Governors Greeting

Hello I-I Circle K Members!

I hope that everyone is getting back into the swing of classes again after winter break and that you are doing lots of service in your communities. It is amazing to think of how much the district has already accomplished this year, but we still do have a long way to go in reaching our goals before April 1st. Remember that everything you are doing is benefiting someone else. Every day, you as a member make someone else’s life a little bit better with your positive actions within your community.

Keep up the good work,
Brooke
District Governor

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What has your governor been up to?

Since this calendar year started, I have attended Holiday Embrace. I loved seeing so many of you there to support the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation and all of Ryan and his committee’s hard work. After Holiday Embrace, I made my way to Detroit, MI for the 100th birthday celebration of Kiwanis. At the end of this month I will be venturing to the Rocky Mountain District to attend their DCON as well. I would really like to visit any and every club in the next two months, so please invite me to a meeting or project!
Make a difference this February for the Eliminate Project. With this being the last year for the eliminate project, I encourage every club to host some type of event for the eliminate project this month! To get a few ideas of what projects or events you can host, check out www.theeliminateproject.org

Once you have collected all of your donations, be sure to send them in for club recognition via check or money order with your attached giving form that you can find at www.theeliminateproject.org/slprecognition

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Your club name or club number should be written in the memo line.

Send your check to:
The Eliminate Project: Campaign Office
Kiwanis International Foundation
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268 USA
ATTN: Show your love, Save a life

New Divisional Lines!

Considering running for an LTG position at DCON? If so, please check out our new divisional lines as these lines will take effect on April 1st and LTGs will be elected based on our new map. Our divisions are now: City (blue), Northern (green), Douglas (orange), Lincoln (yellow), and State (purple).

The City and Northern divisions will contain the same schools as they currently do. The Douglas division will contain the schools that were previously in the Hawkeye division. The Lincoln division will contain Eureka, Bradley, Illinois College, Quincy University, and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The State division will be home to Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and Southeastern Illinois College.
District Convention: Story of Service

This year's District Convention (DCON) will be held at Western Illinois University which is in Macomb, IL. The theme of our DCON is Story of Service which will be based on all things Toy Story. The registration deadline is March 8, 2015.

All clubs are encouraged to apply for club awards and all members are encouraged to apply for the scholarships. Both of which can be found on the registration website:

https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2015ckidcon

This year's DCON cost is very low at $103 per person. That includes your room, food, and all of the activities. We will be having many workshops for new and old members as well as for Kiwanis and faculty advisors.

Elections for 2015-2016 board members will also take place at DCON! If you are interested in running for election, please feel free to reach out to any current board member.
Hello I-I District!

I hope that school has been treating all of you well since your return to campus, and that you are all ready for more service and fellowship!

If you are a club secretary, please continue to submit reports and notify me of any changes to your club’s officer contact information. Thank you to everyone who submitted a report this month, and especially to those schools that have submitted some missing reports! If you have not submitted an MRF for this month or would like to catch up on missing reports, please follow this url:

http://tinyurl.com/14-15iiclubmrf

Please keep up all the great work and always let me know if you have any questions! I hope to see you all at District Convention next month!

Yours in Service,

Christina Khouri

Secretary Tip of the Month:

Have Your Club Recognized at DCON!

Other than submitting applications for club awards, you can have your club recognized at District Convention for consistent reporting! No application needed – Just get those MRFs in ASAP!

-100% Reporting
  * Awarded to all clubs that have submitted an MRF for every month of the service year by the time of DCON (You can submit reports for any missed months at any time before DCON!)

-100% On-Time Reporting
  * Awarded to all clubs that have submitted an MRF by its respective due date for every month of the service year by the time of DCON

If you have any questions regarding your club’s reporting history, please do not hesitate to contact me!
Thank you so much to the clubs who have gotten their dues turned in thus far. Be sure that if you have not submitted dues that you do so as soon as possible, your members deserve to be active members and receive all the benefits! We still have several clubs in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District that have not paid dues. If you are having issues, please ask for help!

Reminder: If you submitted dues in the fall but have gained additional members, please add the additional members to your roster and send in district dues for those members!

Thank you to the following clubs for getting dues submitted (as of 1/25/14):

**District and International Dues:**
- Augustana College
- DePaul University
- Illinois College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Northern Illinois University
- Quincy University
- Rock Valley College
- Saint Ambrose University
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

**International Dues:**
- North Central College

Total Paid Members: 180

Please let me know what your members are doing to fundraise or as a club what you’ve been up to so I can include it in my treasurer updates. If you have other questions regarding club expenses and other treasurer items, please feel free to contact the treasurer, Hannah Dohm. Keep up the good work!
This year’s Holiday Embrace was a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, dancing and balloons. The evening commenced at 5 PM with the registration area open and the ballroom ready! Picture this.... Balloons all around the room, mini hot air balloons as centerpieces, clouds floating, old time luggage, and adventure in the air. Alright, you have the setting now for the main event. The night consisted of dinner with classical and fun music followed by some fun activities and the presentation of the main project for Spastic Paralysis this year, Camp Independence’s brand new playground. Kiwanis Governor, Jim Dooley, spoke about the foundation and the plans for the playground as well as invited all the members of the Kiwanis Family to join them near Gurnee, IL to build the playground the first weekend in May this year. After Jim was finished talking, we moved on to dancing, bidding on the silent auction items, and buying raffle tickets.

There were many objects in the silent auction this year including signed memorabilia from the Chicago Bears, Chicago Blackhawks and even some rides in hot air balloons. There was a 50/50 raffle that the winner ended up receiving $220! There were also smaller prices that were raffled off such as gift cards and gift certificates. The DJ was playing many tunes from the 60s to modern day music for the crowd. The dance floor was never empty especially when songs like the Wobble, the Macarena, and the Cha Cha slide played. It was a night to remember for many people.

As of right now there are still numbers to be counted to know for sure how much was raised during the event, but our goal was around $2,000 and from early estimates we look to be past that goal! It has been an exciting year as the SPRF chair and I couldn’t be happier with how the event turned out! I want to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy lives and traveled to northern Illinois to experience the “adventure.” Like the Disney movie “UP,” we went on an adventure together this year and at Holiday Embrace. Please stay tuned in for more updates on the playground project and join us as we go and land our “house” (playground) in Gurnee for the kids to enjoy!

It has been a pleasure this year!

Ryan Balentyne
SPRF Chair
Hello CKI’ers!

I hope your second semester (or trimester) is off to a great start!

I wanted to take some time to share with you an event that North Central’s CKI put on during our fall term. We hosted a great event called “Taste of Circle K!” This event was held in one of the larger halls on campus, and we had 5 different tables. At each table, students were able to participate in a different service project. We made blankets, wrote cards to soldiers, decorated socks with puffy paint to make them anti-slippery, etc.! We were so excited with the turn out; we had so many individuals come to our event to make a difference and learn about CKI. Many of the volunteers are now members of our club on campus, which was a huge bonus!

What are some activities that you or your club has put on to help gain more membership while having fun and serving? Share your ideas at cedunne@noctrl.edu.

I can’t wait to hear from you!

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