

**NY District
Circle K**

Secretary's Sidebar

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Websites

Circle K

International:

www.circlek.org

**New York District
Circle K:**

www.nycirclek.org

Club Secretaries:

**[www.geocities.com/
nydsecretary0506](http://www.geocities.com/nydsecretary0506)**

From Your District Secretary . . .

Hello Club Secretaries!

I hope your semester is going well! It is hard to believe, but half of the Circle K year is already over! That means that we only have a few months left to meet our goals and I know that we can do it! Just keep in mind that without all of your hard work, our District would not be able to achieve those goals. It is very important for you to turn in MPRFs on time and accurately so that your club can receive the recognition it deserves. The MPRF is the only way for the District Board to know all the great things that you are doing!

Many of you are doing a wonderful job getting MPRFs in on time and accurately! To date, we have over 16,000 service hours! That is a record high for our District and I am so excited about it! If we keep up the great work, I know we can reach our goal of 27,500 service hours! In September alone, we completed 2,375 service hours and 25 MPRFs were submitted, which is amazing! Even so, don't stop striving to go above and beyond! Everything you do for Circle K touches the lives of others—whether it is helping those in need directly at a service project or inspiring other Circle K'ers to get more involved at meetings and conventions.

You are all a very important part of your clubs and the New York District. I want to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. It has been wonderful working with you so far and we still have 6 months to go! Keep up the great work!



Yours in Service, Caring, and Friendship,

Dana Walsh

District Secretary



MPRF Race and Service Hour Recognition!

Clubs with PERFECT MPRF Race Scores:

Binghamton

Elmira

Geneseo

NYU

Keep up the great work!

Not Far Behind...

Canisius

Ithaca

Oswego

Potsdam

St. Lawrence

Top Service Hours:

Elmira—5,894

NYU—1,391

Canisius—1,268

RPI—830.5

Oswego—806

Clarkson—792

New York Speaking 2005: “Service Makes the World Go Round”



So what is NY Speaking? No, you don't have to speak in public! Of course the title of the conference seems to imply this, but NY Speaking is NY District Circle K's annual fall conference held in Lake George, NY. Many Circle K'ers get very excited as NY Speaking approaches. Why might you ask? Three words: Service! Leadership! Fellowship! At NY Speaking, you have a chance to get to know other NY District Circle K'ers, learn more about Circle K, dance and sing karaoke, and do service! In addition, we will be celebrating the wonderful work your clubs have done during this Circle K year!

The theme of the weekend is diversity-oriented and is titled

“Service Makes the World Go Round.” The conference space will be wonderfully decorated to suit the theme. There will be a workshop on writing in different languages. During the dances, you will be able to get your own henna tattoo! And don't forget that on Saturday night, you will get to dress up in an outfit related to the theme, whether it be your own cultural or ethnic apparel or a costume!

On the first night of the conference is the “Dress Your President” competition. You will dress your President in a crazy costume and then send them out to the dance floor to show everyone what they've got! The costumes don't have to

relate to the theme, so the possibilities are endless!

In addition to the dancing and karaoke on Friday and Saturday nights, there will be informative workshops and service projects! We will have some small ongoing service projects during the weekend and a large scale project at a camp as well.

In addition, we will be giving out outstanding club officer, returning member, and first year member awards. Remember to bring your club's award applications and hand them in on Friday night. Registration is due by October 29th, but you can still register late! Don't miss out on this wonderful experience and I hope to see you there!!!

Service Projects To Do at Meetings

- Make cards for a nursing home, hospital, or elementary school for any occasion (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, etc.) *Check out www.makeachildsmile.org and send cards to a sick child!*
- Make decorations for a nursing home for any occasion
- Make I-care kits (first aid kits to be donated to ambulance or rescue crews)
- Make coloring books to donate to elementary schools
- Make bookmarks to donate to elementary schools
- Put together food baskets to donate to soup kitchens or homeless shelters
- Collect items to donate to Kamp Kiwanis
- Collect can tabs to donate to a nearby Ronald McDonald House
- Make trauma dolls



Circle K is All About Teamwork!

Circle K is not only about service, leadership, and fellowship. It is about being part of a team and working together to achieve common goals. Circle K cannot continue with its success without the help of each of its members.

Teamwork is important because it can draw your group together. Everyone needs to have a certain amount of teamwork skills in order to thrive.

Through teamwork, Circle K'ers are better able to come together and accomplish all that they need to do.

The Club President is not the only Circle K'er that is able to plan events, fundraisers, and service projects. He or she needs all the help that they can get! If you have any ideas, do not be afraid to contribute to your club and to the New York District! Your contributions can only help!



It is not only important for Club Officers to always contribute ideas, but for all members. To inspire your whole club with team spirit, carry out ice breakers and team builders at your club meetings and hold social events often. Also directly offer members with the chance to plan events by choosing committee chairs. Getting members more involved and more enthusiastic will make a world of difference!



Circle K International Updates!

CKI Scholarships:

Circle K International will be mailing all clubs scholarship packets in November. The scholarship application must be postmarked by February 11, 2006. Last year, a lucky member of Ithaca College Circle K won the NY District matching scholarship. Someone wins every year! In addition, you can win one of the following awesome scholarships:

- Circle K International Past Presidents' Scholarship—\$500
- Himmel Scholarship—\$500
- J. Walker Field Endowed Scholarship—\$1,000
- National Dean's List Scholarship—

\$500 (Two are awarded!)

AmerLink Scholarship—\$500

TruGreen Scholarship—\$500

Cunat International Scholarship—\$2,500

Apply to be a member of the Diversity Ad-Hoc Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to find ways to make CKI appealing to a wide variety of collegiate students, develop an ideology and resources to target those areas of diversity, and help clubs to include diversity as part of their recruitment process. If you are interested in applying, download an application on the Circle K International website. The application is due by Sunday, November 6!

CKI Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments from the NY District:

Colleen Neiman (Past NYU Circle K President)—Large Scale Service Project Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

Dana Walsh (NY District Secretary)—Website Ad-Hoc Committee Member

CKI Kiwanis Family Interclub Goal:

This goal is brand new to CKI! Districts will begin reporting club K-family activities to CKI. Be sure to report all K-family activities on MPRFs. Plus, you also get points in our K-family Interclub Race!

A Word From Our Circle K International Trustee

Hello New York Secretaries! To briefly introduce myself, my name is Stefani Powell, and I will be serving as your District's liaison to the International Board until next August. About me, I'm a senior at Ohio State University. I am majoring in psychology, but want to go to graduate school to be a librarian (I'm a huge book nerd!). This is my fourth year in Circle K, and my seventh year in the Kiwanis Family. In addition to serving as your liaison, I will also be working on the Membership Development and Benefits Committee on the International Board (the other committees being Executive, Marketing and Kiwanis Family Relations, and Service).

While I myself have never been a Club Secretary, I have worked with monthly reports a great deal as a Club President and as a Lieutenant Governor. I know at times that MPRFs may seem like just paperwork, but they are actually valuable resources. They allow monitoring and historical documenting of your club's activities, as well as providing Dana with the figures to send to International so we can see how New York and Circle K International as a whole is performing. We are proud of all of the service and other activities that we all do, and thanks to you, those figures can be recognized beyond the club! I have heard from your wonderful Dana that you all have had the most service hours and most MPRFs submitted than any other year. That is AMAZING! Thank you all for taking the time to send those in. Secretaries are a vital part of keeping and sharing records, and you all are doing an excellent job! Thank you for all that you do for this great organization.

If there is anything I can do to help, or you just want to talk, feel free to contact me! My email is powell.343@osu.edu, AIM is StefaniOSU, and cell phone number is 513-317-9296.

Yours in Service, Leadership, and Fellowship,

Stefani Powell

Circle K International Trustee



**"Within you right now is the power to do things you never dreamed possible."
-Maxwell Maltz-**





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Filling out the MPRF is easier than ever before! You can now fill it out online! Check out the link below.

nydsecretary0506.tripod.com

Important Announcements!

- Please send in October MPRFs by Thursday, November 3! I would like an up-to-date service hour total for NY Speaking. However, you have up until November 7 to get them in and they will be considered on time.
- Currently, the NY District Board has the following vacancies: District Administrative Secretary, District Editor, Bronx-Hudson Lt. Governor, Empire Lt. Governor, and Sunshine Committee Chairperson. Please tell everyone you know and encourage them to apply!
- Before you know it, District Convention will be right around the corner! Host club applications for District Convention 2006 are due at NY Speaking on November 4. It is a great way to get involved on the District level!



If you would like to submit an article about your club to be featured in the next Secretary's Sidebar, just send me an e-mail!

Autumn Birthdays!

- Kate White, Binghamton - October 6*
- Sarah Storms, St. John Fisher - October 7*
- Rachel Krongelb, Albany - November 18*
- Tracy Rose, Ithaca - December 2*
- Erica Gonyo, Clarkson - December 8*
- Lauren Staub, Cortland - December 13*
- Lisa DelCastillo, Adelphi - December 20*

Important Dates

**October MPRFs Due:
November 3**

**New York Speaking:
November 4-6**

**DCON Host Club
Application Deadline:
November 4**

**Dues Deadline:
December 1**

**K-family Day of Service:
December 3**

**District Convention:
March 24-26**

**“A kind and compassionate act is often its own reward.”
-William John Bennett-**



Welcome New Club Secretaries!

- Kate Legnetti, Hofstra University*
- Seema Amin, New York Institute of Technology*
- Kimberly Worobey, Russell Sage College*

A Service Hour Can Include:

- ◆ Time spent preparing for a service project
- ◆ The actual service project
- ◆ Travel time to the service project
- ◆ Interclub service projects include travel time and hours at the project
- ◆ Fundraisers in which **ALL** money is being donated to a charity

Please Note: Service hours only count for members who have paid dues to the District and International.