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## The Vowels to a Successful CKI Club

**A**ssistance—This is what a CKI club must provide to the local community and its K-Family members. You should do whatever it takes to assist the members and the community. Sometimes your actions may be as small as assisting with the preparation of an event or as large as providing financial aid to an organization.

**E**ffort—Sorry, but there is no way around it. As it has been said before, there is no short cut to success. Being a successful CKI club means hard work and effort. A successful CKI club has to possess a group of individuals that are willing to take the extra step or to go the extra mile to achieve its goals. Remember to acknowledge CKI members who do extra things to make your CKI club successful.

**I**nvolved—By all means, get involved with your local community and K-Family members! Plan club activities to engage members as active participants.

**O**wnership and Outreach—These two words describe the two most important part of a successful CKI club. Members must believe that they have ownership of the club and that the club does not belong to the advisor. Your club will flourish only if its members know that success depends on them. If members do not understand their crucial roles in the club, they with them will find it easier to accept less in regard to results. Outreach often determines the continuing health of a CKI club. At every opportunity, share the CKI story in your community. Constantly recruit new members into your club.

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**U**nity—To be successful, you need to strive to maintain unity of purpose within your CKI Club. There is nothing wrong with debating within your club what direction the group should move or what project to take part in. When the decision is made, be sure that your entire club's membership understands the reasons for the decision and is unified behind it. Seldom can you succeed if part of your membership insists on going one way, while another part wants to go in the opposite direction. If a project causes such widespread disunity, perhaps it is not the right project after all. Try to keep everyone paddling the canoe in the same direction.

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## Flashback

Although most flashbacks involve embarrassing hair and fashion styles, this peek into past issues of *Kapers* will involve none of the liking. These messages stand the test of time.

### *Manage-Or-Lead*

People don't want to be managed.  
They want to be led.  
Whoever heard of a world manager?  
World leader, yes.  
Educational leader.  
Political leader.  
Religious leader.  
Scout leader.  
Community leader.  
Labor leader.  
Business leader.  
They lead. They don't manage.  
The carrot always win over the stick.  
Ask your horse.  
You can lead your horse to water,  
but you can't manage him to drink.  
If you want to manage somebody,  
manage yourself.  
Do that well  
And you'll be ready to stop managing.  
And start leading.  
(1988 Summer)

### **Volunteers**

It's not for the money  
It's not for the fame  
It's not for any personal gain  
Just for the love of fellow man  
It's just to lend a helping hand  
It's just to give tithe of self  
That's something you can't buy with wealth  
It's not medals won with pride  
It's that feeling deep inside  
It's that reward down in your heart  
It's a feeling that you've been a part  
Of helping others far and near  
That's make you be a Volunteer!  
(1996 August)

## A Few Words From Ricky, Florida's Trusty Trustee

Hello Florida District,

This is just your neighborhood Trustee saying, "Hi!" I wish I were in your neighborhood seeing as mine is cold and covered in snow, but we can't all have everything. I'm happy to hear things in Florida are going great so far this year.

What's happening at the International level of CKI, you ask? Well, let me give you an update.

There are a number of hot topics that are currently being researched by various board members. President Rupert Welsh is working on creating a better definition of "Conduct Unbecoming of a Circle Ker," in addition to the normal duties of the president. Vice President Carrie Chen is researching how to better utilize the International Council (a body made up of the International Board, and the District Governors), along with serving as the coordinator of all the committee work on the board. Trustee Chris Rosenbaum is looking into the topic of regionalization, and the effects that it could have on our organization. I'm looking into election procedures and trying to update them better to today's CKI, along with serving as the liaison to the LSSP Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Dave Zimba is heading up the promotion of the Tomorrow Fund and is also the liaison for the Key to College Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Nick Borghardt is looking into the club and district status issue, and Trustee Maggie Gunther is examining the sponsorship requirements for Kiwanis Clubs. Trustee Amanda Flaute is researching additional member benefits and corporate sponsors and Trustee Pic Dulay is working at making the web page a better resource for the members. Trustee Dan Schroeder is working on the promotion of the Service Initiative and the Service Fair to be held at International Convention. Trustee Jason Miller is working on Memorandums of Understanding along with serving as the International Board's Liaison to the Young Children Priority One Committee.

A few Ad Hoc Committees have also been established. One committee is looking at the Key to College Program to make improvements and promote the program. As well, the Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) committee has been formed, and they are currently looking into potential projects in the Indianapolis area.

The goals that this year's International Board has set are as follows:

### **Growth**

- 1) Attain at least half of the required funds for the Tomorrow Fund to reach maturity.
- 2) Record a paid membership of at least 14,000 members.
- 3) Seek active participation from every member country at the International Convention.

### **Service and Kiwanis Family**

- 4) Surpass 300,000 service hours.
- 5) Emphasize the International Day of Service while discussing future opportunities for joint days of service with our Kiwanis-family counterparts.

### **Stability**

- 6) Coordinate efforts with staff to develop a plan to generate new revenue streams for the organization.

I look forward to the chance to meet you all this March at your annual district convention. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments that you may have about CKI. I have made a commitment to the members I serve, and I plan to carry out that commitment.

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## To Be or Not to Be a District Officer, That Tis the Question

January has come, and with it many choices and decisions to make about your involvement in Circle K for the 2003-04 year. As of the January Board meeting, members will be able to declare themselves candidates for district office. Three years ago, I was faced with the decision of whether or not to run for district office, a decision some of you are faced with now. As it turned out, it was the best decision I have made since entering college. To help some of you out there who are having trouble making this decision, I am going to do my best to give you an idea of why I like being a district officer.

One of the things I have gained from being a district officer, you may be surprised to hear, are the mistakes I have made. Three years ago, I was a freshman who knew very little about what it meant to be a leader. I ran unopposed for Lt. Governor, having little idea of what I was getting myself into. Within three months, I was Legal Committee Chair and had a second division to look after. Whenever I hear speakers talk about how it is ok to fail, so long as you learn from your mistakes and keep trying, I can't help but smile, because that year I failed gloriously. I made mistakes left and right, so many that I sometimes wonder how I got elected as district secretary the following year. But from these errors I learned a great deal, and in some cases by learning what not to do, what needed to be done became clearer.

Perhaps one of the best things about being on the district board is the people you meet and work with who you otherwise would probably never have gotten to know. Members like Maggie Gunther, Michelle Lachance, Tim Balasko, Melanie Hajec, and all of the district officers I have worked with over the past three years, and Kiwanians like the Partons, the Shracks, and all the assistant administrators, not to mention the alumni. These people have been my friends and my teachers, and I find it hard to imagine the kind of leader and person I would be now had I not met them.

Being a district officer is not easy. There are cases where, no matter what you do, a club will fall apart, or a project will fail. There will be periods where the combination of school, work, and Circle K will prove difficult to handle. But these situations are ever present in the real world, and the experience you gain by facing these problems while in Circle K will benefit you long after you have left college and moved on. I could try to convince you to run for office by pointing to the material benefits, such as the Kiwanis contacts you make or the awards at International you can win by doing well, but in the long run those things are not what make being a district officer such a rewarding experience. It's being able to look at your division or district, and see that you helped students perform more service to their communities, and you helped more students become involved. It's the practical skills you acquire, from the computing and organizational skills of a district secretary, to the speaking skills of a district governor, all of which are valuable for work and life in general. It's meeting people who live hundreds of miles away and getting to know and work with them.

I hope this encourages some of you to run for district office. Remember that if you want to know about specific positions, the best way to go about it is to talk to the people that currently hold them. If you find an office at the club or district level where you truly believe you can make a difference, go for it. I did.

## Flashback

"Circle K," ask the people,  
"Isn't that Greek!"  
"No," I explain.  
"It's nothing like TKE."

"Is it a ranch?" some wonder.  
"Can we ride horses there?"  
"No," I explain.  
"We are people that care."

"A 7-11!" a Southern states.  
"That's where you get brew."  
"No," I explain.  
"Community service is what we do."

"Is it fun?" asks my roommate.  
"Oh, yes!" I shout.  
"Leadership, Fellowship, Service...  
That's what we're all about."

"Do you do neat things?" she inquires.  
"Definitely," I say,  
"Like blood drives and food baskets,  
And recycling old tires."

"Do you go to neat places?"  
They ask after a while.  
"California in August,"  
I say with a smile.

Come to a meeting  
Come see what we're about.  
"I'd like to," they say.  
Recruitment is easy without a doubt.

Recruit new members,  
Promote Circle K.  
Show your enthusiasm,  
And make someone's day.

## Apply yourself to service **Focus on the Future: children**

When your friends ask why you donate endless hours to a dozen different service activities, what do you say? No doubt, you can give some touchy-feely response similar to, "I like to help people," or "I want to make things happen," or "It's rewarding to know I've made a difference." While that is all warm and fuzzy, there is nothing wrong with getting a little external recognition. The simple fact of the matter is that when you work hard, people are going to notice. CKI wants to applaud your achievements and inspire you to continue in your pursuits. Consider applying for the following awards.

### Have you completed ...

**25** hours with the Boys and Girls Club? Then you are eligible for special Governor's Service Award.

**50** hours? Then you qualify for the Florida District Starfish Service Award.

**100** hours and have at least a "B" average? Then you may qualify for a CKI scholarship. Application are due by Feb. 14, 2003.

**150** hours and have at least a "B" average? Then you may qualify for the Florida District Circle K Alumni Sophie Laval Scholarship. Application are due prior to the opening session at the Circle K District Convention. See article on page 5.

**250** hours and have at least a "B" average? Then you may qualify for the CKI Society of Distinguished Collegians. Application are due to the District Administrator by February 15, 2003.

**250** hours? Then you may qualify for the International Service Award. Application are due to the District Administrator by February 15, 2003.

Today's youth will become tomorrow's parents, workers, and citizens. But will they develop into responsible members of society? The Circle K International Service Initiative, Focusing on the Future: Children, was designed to involve Circle K clubs in service to increase the opportunities available to children, improve the support necessary during this critical period of development, increase the number of positive role models who impact our youth, and engage children in activities that will promote their ability to manage in an environment with dynamic social, economic, educational, and political conditions. The goal is through personal interaction and public awareness Circle K members will enable children to develop the skills and ideals necessary to be successful.

Are you wondering how you can get involved? Any project that addresses the needs of children ages six to 13 is a Service Initiative project. However, Circle K clubs are encouraged to target their service efforts to the current year's emphasis area. The current emphasis area is Educating Children: Open a Book, Show Them the World". Here is a glance at some activities that have been implement in Florida CKI.

- UF put on a play at the local library based on children's author Helen Lester's book "Tacky the Penguin." As well, they placed collection boxes at local stores to gather children's books to donate to "The Favorite Book Project" in Arkansas. UF members also spearheaded a Kids' Day for children to play at a local park in a safe environment.
- Every Friday night before a FSU football game CKI members helped at the Kids Incorporated table.
- FAU CKI developed an "Adopt-a-classroom" program in which CKI members send letters to children at the Village Academy in Delray to promote reading and writing. Through the "Adopt-a- classroom" program, CKI members have had the chance to meet their pen pals . What is interesting is that adjacent to the school is the Boys and Girls club where they also volunteer three times each month. Some of the children have been able to see FAU CKI members in both occasions.
- Rollins College assisted with a Holiday Funfest project for foster children as well as Halloween Howl that provided safe trick-or-treating, games, and a haunted house.
- As part of Disney's Give Kids the World program, Stetson CKI members participate in Clown Club once a month. In a different program they tutored middle school students for about ten hours a week.
- MCC teamed up with their Kiwanis club to entertain kids on a train ride based on the childhood television show *Thomas the Tank* . MCC CKI helped with arts n' crafts, story time, and concession stands.

For more information on the International Service Initiative and a service kit visit [www.circlek.org](http://www.circlek.org)

## Family Bonding

Now that the holidays and time with loved ones have come and gone, you might be wondering what you have done with your fellow K-Family members recently. Kiwanis Relations includes a broad spectrum of activities beyond simply showing up to Kiwanis meetings. CKI clubs don't have to be estranged from fellow K-Kids, Aktion, Builders, Key, and Kiwanis Family members. Whether your club's relationship with your fellow K-Family member is that of pestering give-me-something nag or big brothers looking out for one another is up to you. Here is a glimpse at what Florida CKI is doing to close the circle in the K-Family.

- Stetson CKI attended the Deland Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Blast On the Grass.
- USF-Tampa members assisted with the annual Tampa Kiwanis BBQ Fundraiser.
- UF CKI manned the Kiwanis booth at the Lake City Fair.
- FAU CKI members attended the Key Club's Project Haven.
- USF-Sarasota celebrated Bradenton Sunrise's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## The Making of K-Family History, A True Story

If you were in the UCF's Student Union on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, you might have heard laughter and music coming from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. What was going on? Why it was UCF CKI's first annual DATE AUCTION! With over 100 people in attendance and 6 different K-Family clubs represented, it was a memorable evening. We surpassed our goal by amassing over \$1,200 dollars for the Boys & Girls Club! A night of entertainment was in order with performances by local talent OPEN and new artist Amy Monk. Along with musical entertainment, 17 lovely ladies and gentlemen put themselves on the auction block and went to the highest bidder--what brave souls! We were pleased to have Florida CKI Governor Tim Balasko and Georgia CKI Governor Devin Harris in attendance. Throughout the evening a silent auction was held with items donated by the South Orlando Kiwanis Club.

A DVD player was raffled off and door prizes were given out all night. The event was a great success and we thank all who came out to help raise money for the kids. But the weekend wasn't all work-we had some fun too! Many members of fellow CKI clubs spend the weekend with us interclubbing. Saturday morning we joined some of the South Orlando Kiwanians in cleaning up their recently adopted road. Then we headed over to the Citrus Bowl to watch the UCF Knights battle Syracuse. It was a great K-Family weekend. Thanks to everyone from the UCF CKI club and friends who attended the weekend's events. Thanks to the following clubs for being represented: MCC, FAU, South Orlando Kiwanis Club, Winter Park Kiwanis Club, Heart of Orlando Kiwanis Club, and Wesleyan College. Another big thank you to the following auctionees: Carrie, Brade, Adam, Nikki, Matt, Juliet, Sarah, Tim, Mark, Jennifer, Matt, Jeremy, Danielle, Cory, Alex, Marcelo and Drew. A final thank you to Sarah, Stacy, Melanie, Diona, Marci and Natalie for all their behind-the-scenes work!  
[Angie Monk, UCF]

## Are YOU really doing all YOU can to serve?

As a Circle K member, you probably think you know a lot about community service. After all, you've got a long list of completed projects—maybe even some that you arranged yourself. And you can give a pretty convincing argument on why volunteering makes you a more well-rounded person and shows you're socially responsible. But... (you knew that was coming, right?)... are you really doing all you can to provide opportunities to serve? The following is a list of organizations dedicated towards helping students perform meaningful service.

**BREAK AWAY** supports the development of quality alternative school break programs. Their website has a comprehensive site bank. A password from your campus service office may be necessary to access the database.  
[www.alternativebeaks.org](http://www.alternativebeaks.org)

**ACTION WITHOUT BORDERS** connects people, organizations and resources to help build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives. The website has over 32,000 nonprofit and

community organizations in 153 countries and thousands of volunteer opportunities in your community and around the world.  
[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

**AMERICA'S PROMISE** was founded in 1997 to make youth a national priority by fulfilling "Five Promises" for young people—caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills, and opportunities for service.  
[www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org)

**CARE CORPS** is an educational travel and hands-on service learning program for people interested in learning about sustainable solutions to poverty in Latin America. CARE Corps volunteers work in partnership with local people in a variety of community development projects.  
[www.care.org](http://www.care.org)

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA** is charged with being a facilitator in the development, promotion and implementation of volunteer programs and practices.  
[www.fccs.org](http://www.fccs.org)

## Alumni Gives Money

Do you want a little extra money to go toward your college education? There is one scholarship which only members of the Florida District of Circle K International are eligible for - the Sophie Laval Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is awarded at District Convention each year to a member based on service and scholarship. To be eligible, members must have a grade point average of 3.0 and have performed 150 hours of service in the past year (starting two weeks prior to the 2002 District Convention and ending two weeks prior to the 2003 District Convention).

For an application, go to the Alumni Website,  
<http://flackialumni.tripod.com>.

[Samantha Sinclair, Alumni President]

## Circling Florida

*Even if we do not feel like leaders, we must realize that leadership can be summed up into one simple word: INFLUENCE. Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less. Influence is something everyone has. Sociologists tell us that even the most introverted person will influence 10,000 people in his or her lifetime. Imagine how many more people you could influence if you were intentional in your leadership.*

- FAU also developed an "Adopt-a-team" program in which CKI members provided school spirit to a sports team on campus. They made goodie bags complete with energy snacks and inspirational notes for the volleyball and men's basketball teams.
- FGCU held a luau in late Sept. With about 200 people in attendance, the luau was a great recruitment tool as well as social. Activities included free food, a Hawaiian band, limbo contest, hula hoop contest, dance contest and best dressed contest.
- In October, 21 members from MCC, USF-Sarasota, and Ringling packed into the Ronald McDonald House kitchen to prepare a home cooked spaghetti dinner for the families staying there.
- The Florida District gained yet another new CKI club this year. Ringling School of Art in Sarasota held their charter night in November.
- BCC participated in the American Lung Walk in September as well as Breast Cancer 5k Walk in October.

### Have you planned for these dates?

**January 25, 2003**

Citrus-Gateway-Suwannee Zone Rally  
Gainesville

**February 2, 2003**

Evergold Zone Rally

**February 9, 2003**

Sun-Sun Zone Rally at USF

**February 26, 2003**

District Board Meeting Orlando

**March 21-23, 2003**

District Convention  
Holiday Inn Airport Orlando

**June 27—July 1, 2003**

Large Scale Service Project  
South East Neighborhood Development  
Indianapolis, IN

**July 2-6, 2003**

International Circle K  
Indianapolis, IN

### You Think You Know, But Do You Really?

**Who was the first president of Circle K?**

Kenneth B. Creasy from Ohio Wesleyan University

**What was the first club to officially affiliate with CKI?**

Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 14, 1955

**Why is Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, an important part of CKI history?**

It is the home to the 500th Circle K Club to be chartered by CKI

**When were females allowed into CKI?**

1973

**What was the first official Circle K Club chartered outside of the U.S. and Canada?**

College of the Bahamas on April 25, 1977

**What year was the Florida District established?**

1960

**What was the very first Circle K District to be officially recognized?**

The Texas-Oklahoma District

**What was the second Circle K District to be officially recognized?**

The Kentucky-Tennessee District

**How many countries are CKI clubs currently in?**

Thirteen