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Looking Forward

Dear Members and Friends of Florida Circle K:

As this year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment not to look back, but to look forward. You see, I have been on this district board now for four years, and suffice it to say, Circle K has been a pretty important part of my life. I could rehash the past four years, but now is not the time for that. What I want to talk about specifically is what it is going to take for Florida Circle K to become the greatest district in all of Circle K International.

The answer is simple, though not easy. It is my experience that Circle K clubs, regardless of where they are, go through a cycle of sorts.

Every club has its good years (in many cases great years) and every club has its bad years. What happens during the bad years? Well, club membership declines drastically. In the cases where clubs survive, it is usually because the one or a few members who are left with the responsibility of getting their club back to where it needs to be rise to the occasion. These people, who are the real heroes of Circle K, represent what each of us strive to be as members

But what happens to a club that has no such members? Sadly, more times than not, it folds. But I am here to tell you today that it does not have to be that way!

Because each and every club in this district goes through this cycle in some form or another, it is in every club's interest to work with and save those clubs that fall on hard times. Why? Because it is the right thing to do. Because it makes the district as a whole stronger. But also because someday, maybe ten

years from now, or five years, or next year, your club may be the one that needs the help, and the club you and your members help strengthen today may well be the club that returns the favor tomorrow.

Members of Circle K, what makes our organization unique from other groups on campus is that we are a family. I'm not talking just in the sense that we are a part of the Kiwanis-Family, though that too is important. I am talking about the Florida Circle K Family, of which each club is a part. When one of our clubs is successful, it strengthens us all.

When one of our clubs falters, it is our duty as Circle K members to help bring that club back up to strength. That is the way we will become the greatest district in Circle K International.

It is easy for us to focus on our clubs alone. There are projects to plan, members to recruit, meetings to organize, and countless other tasks that need to be done. But we will not reach our full potential as a district until this philosophy is adopted by all clubs. I would like to commend those clubs that have gone above and beyond this year, working not just by themselves but on occasion, with other clubs around Florida. There is much to be done this coming year to better our district, but I am confident that each and every club is up to the challenge.

Thank you for a phenomenal year.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

John Sullivan

Governor, Florida District of CKI

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.-

**Congratulations
on a year well done
Florida CKI!!!**

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Florida

Florida State University

Rachel Smiley, FSU Club President

Florida State Circle K has been very active in many projects as of late. After coming back from break the club cleaned up our adopted street. As always with our street clean-ups we had a great turnout. The residents of the street came out to thank us for helping to improve their community.

FSU also lended a hand with Kids Incorporated fundraising event- Party Patch. Members helped run the party by conducting games and arts and crafts.

On January 28th, FSU had our Initiation Ceremony for our new members. It was a cold night and CKI-ers huddled for warmth as they were inducted into the club at the historic Lichgate Cottage. The ceremony itself was held under a giant oak tree led by our Kiwanis Advisor Doug Barlowe. Doug brought along with him his club's president and we were also happy to see some former CKI members show up. Refreshments were held inside the cottage as old members gave their "little brother and sisters" (new members) gifts and congratulations. Everyone declared it was a beautiful night and were excited about the rest of the CKI year.

January was wrapped up with Children's Day at the Tallahassee Museum of Florida History. Members were given jobs to help support the event. Some of the jobs included helping with the dress up rack and pictures, coloring Citrus Labels with the kids, painting murals, and making buttons. All the kids were ecstatic about all the activities making it a fun filled day!

FSU has more projects on the horizon and is looking forward to meeting up with the rest of the Florida District at DCON. Go Noles!

Edison Community College

Daniel Dau, Club President and District Club Building Chair

This year has been a true success. The K Family truly reaches everyone. Edison College realized this. This club has made CKI into a family. I want to thank everyone for their help in this club. Everyone in the club wants to thank Gerald Levy and Robert Neeld from the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club, and Alan Francis, Jackie McNulty and Todd Adams from the Fort Myers South Kiwanis Club. Edison CKI would not be possible without the dedication and support of these clubs. We have had alot of fun throughout the year of service projects, fundraising and social events. Although we are coming up to the end of the year, this club doesn't stop volunteering. We have the MS walk, Relay for Life and Soup Kitchen coming up. For fundraising, we have Domino's pizza cards we are selling, umbrellas for the Ft. Myers Soup Kitchen, and we have voter's registration for elections soon. We look forward to the next year.

Bethune Cookman College

On Thursday, March 25th, 2004, The Bethune-Cookman College Circle K Club is hosting our 2004 Annual Shots-4-Tots Basketball Game. We are asking for all members to come out to the Moore Gymnasium that night. We are accepting donations at the door, and in advance. All the proceeds made will go to the Sickle-Cell Anemia Foundation. So come on out and support the Bethune-Cookman College Circle K Club in our annual event, and watch a great game.

Date: Thursday, March 25th, 2004 • Location: Moore Gymnasium
Time: 8:00pm • Cost of Game: \$2.00
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The Bethune-Cookman College Circle K Club and Student Government Association is hosting our 1st ever Community Fest. This Community Fest is an on-campus activity where students can party, play games, create crafts, and purchase items from the neighborhood vendors of Daytona Beach. It will be a fun and exciting time, meeting new people, playing with the neighborhood elementary school kids, and our personal favorite, JUST HAVING FUN!

Date: Saturday, April 3rd • Time: 11:00am-4:00pm
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The Panhandle Division: The Year in a Glance

By Jill Gabel, CKI Lieut. Governor Panhandle Division

As the Panhandle year started, there were several obstacles to keep the division up and running. The year has gone very well with Circle K'ers coming together to the Divisional Council Meetings to people attending the new and improved I.D.E.A.S. Conference. The division has continued to grow and build with clubs beginning to start at colleges around the Tallahassee region.

At Florida State University, the active club in the division, there have been several successful service projects which only means there is room to get even better. The year has gone really well, but that only means more things can come from what has been started. The year has come to end. Even though the year has ended, the new year is coming to follow!





Convention Korner



49th Annual Circle K International Convention

St. Louis, MO, USA

June 30 - July 3, 2004

2004 International Convention:

St. Louis, Missouri • June 29 - July 3

On June 30th-July 3rd, get ready to enjoy a full-week of Circle K excitement. Yes, I am talking about the 2004 International Convention in St. Louis. Come join the Florida District in traveling to St. Louis for fun and excitement, including meeting the International officers, attending great workshops, expressing your voice at the 2004 House of Delegates, voting on your 2004-05 International Board, as well as seeing some of St. Louis' greatest attractions. So, this summer, on June 29th-July 3rd, come check out the St. Louis Arch, museums, and parks with the Florida District.

Visit the CKI website for more information about registration and hotel information at www.circlek.org.



Panhandle Zone Rally: Up Close and Personal

By: Jill Gabel, CKI Lieut. Governor, Panhandle

As the date for the Panhandle Spring Zone Rally approached, there were several aspects to prepare for the rally: service projects, Circle K'ers, and so much more. On February 8, 2004, the Panhandle Spring Zone Rally occurred. The rally went extremely well with Governor John making an opening address to the CKI'ers as well as our District Convention chair making a call to District Convention. After all the information was given out, it was then time to do what Circle K is all about, service. We worked on Valentine's Day cards for children at the adopted pre-school we work with.

After the Spring Rally, several CKI'ers were very pleased with being able to meet some of the district officers as well as learning about what the district was all about. As the year ends, the Spring Zone Rally was a tool that allowed people to know more about the individual jobs of the district officers as well as learning about the fun events that are involved with the Florida District of Circle K.

2004 Circle K International Large Scale Service Project

(Taken from the CKI website)

Greetings!

The Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) is a community service project done on an international level in order to provide members with the opportunity to participate in a service project with other members and clubs around the world. LSSP 2004 will take place from June 25-29 in St. Louis, Missouri.

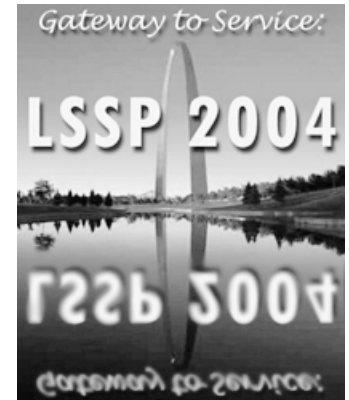
The LSSP Committee has approved four project sites where attendees will be installing children's libraries for underprivileged communities—including one mobile project site that will be used as a book mobile to serve communities all over St. Louis and the surrounding area. Other aspects of the event are still being decided. As more information is determined, it will be posted on this Web site, so be sure to check back!

We look forward to an excellent LSSP in 2004, and we hope you will join us in the "Gateway to Service" in St. Louis.

*Yours in Sincere Service,
Cathy Collier*

LSSP Committee Chair

For more information, visit the official LSSP site!



Dates to Remember

April 1, 2004:

Circle K 2004-2005 year officially begins!

May 7-9, 2004

Leadership Training Conference - Camp Kiwanis, Ocala

June 25-29, 2004:

Circle K International LSSP - St. Louis, Missouri

June 30- July 3, 2004:

Circle K International Convention - St. Louis, Missouri

Farewell Wishes from the Florida District

Thanking Mr. & Mrs. Parton for six wonderful years with the Florida District



After six wonderful years serving the Florida District as District Administrator and Certified CKI Trainer, Bob & Donna Parton are finishing their last year as our Kiwanis leaders. The Parton's have always been a shining example of the way the K-family should always be. They have been leaders, mentors, parent-figures and teachers to the members of the Florida District of CKI for the past six years. It would go without saying that they will truly be missed.

From guiding the District board throughout the year, to conducting workshops at conventions and organizing LTC, Florida CKI has them to thank for many successes. Their enthusiasm will continue on through CKI for many, many years to come. They have been a foundation for many of us who have spent the past few years growing and learning with CKI.

Mrs. and Mrs. Parton, you two are great and from the Florida District of CKI - THANK YOU!

Mr. and Mrs. Parton,

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve with you on the board these past four years. A great deal has changed over those years, but your dedication has remained constant. Thank you for every thing you have done for me and this district. You are truly two in a million.

John Sullivan

"I can not express how much we appreciate everything you have done for Circle K the last 6 years. Your support has been unwavering. You put so much energy in to Circle K and all of our events. I feel so lucky to have gotten to work with you this year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

Vickie Jones

With your endless love, and loyalty to this District, and to our organization overall. The two of you exemplify the greatness that this organization has to offer, and the commitment that the two of you express into what makes this organization stand out above the rest. I want to thank you for your service, loyalty, and endless support for the good of the Kiwanis Family. You will be missed not only as our Administrators, K-Family, but also as our friends. We will keep the torch lighted for you, and even though you may be absent from our presence, but never from our hearts. WE LOVE YOU!

Rasheen Tolliver

Mr. and Mrs. Parton,

I have really enjoyed getting to know you both over the past four years. You set such a great example for all of us, and I believe that we were very blessed to have worked with you. Your enthusiasm and love for CKI is overwhelming! Thank you for sharing that with us. I look forward to seeing you next year at Kiwanis functions. Best wishes!

Valerie Longo

Mr. and Mrs. Parton,

Thank you for all that you've done for the Florida District of Circle K International! You've always been there for us and your hard work and dedication will never be forgotten! Best of luck in everything!

Marci Gonzalez
UCF Circle K President
Florida District of CKI, Projects Committee Chair

Mr. & Mrs. Parton,

Both of you have done a tremendous job serving our District for the past years. You have given a lot to the District and have touched us all in different ways. Mr. Parton, your father-like guidance and advise will be remembered. Mrs. Parton, your mother-like qualities and love make you our second mother. I've known the both of you for the past 3 years and I have watched the District grow and the impact you've made each year with the new board. I will always remember you. Both of you are very special. We will miss you. I wish you the best of luck and good health. Enjoy and always take care.

Chris Saavedra
Florida District CKI Tech Chair

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parton,

I found it to be truly an honor working side by side with both of you this year. It was my first year in Circle K this year, and you both helped me feel more at home with the K-Family. As you leave, you leave a legacy for your successors. I can only imagine the great accomplishments that are left in your future for the K-Family. I want to say thank you both for being there with the answers when they were hard to come by. The Circle K family has been imprinted with your spirit which will remain forever. Thank you for everything!!!

Yours in K-Service,
Jill Gabel
CKI Panhandle Lieut. Governor



Trea\$urer Time\$

by Rasheen Tolliver



Dues: Attention to all members of the Florida District of Circle K. Please make sure that your club's dues are sent in to the Kiwanis International Office. The contact number for them is 1-800- KIWANIS, and ask to speak to a representative in the Membership Department.

District Convention: Once again, don't forget to block out the dates for one of the most exciting weekends of the year. On March 19th-21st, you will experience one of the most exciting conventions that Circle K has ever seen. The Florida District Board has worked extremely hard to provide you with fun, fellowship, service projects, leadership workshops, and did I mention MORE FUN. So come on down to the beautiful city of Cocoa Beach, Florida, where you can have fun in the sun, and develop new friendships. So, on March 19th-21st, 2004 in Cocoa Beach, Florida, at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront, come kick-it with the Florida District, for a party is not a party without us. See you there.

Introducing CKI Website Competition!

The Membership Development and Benefits Committee of Circle K International developed a subcommittee to recognize outstanding websites that are organized with quality display. Every month, the subcommittee will submit nominations for the best district and club websites. Once all nominations are made, the subcommittee will select at least one district and one club website as a "Web Site of the Month." Selected Web sites will receive the right to display a banner announcing their club as a "CKI Web Site of the Month."

The following criteria must be met in order to be nominated:

For Club Website:

1. A link from Circle K International Web site.
2. A link to the Circle K International Web site.
3. List current club officers. Additional contact information can only be posted once each officer provides expressed written permission.
4. Updated calendar of events.
5. Contain a "What is CKI" or "About CKI" section
6. Refrain from linking Web sites not supporting the ideals of Circle K International (example: personal online journals).

For District Website:

1. A link from Circle K International Web site.
2. A link to the Circle K International Web site.
3. List current district officers. Additional contact information can only be posted once each officer provides expressed written permission.
4. Updated events information (example: convention and fall trainers).
5. Contain a "What is CKI" or "About CKI" section
6. Refrain from linking Web sites not supporting the ideals of Circle K International (example: personal online journals).

"Web Sites of the Month" will continue till early June 2004. At that time, a Web poll will be posted on the Circle K International Web site listing all previous "Web Sites of the Month" winners. All CKI members will be able to vote online and select a district and club website of the year!

For more information regarding guidelines, designs basics, logos and images and submission of club links may be found by visiting www.circlek.org or direct link is at <http://www.circlek.org/circlek/resources/web/>

See you in St. Louis!!!

CKI International Convention

June 30 - July 3, 2004

- Experience the ultimate CKI convention
- Vote for your new international board
- Awards, Awards, Awards!!!
- Fun & Friends
- Enjoy scenic St. Louis!

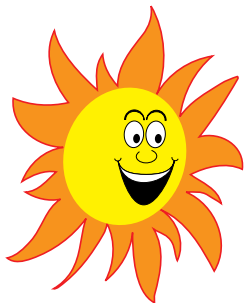


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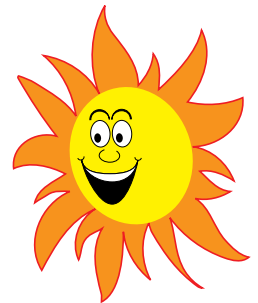
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Shout Outs from the Florida District

To All My Fellow CKI'ers,
This year has been a year of learning for me for CKI. I have to thank everyone in the Florida District of Circle K for helping me along the way. The Florida District Board this year has helped me out when I have had any time of questions which has meant so much to me. I know the year is over, but I hope to continue with the CKI success from the past. I think everyone involved in such a great organization is an awesome person. I hope to meet and see everyone at District Convention!

*Yours in K-Service, Jill Gabel
CKI Lieut. Governor Panhandle Division*

"Jendayi Rocks! The end" ~ Vickie

"Thank you to all my secretaries! You guys are great! I appreciate all of your hard work." ~ Vickie Jones

Dear Florida District of CKI,
I want to thank all my clubs for a wonderful year. I had a great time being the Sunbelt Lt. Governor to the largest division in the Florida District. The Sun/Sun Rally was a very educational experience for everyone about District Convention and District Officer positions. I want to thank all that attended the Sun/Sun Rally. To finalize my position I will be sending out the *Sun/Sun Circular* divisional newsletter, hopefully attend Eckerd College's meeting, and prepare for District Convention as a candidate for District Editor and Co-hosting the Vice-President workshop with Citrus Lt. Governor Jendayi Dixon. I hope to see all of you at District Convention 2004! Thanks again for a great year, Sunbelt Division.

*Sincerely, Danielle J. Heimbold
Sunbelt Lt. Governor 2003-2004*

*Crystal, thanks for everything. ~ sam

To USF-Tampa officers (Tiffany, Whitney, Belise, and Renan): Congrats on a great, productive and successful year. You are the best! Outstanding job everyone! ☺ ~ Chris

To the District Board, Committee chairs and Administrators: It's been a pleasure working with all of you for the past 2

years as Technology Chair. I wish all of you the best of luck. Take Care. ☺

~ Chris

Valerie, Awesome job with Kapers this year! ☺ ~ Chris

FSU's Club Officers would like to thank all the District Board. It was all of our first time as officers and your help really held the club together. FSU would also like to thank the dedication of our Kiwanis Advisor Doug Barlowe. Doug we hope your excitement for CKI will carry on to others. We will miss two of our members that will be lost to graduation-Jenny Rothenburg and Sarah Smiley. We wish the best for the two of you and hope you will continue in your commitment to service.

The FSU officers can not believe how much the club has grown this past year. Our members are working hard to make us the best Circle K in the state. As FSU's President I want to especially thank my board. It has been a tough year, but all the work has been worth it. Sam has initiated many service projects I hope will carry on in the years to come. Chelsey has been the best secretary one could ask for- being diligent in all record keeping and correspondence. Ryan has fought through administration to get CKI funds, and Crystal has brought her artistic skills to make a scrapbook that will be hard to follow up. Thank you again for all you do! -Rachel Smiley

-I want to give a shot out to the Florida District Board, for working so diligently in making this year a year of Brighter Futures. This board has seen a vision, analyzed it, and now is executing a great year, with some of the greatest conventions that this District has ever seen.

-I also want to give a shot-out to all our members for participating, giving the board feedback, and making the ultimate commitment, "SERVICE." Without you, this board couldn't have pulled this off.

-I want to give a special shot-out to our Kiwanis family. With your endless support, we cannot thank you enough for your endless support, whether it's mentally, emotionally, spiritually, financially, and any other way that you have supported us. Its support such as this, that makes our organization as great as it is.

Rasheen Tolliver