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**Welcome to a special issue of the Kapers, the all ICON/LSSP issue. In this issue, we focus on all of the adventures and fun CKI had in St. Louis!**

Check out some of our most interesting stories; such as Chris and Scott’s road trip on page 2 and another rousing edition of “Where in the World is Alex Garner?” as well!

But more importantly, check out a special word from our new Subregion G Representative Krystal Weaver and some handy service project and membership retention ideas to go along with it.

I really hope you all enjoy this issue and maybe this will convince you to come next June in sunny Virginia Beach, VA!
We traveled about 2000 miles; 4 days and about 6 tanks of gas to get to International Convention in St. Louis Missouri, and in the end it was all worth it!

On August, 2, 2010 two members from St. Petersburg College, Chris Searfoss and Scott Bourdon left for the most amazing adventure on the back roads heading towards the 2010 International Convention in St. Louis Missouri with three things on their minds; service, fellowship, and leadership.

We stopped by Sam’s Club buying food and hit the road. We drove Scott’s truck which didn’t make Chris feel any safer. Driving over every pebble or rock we prayed that it stayed intact, which thankfully it did. Toughing it out through at least 4 hour driving shifts and sleeping in the truck at rest areas on the side of the highway.

Along the way we made many amazing stops such as Atlanta (which did not have the best drivers). Also, Nashville which was the best pit stop of all. We stopped by The World’s Largest peanut, the Country Music Hall of Fame, Tootsie’s and the last Johnny Rockets in the free world. The road not only created terrific memories, but gave us the opportunity to meet the people we all in CKI set out to help.

When we arrived to Washington University where the Convention was being held, our expectations were exceeded at the site of the blank campus and its beautiful scenery. The campus was not only impressive in size and beautiful buildings, but it supplied us with a theatre which was used every day and a cafeteria with enough room for every Circle K member. At registration we were given a card that was not only a room key, but also had 40 dollars on it that could be used for food. The accommodations were dorm rooms this year and we had interesting roommates who were always having good conversations in the living room, leaving the door open for anybody to join in.

When we weren’t spending time changing CKI with positions and amendments, there was always something to do. Whether that meant entertaining each other downstairs of the MUD Building or Scott pulling a prank on Alabama Governor Leanna Kennemur.

We got closer to our own district and others as we do every year. We enjoyed the great T-shirts this year and the goody bags Taylor and Chris made that contained a great homemade stuffed Kiwana. We were proud to see our Krystal Weaver and Alex Garner move up in the organization, representing Florida in a big way. From seeing CKI members sing their heart out to how many people want to play volleyball at midnight, it was an amazing convention.

Off campus, us and another handful of friends from the Florida district visited the famous Arch seeing the whole city and river from the top. Luckily none of us except for maybe Scott were super tall because the small shuttles that took us to the top of the arch were made for the Men in Black movie. No really, they were small!

After saying goodbye to all our friends we made our way back home driving one mile at a time. We thought about what we have to do the second we get back home energized and ready to change the world all over again.

After all, no CKI member ever stands alone because behind them there are hundreds of others ready to yell at the world to make their voices heard!
Recruit and Retain! A Guide to Boosting Numbers:

**Recruit**

- **Body Language Speaks Too!** - While tabling at an event, watch your body language too. Closing/crossing your arms may make you look disinterested.

- **Be Organized!** - Misplacing items will make you look bad in front of prospective members. Also, don’t be passive/inattentive when handing out flyers, stay alert!

- **Avoid Acronyms** - While CKI, DOTC, DCON, ICON, LSSP, etc. may be everyday talk to us. To a new face, they don’t know or really care about acronyms. Don’t overwhelm them.

- **Target Your Audience** - Some people in your audience may be interested in CKI for one reason or another. For a general audience, focus mainly on fellowship and service. For people that are more logical or into law, convince them with the leadership aspect.

- **Go for Freshmen** - A lot of CKI members have been in this organization since their first semester of school. Recruiting members at the start of their college careers may help them stick around longer. Work with Key Club seniors for even more results.

**Retain**

- **Make the first few meetings “social”** - While decorum makes us professional, to a new person it makes our club look boring. Liven up the first few meetings of a semester shorter and more social with food or ice-breakers.

- **Be Interested!** - Older members should hang out/sit near prospective members. Genuinely be interested in a new person’s well-being and be awesome around them.

- **Hang Out with them Outside CKI** - If you see a new member outside a meeting, try to hang out with them, make small talk. It will likely make them feel welcomed. Don’t overwhelm them about CKI though.

- **If they come back, remember!** - It’s really important to remember names of new people if they return for a second or third meeting. It makes them feel noticed and welcomed as well!

- **Avoid Cliques!** - Cliques can cause drama in the club and may intimidate new members as well. Be sure to include others.

- **Open Up Leadership Opportunities** - After a while, new members may want to help out. Club committee chairs are a great way to make opportunities.

**REMEMBER!**

Recruiting NEVER ends!
Service Under the Arch! - LSSP 2010

BY: Carl Fridh
Florida District Editor
Florida Gulf Coast University

From July 31st to August 4th, CKI members from all over the world joined together and served the communities of St. Louis in the 10th annual Large Scale Service Project (or LSSP).

On Saturday, members arrived on the grounds of Washington University in St. Louis (or WUSTL) and got paired in their teams and stayed on campus in dorms. The service started early the next morning, where most of the groups helped out in various community gardens in the area, cleaning up and weeding the gardens. One lucky group got to beat the heat and paint a mural inside St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

On Monday, everybody was united to help out at Matthews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club, one of the largest clubs in the nation. Lots of clean up work in and around the facility was done and several CKI members bonded with the kids by playing basketball or making purses with them. The community was grateful for our help and in return, gave all of us “Rappin’ History” CD’s from club alumni Jamie “King James” Dennis.

Tuesday had groups split doing either one of three projects: grounds maintenance at the famous Gateway Arch, helping out with Habitat for Humanity, or volunteering at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club. While the heat beat down on the first two groups, the Gateway Arch people have said CKI was the best volunteer group they have worked with.

The group at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls club were appreciative of CKI’s help as well. CKI helped the club prepare for their massive end of summer celebration as club members have walked the distance from St. Louis to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

For the party, CKI members helped make a massive order of 330 Chicken & Peach skewers, a large tub of salad, and decorate the facility. And there was also a lot of playtime with the kids as well!

The last day of LSSP wound down to a fun (yet sweaty) day of fun outside at Forest Park, one of the largest city parks in America (larger than Central Park). LSSP teams were pitted against each other to solve the mystery of who murdered LSSP chair Minerva Thai. Through a wacky relay of activities, the murderer was caught and thus brought LSSP to an end and the winds of ICON were blowing.

Overall, LSSP this year was a lot of fun and had a lot of communities in St. Louis touched and blessed by CKI’s presence. There was also a lot of free time overnight as well, for CKI members to play games all through the night and turning college students morose into insomniacs.

If there is one event ever Circle K member should try to attend at least once, LSSP is a great event that should not be missed!
Gateway to Change - ICON 2010

BY: Carl Fridh
Florida District Editor
Florida Gulf Coast University

The 55th annual CKI Convention, commonly abbreviated ICON, took place on the grounds of Washington University in St. Louis on August 4-7, 2010. While it may not have been held on hotel grounds and some very intense heat outside, CKI still managed to be hotter than the sun.

The race for International President was a four-way race quickly cut down to two; as Indiana’s Tim Pritchett and our very own Krystal Weaver were cut. It came down to a close race between Capitol district’s Avanti Kolloram and our new IP, Amanda Marfisi. The race for Vice-President was also a good one; with Montana’s Nicole Loehr winning the position over Southwest’s Rachel Bennett and New York’s Michael Zebrowski.

While House of Delegates only had 13 amendments this year, three of them managed to cause a heated controversy among members. The first two were a block of Cal-Nev-Ha’s new amendments to allow satellite clubs within 75 miles of a main campus and in the same district. The amendment was shot down, but a very close race.

Of course, we knew our amendment would be the most heated of all, Amendment 3. The amendment was about giving district the option on whether or not to allow drinking. Lots of delegates sounded off between two opinions, convincing whether or not we should allow it outside the USA or that this would encourage binge drinking and make CKI look bad. This amendment was also struck down, overwhelmingly.

Aside from politics, ICON was still a lot of fun. From educational workshops about recruiting members or making a career out of service to special guests such as Survivor: Africa winner Ethan Zohn and comedy-hypnotist Crimson showing just how crazy CKI is.

Awards night and the farewell banquet were two moments to be proud. While Cal-Nev-Ha may have swept the floor, the Florida district brought home some recognition too, which you can see on the front page.

Lastly, I’d like to say that the 2009-10 international board did a great job going above and beyond and I hope CKI has a great new year ahead of them! Good luck to both the old and new international board on their endeavors. I also wish everybody in CKI a great year as well and I hope to see you in Virginia Beach, VA next year!
As you may know, CKI has a number of worldwide and domestic partnerships with a lot of well known names as well as some relatively new organizations as well. Are you stuck on a service project idea? Well there’s no fear! Here are some of the service projects CKI members throughout the world have been generously working on:

**UNICEF: The Six-Cents Initiative**

Kiwanis and UNICEF (the United Nations Children’s Fund) have had a strong relationship through the years in saving young lives throughout the world. Since 2007, CKI has been involved with this partnership by starting the Six-Cents Initiative. The purpose of the Six-Cents Initiative is to save lives in developing nations from complications of dehydration.

How you ask? Simple, by providing water purification tablets to people in need, making water, the very backbone of all life, safe and drinkable. And the best part? These tablets only cost six cents to make and to date CKI has saved thousands of lives. And the relationship between Kiwanis and UNICEF has grown stronger with the ELIMINATE project, where you can read more about it on page seven.

Service for the Six-Cents Initiative is relatively easy. In 2008, UF held a fundraiser concert for the initiative. Taping “WATER” or “UNICEF” on the ground to collect coins works well too. Even your Happy Cents jar can go towards this initiative!

**Quick Six Cents Facts**

- 70% of the Earth is covered in water.
- 97.5% of that water is salt water
- 2% are hidden or frozen
- Only .5% of all the Earth’s water is available for drinking.
- More than 2.6 BILLION people lack the most basic sanitation for water.
- 1 in 5 kids die each day from dehydration and diarrhea.

For more information, please visit: http://slp.kiwanis.org/CircleK/service/partners.aspx
Kiwanis and UNICEF hopes to raise $110 million and eliminate MNT by 2015.

MNT is still prevalent in over 40 countries.

Three doses of a 60 cent immunization can protect mothers.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes is another service partner with CKI. The famous non-profit organization was founded in 1938 by US President Franklin Roosevelt and is devoted to improving the health of premature babies and decreasing infant mortality rates.

The organization is most famous for its March for Babies events held all over the country. But there are many more ways your club can get involved as well. Make cards for moms with kids in neonatal care in hospitals, donate toys and clothes to hospitals, decorating shoeboxes for moms who lost their newborns, and participating in WalkAmerica teams.

Our Newest Service Project: the ELIMINATE Project

MNT can be spread by unsanitary conditions, where in developing nations, bamboo is used to cut the umbilical cord at birth. Bamboo that is not boiled may often have MNT and end life a lot sooner than expected.

Work with your sponsoring Kiwanis clubs today and help fundraise to eliminate another sickness from the our planet!
Hello Mighty Mighty Florida District!

The beginning of August is always a great time of the year for Circle K International. All of the clubs are hard at work getting ready for the new year, we go shopping for supplies, but best of all we get to attend the annual CKI International Convention! This year, International Convention, or ICON was held in beautiful St. Louis at Washington University. For those who have never attended an ICON, this convention is for EVERY member in CKI. Clubs from around the world get together for a short week of service, fellowship, and leadership. ICON is a chance for members to build lasting friendships and elect the new international board, which I am proud to announce that our own Krystal Weaver is now our new Subregion Representative.

ICON is a lot like our own District Convention, just on a larger scale. There are many great workshops, bonding activities, great speakers, entertainment, and not to mention a fantastic talent show that is put on by various districts around the world. This year we were lucky enough to have comedy-hypnotist Crimson give us a live show. Our own District Secretary Justin Soto and Suwannee LTG Sara Fruithandler were brave enough to participate in the show.

With all of the great food, entertainment, education, and most of all SERVICE! ICON this year was a complete blast and I would encourage everyone to try and attend next year and experience the International side of our vast organization. Come see why we really are the world’s largest collegiate service organization!

In friendship and service,

Tim Wolfinger
Florida District Governor

I highly urge every CKI member to make it out to LSSP and ICON at least once in their lifetime! Next year’s locale is definitely something to look forward to.

Next year’s ICON will be held earlier in Virginia Beach, VA on June 22-26, 2011. LSSP’s date is to be announced at this time.

On another note; get ready to spread the good word of service, fellowship, and leadership as we all get back to school for the fall. IDEAS is bound to be a good time and affordable for most everyone in the district!

Last but not least, please “like” the new Circle Kapers page on Facebook! Just type in “Circle Kapers” in the search bar and it should take you there!

I wish everybody good luck in the fall semester and I hope to see more of the mighty Florida district at next year’s ICON and LSSP!

Stay awesome Florida District!

-Carl Fridh
Hello all of my fellow Circle K members!

As the Co-Conventions Chairman for the Florida District, I would like to take this time and invite you to one of our most exciting events of the year, IDEAS Conference 2010!

In past years we have traditionally held this event in either Tampa or Orlando. But this year we are turning things around and are heading to Gainesville.

The theme for the weekend is "Where the Wild K’s Are", a weekend of adventure and fellowship. While there you will be partaking in workshops designed to help find your wild side, service projects where we will give back to the local community, and of course to top off the event, a campout where all of the Wild things will come out and celebrate all of their new friends.

The conference will be held from October 1st thru the 3rd at Santa Fe College. Registration was sent out the first week of school and should be turned in by September 18th. This includes your T-Shirt, food, and camping expenses for the entire weekend. We hope to see everyone there, this will certainly be a "Wild Weekend" you will not want to miss!
What to do with Dues?

BY: Brent Marshall
District Treasurer
Stetson University

As many of you may have heard the new dues system will kick into affect for the 2010-2011 school year and with this new system follows plenty of excitement and plenty of questions, none of us are able to anticipate what challenges this new system will relieve or possibly create, but hopefully we can have a transition that is as smooth as possible...

Q: Who is affected by the new dues system?
A: The new dues system affects every single CKI club regardless of size or time they have existed as a club.

Q: How much does each member have to pay?
A: That is a hard question to answer; the new system requires that each club pay $600 to international and $10 per person to the district. Theoretically if you have 100 members paying dues you would be responsible for $1600 or $16 a person, on the other hand if you have 5 people paying dues you are only responsible for $650 or a whopping $130 a person.

Q: How can this help us get our dues paid for?
A: Many schools have SGA rules which allow for an organization to apply to receive money for an annual “club fee” yet do not allow clubs to apply for a dues fee for each member. A select few schools work the other way, but for the most part they are in the minority. Your club treasurer should contact the SGA (or whichever body disperses money to organizations) at your school and find out what the stipulations are for applying. Sponsoring Kiwanis clubs often allot a certain amount of money per year and it’s hard to use that money for dues because we never know how many members we are going to have to register, a $600 club fee though is easy to rationalize and a Kiwanis club may even accept that fee as a yearly contribution required to have a CKI club. It is also generally easier to fundraise if you know exactly how much you have to earn. Whichsoever method you choose if you are able to fulfill the $600 club fee then you will only be responsible for district dues turning the financial obligation of even a 5 person club from $130 a person down to $10.

Q: What is that I have a lot of! I love CKI and I want to show it! This year we will be having Subregion G: T-shirts, chants, and many opportunities for you to talk about the things each one of you LOVE about CKI.

Understanding is a big deal to keeping a team on the right track. The Subregion G team will be fully aware of what is going on at the International level and we will be sharing information throughout the districts to help each other bond and grow. Communication will be used in every way possible including utilizing the Answer KEE videos from last year!

Bonding is a great way to help achieve goals, meet new people and make friends! We will be having an event in Subregion G to help that bonding. I will also be starting a blog that any member can post on. Each entry will have questions that will start discussion on how we can help each other and how we can bond more and more as the year goes on.

SUB G is where it’s at!

BY: Krystal Weaver
Subregion G Representative
University of South Florida—Tampa

Spirit, Understanding, Bonding and Growth! This is what Subregion G is all about this year!

For those of you that do not already know me, I am Krystal Weaver your new Subregion G International Representative! Some of you may be thinking “What’s that?” Well I am the liaison between the International level of CKI and the districts of Alabama, Georgia, Carolinas, Eastern Canada & Caribbean, and of course Florida! If anyone has questions about what is going on at the International level, I will get you the answers!

This year I want to focus on 4 things in the Subregion. I will need help from every district to make these things happen and I know that with the great things Florida brings to the table, we will succeed!

Spirit is something that I have a lot of! I love CKI and I want to show it! This year we will be having Subregion G: T-shirts, chants, and many opportunities for you to talk about the things each one of you LOVE about CKI.

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Growth is something that is important to a lot of districts. I would like to help each District with growth by utilizing bigger clubs and finding out how they help smaller clubs. I will also make sure that each club has all the resources needed to help grow in any way you choose!

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you with anything and thank you for supporting me in my endeavors with the International board! Remember Florida, Believe and you can achieve anything!
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