Subregion G Gets it Done!

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The summer service Social was held in Deland Florida and turned out to be an amazing weekend of service and fellowship. As the representative of Subregion G, I am very proud of my SSS coordinators.

Without the help of Florida District Treasurer Brent Marshall and Florida Governor Tim Wolfinger, the event would not have been possible.

During the short weekend event we crammed in tons of service and many fun social events. The 22 attendees helped out with the elderly, cleaned up a park and did service for a local garden.

They also got to have fun playing games late at night at the campground, got to drive on Daytona Beach and even got to swim in DeLeon Springs.

The event was fantastic and for being the first ever Subregion G event, I would have to say it was a huge success. I thank all the attendees and I hope for an even bigger turnout next year!
Southeastern University Helps the Homeless

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On April 30, eight students from SEU CKI, nine students from the K-Kids at Montessori and four students from USF CKI went down to the Talbot House in Lakeland in order to feed the homeless. On April 30th, the group served over 150 meals, cleaned the dishes, and helped set up the dining room for evening prayer.

SEU CKI has made it a routine that once a month we would go down and volunteer at the Talbot House. As April 30th emerged as our last event of the year, we wanted it to be special for those at the House, as well as our group. CKI is a family, and it’s always a blessing to have those from other clubs join you in events. The K-Kids would be the ones to serve, and so we helped them get dressed as soon as we arrived. It was such a delight to work with those younger than us. Never look down upon children because they are young, because you will be surprised at what they can do when they are put into action. The K-Kids served with a smile and didn’t give up even when it got hard.

Remember, they fed over 150 plates!
This is the second event that has been done with the K-Kids in the last couple of months, as earlier with the K-Kids we went and did a lake clean up. Not only were the K-Kids there to help serve, but USF CKI was a major help in the dish room.

During the night in order to change it up a bit, one of our students brought some entertainment. Rafael Tavares from SEU CKI is apart of an organization at SEU called FX, in which they use unique items as instruments such as trashcans and brooms. The people at the Talbot House loved the show, and instead of just eating they were able to have some entertainment as well.

Once the event was over we had a social with USF CKI at a local pizza place, which brought our two clubs closer as one. Our sponsoring Kiwanis Club was there the entire time being an inspiration and a helping hand. Over all, it was a great experience which left great memories.

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Florida District Goals for 2010-11

GOALS:
1. Membership: 450
2. Service Hours: 13,000
3. Interclubs: 100
4. New Clubs: 5
5. Maintain Recently Chartered or Re-chartered clubs.

BY: Carl Fridh
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As with a new year in CKI comes new goals as well. And our District board thinks we all can accomplish these goals.

While membership has taken a lull in recent years, our District has always remained to be one of the strongest in all of International and we have some of the greatest and most passionate members in all of International.

As a matter of fact, our District is so passionate that we have done 12,122 hours of service last year. We think all of our clubs in the District can help achieve our goal of 13,000 (that’s right, thirteen THOUSAND) service hours this year.

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Summertime Club Building

BY: Ty Morton
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Although it may not seem like the best time for club building, the summer can actually be a great time to get a CKI club started. Not only do you have more free time in the summer, but you can actually get dedicated members that can help you build your club throughout the school year. Here are a few good reasons why the summer is the best time to start building a CKI club.

One, you will have more time to talk to your local Kiwanis Club. To start a new CKI club (or rejuvenate an existing one), a relationship with a local Kiwanis Club is key. If you are starting a new club, Kiwanis can be there to support you with the chartering costs and help you get started.

Remember if you want to build a CKI, it will be a $600 chartering fee, which covers member dues, a banner, bell and gavel. Another great reason to start in the summer is that finding a faculty advisor and working with the school to create the club should be easier than normal. Due to decreased enrollment and lower class sizes, it should be easier to talk to professors and school officials about starting or helping out a club.

Lastly, whether you are starting a club or building up an existing club, reaching out to the new students on campus is a great idea. If you are chartering a club, try to get a few base members who are really dedicated so that when fall comes around, you will be ready and have a plan to recruit new members. If you are trying to increase membership, really try to talk to the freshmen who come to school in the summer to get a head start. Freshmen are always looking for fun and exciting opportunities and we should show them that CKI is one they should consider.

The summer is a great time to get the plans together and the groundwork done, so by the time fall comes around, you are ready to recruit members and serve your community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I can help you in any way I can. Good luck Circle K’ers and hopefully we can reach our goal of five new clubs this year!

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CKI Makes a “Splash” at Key Club Convention!

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At the past Key Club District Convention in Orlando, Circle K started a new tradition. Our KCI to CKI Chairman Carly Henry and her committee hosted the first annual pool party for graduating seniors. Her efforts were focused on recruiting graduating seniors coming out of Key Club and keeping them active by introducing them to the collegiate version of the K-Family: Circle K International!

Prior to the event, Carly sent out personal invitations to each senior at the convention, inviting them to the exclusive party that was only open to graduating seniors. This made the event more private and special, which helped to compel them to attend. There were representatives from the top universities’ clubs at the party available to answer questions as well as play pool games, give out popsicles, and throw T-shirts into the crowd around the sign-up table.

The District Board was pleased to see that there were over two-hundred graduating Key Clubbers in attendance, eager to continue their journey in the K-Family. Overall, this pool party was a complete success and we had over one-hundred and fifty members sign up to receive information about the CKI club at the universities they were attending in the fall.

To add to the success, we even had a few members inquire about starting clubs at schools that did not already have them. Hopefully we will be able to continue this successful tradition in the future to increase our CKI membership for many years to come.
UF Gets Locked in for Service!

BY: Danielle Langford
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“Ice Cream and Cake do the Ice Cream and Cake...” At 8:00p.m on February 26, 2010 a number of UF CKI’ers voluntarily locked themselves in a building for the night. The Circle K lock-in was an exciting night filled with icebreakers, fun activities, and of course lots and lots of SERVICE!

There were plenty of reasons to stay awake all night. The lock-in was a special event for our club as it gave us an opportunity to do many types of service affecting a variety of causes in just one night. It was amazing to see all the club and community support that went into this event.

Picking up some of the donations made me realize that not only did businesses see our event as worthy by giving us supplies for the service projects but they were also willing to donate food and coffee to get us through the night. Living with Lauren Furman (the project coordinator), I watched her spend countless hours making sure this event happened. There were also a number of club members that planned individual service projects that benefited a cause close to their heart.

Throughout the night the project leaders presented their individual projects one after another.

The service started out with Mariam Ilyss handing our markers to decorate bags to be used for Kanyon McLean’s Health and Safety Girl Scout Day.

We continued our work at the craft station by putting together recipe coloring books that Amber Thacker planned to donate to a classroom growing a garden at a local Gainesville elementary school.

Next, Courtney Collins and Stacy Satterwhite did a project with molding clay beads for the Child Advocacy Center to raise funds for their organization. Danielle Wish got supplies donated for us to paint a canvas to hang up at a local homeless shelter. Sam Tucker presented us with local, state and national topics for us to write letters advocating in their name. Lauren passed out hats and paint, and for us to decorate hats for juvenile cancer patients.

Shaine Nudel organized a project to sew medical dolls to give to child patients in hospitals so that they can show doctors where they hurt. Finally at the end of the night we baked and decorated cookies.

Towards the end of the night eyes looked droopy but the satisfaction of having completed 12 hours of straight sleepless service kept everyone going until the end. If the satisfaction wasn’t enough for some there were also many fun breaks between the projects.

The night was full of icebreakers and bonding; my favorite being an activity where everyone sat in a circle and had the opportunity to share about their most meaningful service project and why it was special to them.

There was also a movie showing of “The Gift”, and inspirational group songs including “World’s greatest” and of course “Ice Cream and Cake!”

The lock-in was a very special project that I would love to see continued within our club in the future!

USF-Tampa Burns Up The Dance Floor

BY: Gerrad Carson
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For an afternoon, a night, and a morning, USF’s student organizations gathered in the Marshall Center’s Ball Room to raise money for the All Children’s Hospital. The 2010 edition of Dance Marathon featured an array of music, routines, and activities to keep us all on our feet.

The marathon kicked off with the Morale Team demonstrating a dance that would be taught piece by piece to the volunteers throughout the night. We were then split up into the four super-teams of: Miami, Hollywood, Los Angeles, and New York City. Even though Krystal Weaver and Alex Garner were captains of the Hollywood team, CKI owned the floor with the Miami team.

Throughout the night, there were breaks in the action for us to hear the patients talk about their experiences with the hospital and how it helped them overcome their illness. Some of them had treatments for multiple diseases. And our own Nicole McDowell had the opportunity to share her story.

Dance Marathon wasn’t all dancing. A game station was featured just outside the dance floor. Nintendo 64 video games hit the TV screens with Mario Kart race and a Super Smash Bros. beat-down, which a member of CKI dominated. A massage booth was provided for those who needed to be refreshed during the course of the event. And what’s a service project without a little bit of competition? A hula-hoop contest took place and both Elizabeth Straw and Carly Henry made the top five in field of over 20 contestants.

A large sum of the night’s donations were collected from the Dance Marathon Jail. Volunteers were able to send their friends to jail for a fee. People could only get out of jail if they collected the necessary bail money, which was twice the fee that they were placed in. The highest bail of the night reached triple digits! A poor soul was locked up on a $100 bail. Luckily, CKI members avoided the painful incarceration, for the most part.

The music themes of Dance Marathon changed by the hour, and with the different themes came a variety of guest dancers. Dance schools, competition teams, cultural routines, and our Sun Dolls performed for our entertainment. Also, free McDonald’s and Dominoes were provided, and our club especially took advantage of that! It was definitely a night and morning, to remember. We’ll be sure to return next year for Dance Marathon 2011!
Hello Mighty Mighty Florida District!

I hope your summer is off to a great start! Summer is a great time to relieve the stress from the year and for fun in the sun.

While you are planning all your wonderful trips and adventures for the break please remember that service is a year-round need. Please take the time to participate in a project when you have the opportunity. When you’re at home, work with a CKI or Kiwanis Club in your area. Go to your local homeless shelter or volunteer at a camp. Make your summer not only fun but also fulfilling by making a difference in your community.

If you need ideas on service projects to do, look towards the Governor’s Project. For those of you that do not know, this year my Governor’s Project is Time Warp: Past, Present and Future. In the spring semester, my focus is volunteering for the youth, or the future. In the summer semester, my focus is on the inter-clubbing with CKI members and other college level organizations, or the present. In the fall semester, my focus is on the elderly, or the past.

In Friendship and Service,

Timothy R. Wolfinger
Florida District Governor
Circle K International

If you are back home for the summer look to organizations like the Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters or Boys and Girls Club to spend a little time helping those in need. Once you do that you will forget all about those things that cause you to take your sights off of the really important stuff.

Take some time this summer to become that servant leader you were meant to be. Exercise self discipline this summer and do what is right for other not just what is convenient. Don’t get caught up in those things that provide instance gratification as opposed to creating real lasting memories.

Become that person you were meant to be even if outside forces pull you in a different direction. Don’t let your pride get in the way from you making a difference this summer, sacrifice just a little more than others might think possible.

Don’t become so self-absorbed or self-serving. Remember in life it is never about how big your house is rather who’s home did you help build.

Enjoy your summer break from the weekly grind of school and stay focused on those things that really matter.

I thank you in advance from all those who will benefit from your generosity this summer.
Relaying for a “Kure”

BY: Carl Fridh
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Last year’s service project, Key For A Kure, involved clubs throughout the District to participate in their local Relay for Life events. And as a matter of fact, this year’s impromptu District LSSP was participating in Palmetto, Florida’s Relay event.

Held on the track and field of Palmetto High School, several members of USF-Tampa, St. Petersburg College, and the local club State College of Florida combined their efforts for the event. More than $170 was raised for the American Cancer Society in their efforts to fight cancer.

Many other clubs throughout the District attended their Relay events throughout the spring semester. Let’s see how successful clubs throughout the Florida District was in this event that is close to everybody’s heart!

LEFT: Some of the people that attended this year’s LSSP at the Palmetto, FL Relay for Life event!
Photo by: Chandni Bhakta

BELOW: University of Florida ruining an episode of CSI: Miami by standing on the crime scene... kidding. Their team raised over $1,500 and nabbed a bronze title for fundraising. Way to go!
Photo by: Amber Thacker

LEFT: Scott Bourdon and John Morris of SPC fundraise by getting their cups stuffed! Absurd? Yes. Awesome? Also a yes.
Photo by: Chris Searfoss

RIGHT: Alex Garner and Taylor Morgan dance away at USF-Tampa’s Relay. Alex Garner and Krystal Weaver were both heavily involved in the planning of their event.
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It’s summer and for a lot of us, it’s a much needed reprieve from school. For some it’s three months of going back home or having fun. For others, it’s a period of getting business done. But for all of us, summer is a time of service, and the Florida District is never short on that.

A month of summer has passed by already and our District has already done some big things! As you have read on the front page, our District hosted the first ever Subregion G Summer Service Social! We hope to make this a yearly tradition during the summer, with 22 CKI members present from our neighboring Districts including Alabama and Kentucky-Tennessee. Despite the oven-like temperatures, we managed to sizzle while doing service and having one heck of a great weekend!

And the CKI fun isn’t all over yet! If you crave some fun service and good times, I urge you to register for ICON and LSSP right now! Held this year in the beautiful city of St. Louis on the grounds of Washington University, LSSP is a fun time of service and fellowship and overall good fun to attend. ICON is where CKI gets down to business and sort out the future of our fair organization.

Well, that’s all for now. I hope each and every one of you are having a fun, safe, and enjoyable summer!

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES, Shout Outs, and PICTURES FOR THE CIRCLE KAPERS TODAY!
Please e-mail them to: cefridh@gmail.com
And you may see them in an upcoming issue!

The Florida State University chapter of Circle K International has begun our service for the summer! To kick off our summer of fun, on Saturday June 12 we participated in an Arts Day with United Cerebral Palsy.

Along with learning about the different disorders that some had, CKI helped clean up while enjoying the festivities of the day. We were glad to be of assistance to the director, Ms. Valerie.

On Sunday June 13 we participated in service at the Front Porch Library. The library was founded by Adrian Fogelin. This lively and inspiring woman is both an author and illustrator, whose passion for the kids of her community has offered them the opportunity to enjoy reading and to check out books right in their own neighborhood.

To celebrate Front Porch Library's first birthday, we played games with the children and helped with the arts and crafts of the day. It was great to see how much CKI helped brighten the smiles of the kids faces as they played “Pin a Title on a Book” (see photo) and took part in a scavenger hunt. The children were able to win prizes and afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious ice cream cake after singing "Happy Birthday" to the library.

ABOVE: A kid playing a round of “Pin a Title on a Book.” The game was a popular attraction done during FSU CKI's visit to the Front Porch Library. Photo by: Saisha Delevoe
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