

# The Southwest Sun

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Southwest District of Circle K International

# Hey everyone!

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Can you believe DCON is only a week away? I'm so excited for this, Rachael and I have been working hard planning this and hope you all have fun!

It has truly been a great year and we got a lot accomplished! We had a successful District Wide Fundraiser and created the base for the District Large Scale Service Project. Whoever the next governor will be should think about continuing this! A lot of effort and time has been put into the Southwest District this year by everyone on the board. We wouldn't have accomplished what we did without them.

And now, please allow this moment of reflection:

Being governor has been simply amazing but tough at the same time. But looking back, I can't really imagine any of the struggles I went through mainly because all I can think of are the good things that happened. I made some great memories with some of the most amazing people. I enjoyed traveling to visit schools, planning district events, and all the chats we had earlier last semester. We are a small district compared to others but I've seen what the Southwest District is capable of. We are capable of organizing successful events, motivating and energizing. The Southwest District is awesome and I couldn't have asked for a better district to work with.

Thanks for a great year, I was truly an honor to serve you all, see you at DCON!

Michelle Wong

Your Govna' for just a little bit longer

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Michelle Wong

Governor

Southwest District





# Exec. Board

## Editors Notes

Aloha!

I am very sad that this CKI year is coming to an end! I have had a great time getting to know this amazing district and working with the Southwest District Board. It has been a pleasure serving as your District Bulletin Editor. We have had a great year and I hope that all of you have enjoyed the Southwest Suns! We've had so many downloads of the Southwest Suns, so I wanted to thank everyone who has taken the time to read the issues. I hope that everyone has a great finish to their CKI year and I cannot wait to see you all at DCON!

Your Editor,

Erin Lin



# Sec/ Treas. Update

Hello Everyone!

Just a little status update on the amount of service hours we have done so far this year. So far we have completed 2014.05! Great job guys! The administrative year is not over yet though, so keep on doing what you do best and keep working them hours. I am hoping that all things are in order tax wise with your clubs. If you guys have any questions about this, please let me know. All presidents and treasurers should have received the Southwest District Club Expense/Reimbursement Form, which will help you keep all of your finances in order. I will be having a workshop at DCON about filling it out and what the treasury binder should look like. That should do it for me. I hope you guys are having an awesome semester and I hope to see you all at DCON! Oh and run for district positions!!! It is soooo much fun☺

Yours in Service,

Ricardo Galicia

SW District Secretary/Treasurer



# K-FAMILY BONDING

Are you having trouble engaging the different branches of the Kiwanis family? Here are some easy ways for your CKI club to involve and get involved with all members of the Kiwanis family.

1. Understand the Kiwanis family : Understanding the differences between the branches can help you relate to them not only as a club but as individuals.

- Kiwanis: Service organization for adults (parent organization)
- Aktion Club: Service organization for adults with disabilities (Service Leadership Program)
- Key Club: Service and leadership organization for high school students (SLP)
- Builder's Club: Service organization for middle school and junior high students (SLP)
- Kiwanis Kids: Service organization for elementary school students (SLP)

2. Show appreciation: When you go to a Kiwanis-family meeting make sure to thank them for the invitation to see their club in action. Also (if applicable) tell them how their club helped your club in the past. Ex: The money from our Sunshine Kiwanis helped us put on the VH1 Save the Music Concert.

3. Sponsor other Kiwanis-family clubs: Have your CKI club sponsor other SLP groups

4. Stay in touch with other Kiwanis-family clubs: When you go to a Kiwanis-family meeting remember to mention your upcoming events and invite them to those projects. Ask for their calendar of events. Invite all branches of the Kiwanis Family to partner in service projects with you. Try to host a joint e-board meeting with all members of the Kiwanis family in your area. Make sure you get a directory of all Kiwanis-family members in your area so you know who to contact and why.

5. Make other members of the Kiwanis family feel appreciated: Write thank you notes to the clubs that helped with any of your projects. Remember to write holiday cards to your Kiwanis-family partners to show them you are thinking about them during the holidays. Invite other Kiwanis-family members to your socials to make the feel appreciated.

6. LSSP: Large Scale Service Project : Get involved with other Circle K chapters with the Large Scale Service Project.

7. Kiwanis One Day: Enjoy service and fellowship with members of the Kiwanis Family in Kiwanis One Day. Remember to start promoting and planning Kiwanis Family One Day early. When planning Kiwanis Family One Day, remember to consult all parties included in the day's activities.

# Club Updates

Cochise College CKI has done many things in the past month and half since the semester started. We started the year with the joint project with key club at Buena High School called the Homeless Awareness Project! We spent three months planning this project and we hosted it on January 29<sup>th</sup>! I invited Michelle over to the project to help feed the homeless. We did not spend the night at the park because I did not want anybody to get sick. Instead, we went to Kayla Tomooka's house and attended a surprise birthday party! We played Just Dance 2 on the Wii and hung out for the rest of the night. Michelle's boyfriend, Thomas, took a video of me dancing to the game. Check it out on Facebook!

Another major project CKI did with the school's student government was doing a flash mob. We have practiced for a whole month to the Black Eyed Pea's "I Gotta Feeling" to do the dance correctly and it was a success! We did the flash mob at Faculty and Development Day at Cochise College's Douglas campus during lunch. All the faculty and staff were surprised of what was going on! We had different groups that joined in at different times of the song! I even got our Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors involved! We had a blast! Check out the video on Youtube! Type in "flash mob at Cochise"!

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we built our castle of cans with key club and built a creative castle with the help of Kayla. We built a major castle in the center and two miniature towers on the side. We also had a river with a bridge leading to "CC" in the front. We then donated the cans to a local homeless shelter and the staff was surprised by the amount of cans that were coming their way! I want to thank everybody who helped build the castle.

Lastly, Cochise College CKI will have 7 members, including myself, attend DCON in March. We are all excited to see you all real soon!

Cochise

Arizona State University CKI has recently held our elections for the Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year. Our new board will be shadowing our current board until DCON, and after that they will start to function as the positions that they were elected for, until our Induction Ceremony on April 4<sup>th</sup> where they will assume control of the club. Stepping into the role of president will be Erin Lin, vice president: Jared Doles, secretary: Brittany Lenart, treasurer: Lydia Chang, bulletin editor: Alexa Kirkpatrick, and Historian: Adam Alharoon. We also did an inter-club with the University of Arizona CKI where we helped them paint charms for Ben's Bells. It was great to do a service project with them!

Arizona State

New Mexico

UNM CKI is starting its Castle of Cans food drive. It began Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and will end Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to build our can and show the district all our pictures!

# Kiwanis Updates

CKI Southwest District – I've got some exciting news. We are on the verge of Chartering our 7<sup>th</sup> CKI Club, this one on the campus of Western New Mexico University. And I have seen additional correspondence that leads me to believe that we may soon have our 8<sup>th</sup> CKI Club chartered at the campus of Eastern New Mexico University. Our goal is to have both of these clubs chartered before our International Convention at Virginia Beach on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The Southwest District is on the move!

I'm also extremely excited to announce that I have accepted the appointment as the Southwest District Project ELIMINATE Chair. Kiwanis International recently launched "The ELIMINATE Project" which is a 5 year project to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus (MNT). Eliminating MNT will change the world. Together, Kiwanis International and UNICEF will eliminate MNT and give the poorest families around the world the chance to lead the healthy lives they deserve. There are few events more joyful than the day a new baby is welcomed into the world. But in 40 countries, this dreaded disease quickly turns joy into tragedy. Maternal and Neonatal tetanus kills one baby every nine minutes – that is 60,000 babies every year. And up to 30,000 mothers die each year also. The good news is that this deadly disease can easily be prevented. Three doses of a 60-cent immunization protect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies. The question is, "How can we allow MNT to take its vicious toll when we have the power to prevent it.?"

I expect that CKI'er's once again will step up and ultimately become the leaders in a Worldwide Service Project. During the 1980's when Kiwanis International took on the challenge of alleviating IDD (Iodine Deficiency) which was the leading cause of Brain Disorders throughout the world. CKI was the leader in the Kiwanis Family with your per-capita monetary donations. At the beginning of this program it was estimated that 75% of the children in the world were impacted by IDD – today it is less than 5%.

Given my soon to be, new responsibilities, I'm very happy to report that Southwest District Kiwanis International Governor BK will be installing our own Bob Carson as the new Southwest District CKI Administrator at our District Convention in Mesa. I expect that this transition will be seamless.

I want to take this time to thank all of you for your awesome support and hope to work closely with CKI, as the Kiwanis Family in the Southwest District supports this effort to Eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus.

Yours in Service

*Ron Smith*



**5** The CKI International Convention will be held at Virginia Beach this summer! For more information ask your club president!