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Hey Southwest



Happy New Year! I can't believe it's already 2011! It has been an amazing 2010, we accomplished so much, I hope we can keep our momentum rolling with this new year!

In 2010, we had our very own president's retreat in Tucson, Arizona, brought 14 members to St. Louis, Missouri for the 2010 CKI Large Scale Service Project and International Convention, and had a record number of attendees at Fall Rally! We also were fortunate enough to have several clubs interested in chartering, including Cochise Community College who are officially chartered! It's been a busy year and I'm glad you were all part of it.

We have two major events coming up this year. We have our first ever District Large Scale Service Project coming up January 14-16th in Albuquerque, New Mexico as well as our District Convention to be held alongside Southwest Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference.

However, don't forget we are part of an international organization! Look forward to the annual Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) and International Convention (ICON) in Virginia Beach, Virginia! At LSSP, you will serve the community for 3 consecutive days as well as participate in fellowship activities! At ICON, you can attend workshops about how to better yourself as well as your club, voice your opinions about the laws and regulations of CKI and vote for the next round of international officers (yes! We have politics too!). At both events, you will meet many Circle K-ers who are just as passionate as you are about serving the community!

I can't wait to kick off this new year with CKI at DLSSP!

Sincerely,

Michelle Wong



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Sec/Treas Report



Happy New Year!!! I would like to thank everyone for such a successful 2010. We have accomplished so much and I am excited for what is to come in 2011. I would like to congratulate The University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University for being the only clubs to pay their dues on time! Woot woot!

At this point there is only one club that has not paid dues, but they should be paying them really soon so that no club in the District should be delinquent. This means that everyone should be eligible to attend all District and International events! Yay! I will be contacting all presidents and secretaries to get updated information of all your officers so that I can update the District Directory. So keep an eye out for that email. Treasurers, I will be sending you an important document (an expenditure/reimbursement form) that you should begin to use so that we have everything in order and organized to file taxes in future years. I will explain how to fill it out in detail in the email. Presidents, we will be having a board meeting at DLSSP on Sunday January 16th. If you are not attending DLSSP, please let Michelle and I know so that you can telephone or Skype in. All right guys, lets get this year started on the right track! Break!

Ricardo Galicia
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EDITORS NOTES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I am super excited about this year and the things that are going to happen with CKI. Thank you so much for the support within the last year for the Southwest Suns! Last month we had over 95 views!!!! That is more than any other issue of the Southwest Sun and it was all thanks to you all who helped me spread it throughout your clubs. Last month we had a raffle for The Office Season 1 and Season 2 DVD sets and the winner was Diana Garcia from Grand Canyon University!! I hope that you all have enjoyed the Southwest Suns thus far and continue to send me club updates and stories. Don't ever hesitate to send me stories because I am always looking for them. Thank you for reading and I hope that you enjoy this issue of the Southwest Sun!

Yours in Caring, Friendship, and Service,

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If you ever have any questions feel free to contact any of the District Officers!

International News

From your Sub-B Rep,

Rachel Bennett



As the fall semester comes to a closer and the winter season is upon us I hope everyone is finding a way to stay warm. However, this past fall proven to be a great success for all three great districts in our Subregion. The California-Nevada-Hawaii district had over 500 members at their Fall Training Conference in Sonora, California.

This fantastic event focused on the +250 new members that decided to become a part of Circle K International. They have been eagerly planning their two upcoming district events DLSSP North and South. The Rocky Mountain District is bouncing back bigger and better than ever. We currently have a great governor named Ashley Lauwereins. She has done an amazing job planning their DCON event in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis Mid-Winter event in Longmont, Colorado. All of the visit requests have been submitted which means my final travel plans have been set but if anyone would like me to come for a specific event please let me know as soon as possible so I can work it around my schedule.

Now...this is what CKI has been working on from an international stand point...

- 1.) Subregional Service Hour Challenge
- 2.) International Scholarship Application
- 3.) Policy Code-Adding governor power, interclub revamp, service hour evaluation, adding International rep for international clubs
- 4.) Bylaws- Satellite Clubs

Finally in February I will be heading off to Virginia Beach to see our ICON location and work with the LSSP committee to finalize their project proposals. This is an exciting time of year for everyone with DCON season quickly approaching. I hope everyone has a great New Year and a fantastic academic semester.

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Hello From Key Club

Hey Circle K!

As our Key Club District Convention is quickly approaching, the Southwest District Key Club Board is getting ready to head up to our winter board meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico! While there, we plan on working out all of the details we need to have a booming convention! We're also happy to announce the release of our brand new district website where you can keep up with all happening's of the Southwest Key Club. In our attempts to bring together the Southwest Kiwanis Family, we're working on starting a project that all of you can participate in! This year's Governor's project will involve the construction of a memorial to our service together and Circle K members are more than welcome to purchase a brick with your own personal message on it to help us out! Check out swdkeyclub.org for information on the project and more updates on the Southwest Key Club. Thanks for making a difference!

- Nick DePorzio
Southwest District Key Club Governor

Interested in serving CKI's Students Team Up to Fight Hunger partner, but tired of the boring food drive? Well, add some spice to it. Here are five tips so that your club can serve STUFH with some flavor.

1. Host a dine-in movie night. This is a great way to collect cans. Host a movie night on your campus, showing either a popular movie, or a movie out in theaters (if your school allows it), and instead of charging money for it, ask for a donation of cans as admissions. Three cans per person for a blockbuster hit.

2. Make it peanut butter and jelly time. Don't want to hold a canned food drive? Well then make your own food to give it to the hungry. You and your chapter can make sandwiches and give them to a soup kitchen. It's a great fellowship opportunity with your club and you're helping the fight against hunger.

3. Have a food fight. Compete against another CKI club or student organization to see who can collect the most canned goods. Make it interesting by allowing the winner to donate the collected cans from all the teams to the food bank of their choice. This is a great way to collect food, and interact with other organizations.

4. CANstruct art. Spice up your service by creating a work of art with the canned goods. Construct your masterpiece with as many cans as possible. With a little imagination, you can make just about anything. You can have your CKI club do this, or you can get other organizations to help with your CANstruction.

5. Start a spirit of giving week. Start a themed week on your campus and collect different types of food on different days. Ask for canned vegetables on Mondays, tuna on Tuesdays and so on. When you make an event themed, more people are likely to participate. Also, in the spirit of giving, people will hopefully want to donate more food.

By Donnesh Amrollah, CKI's STUFH Service Ambassador

5 ways to add spice to your STUFH

Happy New Year!!! Here we are entering the last quarter of the CKI Year for all of our Officers. We have finished the year of 2010 on a very positive note with the Chartering of our Newest CKI Club at Cochise College. Joanne and I will be in Albuquerque for the LSSP and are also hoping to attend the "K-Family Winter Wonderland Charity Ball." I will be participating in the LSSP and look forward to visiting with as many of you who are able to attend.

We are entering an exciting time period with the upcoming elections of new officers for the New CKI Year. And I want to encourage all of you, who are serving and have served as club officers, to give serious consideration to your nomination for a Southwest District Position for the new CKI Year. At a minimum we will be electing a new CKI Governor, Secretary/Treasurer and Bulletin Editor.

Now, I hope we never have to give back a scholarship due to lack of candidates, nor do I like to see a package removed from consideration because it is incomplete. Every club president should have the package of materials available to share with any CKI Member who wishes to apply for one of our five (5) scholarships for this coming year. The selections will be announced at the DCON in Mesa, Arizona. The deadline for your application package is February 11, 2011. Historically, several application packages have been disqualified for being either incomplete, not having the proper signatures required, lack of transcripts or incomplete letters of recommendation. I would encourage you, if you are interested in applying, to start working on your application package immediately. Please refer any questions to any of your SWD CKI Officers. I am also available for any assistance.

In closing, Joanne and I wish each of you a very prosperous New Year as you start the Spring Semester at your respective University or College.



Kiwanis Updates

From your very own
District Administrator,
Ron Smith

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! March 4-6, 2011 Southwest
CKI's 50th Annual District Convention in Mesa!!**

Club Updates

Hello wonderful CKI'ers!

Grand Canyon wishes you a happy new year! With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, GCU decided to give a helping hand to the Salvation Army. We were able to help out with their annual Christmas Angel project at our local mall. We were able to celebrate the holiday season with dozens of people that donated gifts for underprivileged children here in the Phoenix area. GCU was also lucky enough to be able to sponsor two children, with the money we raise with our Kiwanis club! (: ...Our new years resolution you ask? GET CHARTERED!!! (:

-Diana M. Garcia



Cochise

Hello CKIers! CKI at Cochise College is now chartered! Woohoo! We had many special guests come from all over the Southwest District to our charter ceremony! We had Southwest District Kiwanis Leadership, Gov. Bruce "BK" Knappenberger, First Lady Ran Knappenberger, and Administrator Bob Carson and Executive Director Rose Ann Dodson, all from Phoenix; CKI Administrator Bob Carson and Division 7 Lt. Gov. Alma Carson from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Laura Miller, Sierra Vista Kiwanis President; Keith Linden, Sierra Vista Division 8 Lt. Gov., Cochise College President, J.D. Rottweiler; and our very own Southwest District Governor, Michelle Wong via Skype; and Sub Region B Representative, Rachel Bennett! We are very happy to be part of the Southwest District!

Recently, we finished our UNICEF fundraising and making cards for soldiers. We made a total of \$94.78! I am very proud of my club for how much we made since we are still relatively small. Our last service project for the semester was to make holiday cards for our soldiers overseas. I was able to get Cochise College's Student Government to help us out so we made the event last a whole week on campus! We collected a total of 53 cards! Thank you SGA!

For next semester, we are in the works of teaming up with UA CKI for a March of Dimes event. Some ideas we thought of are hosting a Bowling 4 Babies event and visiting one of the hospitals to help the families in need.

Lastly, Key Club at Buena High School and CKI at Cochise College will be hosting our Homeless Awareness Project in Sierra Vista's Veterans' Memorial Park on January 29th. We will be helping the homeless and spending the night at the park. The WHOLE DISTRICT is invited to our small scale service project! Make sure to bring jackets and jeans to stay warm! It's going to be a cold night! See you all at DLSSP!!!

Aaron Pearse