts, along with a Frisbee, a water bottle, and even a fun squishy ball!! I had hit the Circle K mother load!!! J It really is a great weekend to make connections for the upcoming year, bond with your Administrator, and make memories that will last a life time! I know I can call up any one of my Governors just to chit chat about anything and everything! I can't wait to see all of them at LSSP/ICON in Denver! It's going to be a blast!



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# CKI Teaching Us to Lead Through the Leadership Academy

By: Jessica Maguire

Toward the end of May, I was given the opportunity to attend the First ever Circle K International Leadership Academy in Indiana. When I first found out that I was going to attend this event I was a little apprehensive because I had been told the camp was in the middle of nowhere. But, I had also been informed that going would be a life changing experience, so I decided to attend despite my apprehensions.

When I first arrived at the camp, I thought “wow they were right. It is in the middle of nowhere with no cell phone reception.” This simple fact of no cell service made me realize how dependent we as a generation are on cell phones. There were people leaning against a single wall in the lector area to talk on their phones because that was where they had service. I found this funny and a little disheartening.

Despite the drawback of being isolated from the outside world I decided to embrace the experience. We had many different workshops through which I learned how to lead and be part of a group. I also had the ability while I was there to meet many other Circle K members from all over the United States, and even one person from Jamaica.



Amada Badali and Cale Middleton, our student facilitators

← A group discussion on leadership and how to serve others



## Club Representative Introductions

My name is John DeVecchi and I'm the 2008-2009 webmaster for NJ District Circle K International. I am an accounting major going into my senior year at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). Having been a 4-year member of Key Club at my high school, I joined Circle K after realizing several of my friends were becoming very active in it and that it was a chance to continue my membership in the Kiwanis family. My experiences have been nothing but rewarding, and I'm looking forward to my last year of college being the best one yet!

The website (although not yet updated) can be found at <http://www.njcirclek.org>. Check back throughout the year to see the latest news, as well as pictures of events.

**Hello everyone!**

**My name is Natasha Khatri, and I am currently the Rutgers Circle K President and Club Representative. I'm also serving on the Service and K-Family Relations committees. I'm a senior at Rutgers, majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience with a minor in Biological Sciences.**

Name: Karen Ann Conway  
 Years In CKI: 1.5  
 College Attended: BROOKDALE!  
 Favorite Colors: Red, Orange, & Green  
 Committees Serving on: Fundraising, K-Family, & MD&E  
 Positions: BC3KI's Club President & Club Rep

Fun Facts:

Youngest Of Four Girls  
 Played College Softball My team was First in the Region Second in the Nation  
 I have many family connections [screen-printing & embroidery, catering, trophies& engraving]  
 I Love to Road trip [Alabama, The Carolina's, Virginia Tech]

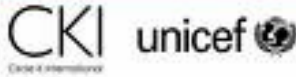
Hello everyone, my name is Loren Jasman and I am the Club Representative for Rowan University. I am working towards a psychology major and an honors concentration and I just completed my freshman year at Rowan. I am really excited about this upcoming school year and my new position with Circle K. I really enjoy meeting new people and am looking forward to meeting more people in the K-Family community throughout the year!

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Full name: Stefanie Zitelli

Past Positions: TCNJ Vice Pres (2007-2008), TCNJ Fundraising Chair (2006-2007)  
 Goals for this year: To help Circle Kers throughout the state learn about different service projects in which other clubs are taking part, increase their hours, help their communities, and make friends with other Circle Kers while taking part in district service projects!

**Saving Lives:**  
The Six Cents Initiative



## 6 cents Initiative

By: Kaitlin McCann

New Jersey is a great state! What exactly is so great about it, you may ask? Well, for starters, we have tolls on the Parkway which range from \$.25 up to \$.70 in some areas and if you jump on the Turnpike, you can expect to pay at least \$1.85 to travel about seven exits away. If you were to travel to our state capital, Trenton, you would see that gas prices have been on the rise, and prices now range from \$3.89 up to \$4.25 in some areas! Like I said, New Jersey is a great state, full of small charges which serve as daily inconveniences for some (even with the invention of Easy Pass).

So, what does all of this have to do with Circle K? Well, all of the small amounts of money I have just mentioned, which serve as a day to day inconvenience to us here in New Jersey are really a matter of life and death in other areas of the world. Children in countries like Africa and Asia lack basic sanitation and drinking water which puts them at risk of dehydration and numerous water-based illnesses. In fact, 2.2 billion children worldwide lack safe water and sanitation. And yet, there is hope.

Although the problem is very large, the steps to a solution are each very small. Through Circle K's partnership with UNICEF and our work with the Six Cents Initiative, for just \$.06, we can buy a packet of Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) to clean drinking water for these children. Just one small packet can purify the water for one child to drink for a day. That means that with that \$.25 that you have spent on a Parkway toll, you could have saved four children and given them clean drinking water. Imagine what giving \$1.85, the equivalent of one drive on the Turnpike could do- it could help provide clean water for nearly 31 children! And what about buying one less gallon of gas and instead putting that money towards the Six Cents initiative- your \$4.25 could allow 71 children to combat water- based diseases in their drinking water by purifying it first!

A small amount can sure make a big difference: this is certainly something we have experienced. I mean, how many of us have shopped around for a gas station that is just \$.02 cheaper than the one a few blocks from our home. We realize that even a small amount of change can make a big difference- even small amounts begin to add up. This is also true of the Six Cents Initiative. That few cents we each have in our pockets is just a small amount, but if we each contribute just a few cents, this small amount of money will grow and soon we will have money to not only buy packets of ORS for children, but to buy them water jugs so they can purify water and be able to store it or provide other basic water storage and sanitation supplies.

With the Six Cents Initiative, every little bit helps. So, I encourage you to donate that extra few cents you saved by picking a cheaper gas station. Take the back roads to work for a day and donate the money you have saved by missing all of the tolls! You have the chance to save a child's life with just a nickel and a penny. That is something that is very powerful!

For more information on the Six Cents Initiative or for details on how to submit donations, please visit [www.ckisixcents.org](http://www.ckisixcents.org) or <http://www.circlek.org/search/keyword.asp?topic=fundraising>.



## HOW TO MARKET YOUR CLUB

**By. International Representative Kristen Reed**

Hoping to maintain a great club? If you are wondering how to market CKI to new members and your campus, then check out the CKI Club Marketing Guide to get great tips on how to successfully market your club. The CKI Club Marketing Guide has ideas for recruitment drives and setting up tables at club fairs; tips for making a smooth transition for former Key Clubbers; and ways to keep members involved.

One key to creating a great marketing strategy is good communication, using various methods such as phone calls, phone trees, e-mail lists, newsletters and bulletins, Web sites, and mentoring.

Remember to keep your meetings new and interesting! Don't be afraid to try new things. You might include tasteful humor, poetry, pictures, photos, and themes. Don't forget to use your school's resources, including school newspapers, student associations, and orientation services. You can also co-host projects with other student organizations on campus. There are many ways to market your CKI club on campus. Feel free to experiment and determine what works well. The most important thing to remember when marketing your club is to never be afraid to ask for help! Your club, district, and International officers can help you at anytime, and are more than willing to work with you to come up with new ideas. So stop whining and check out the [CKI Marketing Guide!](#)

## Denver, Colorado!!!

By: Karen Ann Conway



Who wouldn't be excited for a fun filled time of Service, Leadership, and Fellowship with Circle K'ers from all over the world! I attended ICON last years and it was quite the experience. Students coming together who share an interest of bettering the world now that's just awesome! ICON was filled with and an intense House of Delegates, Dances, a Service fair, Awards, free time, some workshops and an awesome opening and closing session!! The Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) however I was not in attendance for last year and I must say that I am ridiculously excited for this event this year! All I've heard since I've joined CKI is that amazing friendships are made at this event and the amount of service that gets done is sometime more than what that place could do in a year. It just goes to show that being in attendance to this event One can really make a difference!



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# My Experience Becoming New Jersey District

By: Eileen Lee - Key Club District Editor

Since I began my K Family experience in 7<sup>th</sup> grade as a member of the Builder's Club in my school, my passion to serve my home, school, and community has only increased. Participating in such a great organization encourages me to be a better person. Thriving in a positive environment during my years in Builder's Club and Key Club influenced me to run for New Jersey District Editor. I knew that taking on this responsibility would be a lot of hard work and dedication, but I really wanted to be more involved. After sending in my elections packet, it hit me that I was running to become an important member of an organization I loved. I was ecstatic and couldn't wait to begin the preparation for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Convention where the election would officially begin. I spent countless hours creating speeches, memorizing caucus questions, and making t shirts, songs, and posters for my campaign. I would not take back a second of that time because it all contributed to making me the district editor that I so longed to be. Everything I did was worthwhile the moment my name was called that Saturday night during convention.

I cannot begin to describe how honored I am to be the editor of the New Jersey District. In my speeches to the nearly 800 key club members gathered in Valley Forge Convention Center my objectives for this upcoming year. My main goal is to improve communication between members. Sadly, most students do not understand the responsibilities of the district board and do not have relationships with the board. I would like this limited communication to differ this upcoming year. I plan on contacting all the club editors in the district to introduce myself, creating a friendship between each other. I also want to enhance the official publication of the New Jersey District, *The Jersey Key*. As my largest duty as editor, I would like to make this newspaper the best it can possibly be. I want to add a resource list that includes fundraising events held in the schools. The event along with contact information for anyone who would like to have a similar event will be created for all key clubbers to be informed of which events were successful. This can help communication between schools and make the key clubs even more successful.

I would also like to take into consideration the opinions of all the key clubbers around the district. This continues my ideal of enhanced communication. With the opinions of everyone in the clubs, I will get a better understanding of how to improve the *Jersey Key* and be a better editor. I am looking forward to this year, and I cannot wait to exceed the goals we have set and positively contribute to the K Family.



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## NEED MONEY FOR A SERVICE PROJECT? ALL ABOUT THE TOMORROW FUND!

**By. International Representative Kristen Reed**

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.

Some examples of what Tomorrow Fund grants might support include:

Based on a need to develop better reading skills among at-risk kindergarten students, a Circle K club might make chair covers with pockets in them for books. Each kindergarten student has a book read to them by the Circle K member, and the books and chair covers are donated to the classroom.

A District Project might focus on neglected and abused school children who are less likely to have book bags and school supplies. The district could solicit donations from many area businesses and together with their grant be able to supply 200 children with book bags supplies to get started in the school year.

A Circle K Club could purchase the book "Love You Forever" for first grade students and the first graders could then take the books to an area nursing home and read the books to residents there. If the children do not have grandparents, the program could allow them to adopt a grandparent for the day. The Circle K club helps with teaching the children to read the book and helps with the interaction at the nursing home.

Grants by the Circle K International Board from the Tomorrow Fund must be in accordance to the Policies of Circle K International. The Tomorrow Fund grants are granted only to Circle K Clubs and/or Districts. The Grant Review Committee may award up to, but not more than, the amount of interest earned off of the endowment available at the convening of the committee.



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## ALL ABOUT THE TOMORROW FUND! Continued.....

Here are a few suggestions to keep in mind when completing the application:

- The committee judging the application does not live in your community, so the better you clarify the project, the better the committee can understand the project.
- Write legibly, or enter the application on a computer utilizing the application format.
- Follow the directions! Do not attach any additional pieces except for the budget.
- Ensure that all required signatures are included.
- The project should reflect appropriate planning and ideas that have been thoroughly thought-out.
- Have someone else read the application to check for grammar and spelling.
- The budget must cover all areas of the project and should be clear.
- The timeline should be accurate and well prepared.

There is only one funding cycle for the Tomorrow Fund. The postmark deadline is July 15. The applications must be submitted to the Youth Funds Specialist at Kiwanis International, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or via fax at 317/879-0204. If you read the application, clubs may request funding assistance from \$200 to \$2,000. The committee typically funds those clubs who are asking for a portion of the total cost of the project, and clubs who are working with other organizations to fund and complete the project. Even though it is June it is never too early to think about applying for a grant – Please let me know if you have any questions on the application, disbursement, or just general information on the Tomorrow Fund. The College of New Jersey and Christopher Newport University both received Tomorrow Fund grants this past granting cycle and your fantastic CKI club can get one as well!



## Martha's Fund

By: Jessica Maguire

When I attended the Leadership Academy, I met a man named Lanton Lee. Lanton works for Circle K International and has a daughter named Martha. When Martha was three, she was diagnosed with a very rare disease that causes her to grow bones on her muscles. Currently, Martha has a bone growing in one of her neck muscles. Lanton and his family set up walks to raise money toward research for a cure to this disease. This year, our district has a goal to have at least one walk to raise awareness about this disease as well as to raise funds toward the research.

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## Red Cross Clothing Drive

By: Stefanie Zitelli

Do you have any clothing sitting in your closets or drawers that you have not worn in months? You are in luck, because this year the district will be having a clothes drive competition to support the Red Cross. At every district event this year, we will be collecting clothing that is free of tears and stains, as well as paired shoes, handbags, linens, and stuffed animals. There will be an award or possibly a prize for the school that collects the most clothing, so start going through those closets (and the closets of your friends and family) now! The items we donate to the Red Cross will go to help disaster relief for American families devastated by fires, as well as help the Red Cross in their various programs with senior citizens. Here is your chance to serve your community, make room in your closets for some new clothes, and possibly win an award for your club, all at the same time!



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## More Odds and Ends

All About ICON cont'd

### Our guest speaker: Brendon Burchard

When Brendon Burchard takes charge of an audience, everyone ends up with their eyes closed. No, they aren't sleeping. They are envisioning their lives. They feel inspired, emotional, awe-stricken, and motivated—and that's just after the first five minutes. Brendon has been called "the student leader's leader" and is author of two books: *The Student Leadership Guide* and *Life's Golden Ticket*. The *Student Leadership Guide* is used at dozens of colleges and universities around the world. In *Life's Golden Ticket*, Brendon uses a unique storyline to take readers on an inspirational journey, opening their eyes to second chances in life and love. Brendon will offer Circle K'ers a chance to grab their own golden ticket during the Honors Night session.

So whatever you want to do, I am sure you will find it in Denver! I hope to see you all at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Circle K International Convention, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact OTIC Chair, Emily Madera at [evily42@aol.com](mailto:evily42@aol.com). See you in Denver!

### Governor's Project: Habitat for Humanity

By: Jessica Maguire

Our governor's project this year is Habitat for Humanity. H4H is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that has a goal of stopping homelessness throughout the world. It operates in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada, and The US. With this specific project, we have not put a monetary goal forth; instead we have put a goal of completing 200 service hours. H4H operates all over the state of New Jersey including: Toms River, Atlantic City, Camden, Elizabeth, Freehold, Hackensack, Long Branch, Newark, Paterson, Pitman, Pleasantville, Spring Lake, and Trenton just to name a few. For more information on Habitat for Humanity visit their website at:

<http://www.habitat.org/default.aspx>.



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# Fireworks Cruise!

*Date: 8/14/08*

*Time: 8:00pm Sharp!*

Ken's Landing  
30 Broadway  
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, 08742  
(732) 899-8868

**New Jersey District Circle K  
Fundraiser - A chance for the  
K-family to kick back and  
watch fireworks from the  
ocean & still raise money for  
our district charities!**

**Boats: Norma K Fishing Fleet:**

**Miss Norma K & Norma K II**

**Price— \$15.00**

***Limited Number of Tickets Available***

## For Reservations :

- Please send a check payable to NJDCKI to Jessica Maguire, 746 Center St. Forked River, NJ 08731

or

- they will be available for purchase at the K-Fam Picnic!

## Questions:

Call Jessica Maguire at 609-290-4791

Call Karen Conway at 908-370-8403

Email Jessica Maguire at

[jessmaguirecki@gmail.com](mailto:jessmaguirecki@gmail.com)

Email Karen Conway at

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**Have a great Convention!**  
**I look forward to working with you**  
**For my consecutive ninth year.**  
**(Where does the time go?)**  
**Larry Meegan**

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**The Kiwanis Club of Jackson**  
**Congratulates the members**  
**Of CKI on a great year.**  
**Best wishes for a safe summer!**



# FUN

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## Trivia

1. What current branch of the U.S. military was a corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?

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2. What was the first bird domesticated by man?

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3. What rock floats in water?

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4. Who was the youngest person to ever be president?

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5. Do identical twins have identical fingerprints?

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7. How many equal sides does an icosahedron have?

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6. What were the original four shapes in Lucky Charms?

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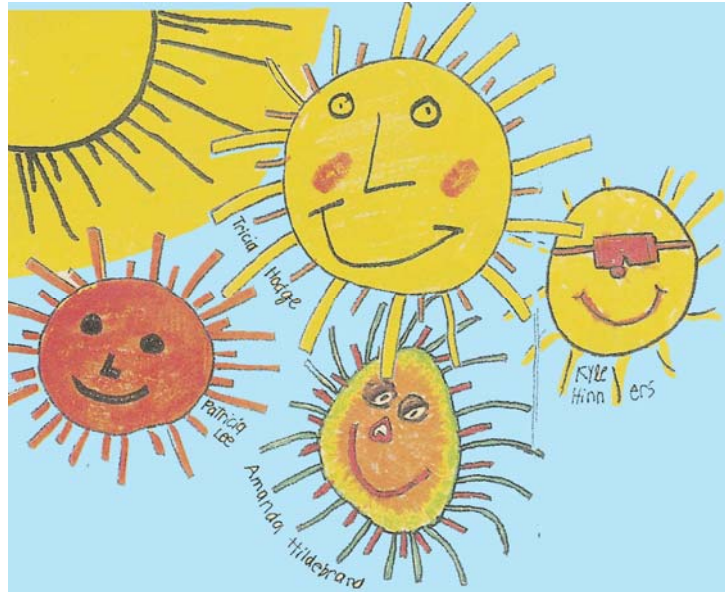
8. What O-word describes oxygen with molecules that have three atoms instead of two?

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## Trivia Answers

1. The U.S. Air Force
2. The Goose
3. Pumice
4. Theodore Roosevelt
5. No
6. Pink hearts, orange stars, yellow moons, and green clover
7. Twenty
8. Ozone



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Have a safe and happy summer!!!

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