Key Club Convention makes a splash!

A few CKI board members attended the Florida Key Club District Convention in early May to represent Circle K! We held two workshops for the Key Clubbers. One was 'Key to College' where we provided our favorite tips for going to college and then answered any and all questions.

The second workshop was 'Circle K 101' where we talked all about Circle K, the differences, the fun, the friends, and the continuing family! Besides the two workshops, we held a senior pool party for graduating seniors to meet Circle K members from various Florida colleges. It was a huge success! We had our very own DJ (Shout out to DJ Sensi, Arsenio from FSU Circle K) playing music, ice pops and Circle K trivia.

The seniors got lots of Circle K gear and the first 60 received CKI sunglasses. We were able to talk to a lot of Key Clubbers and find out where they were going to college and some even got to meet Circle K members from their chosen college. Overall, Key Club DCON was a lot of fun and we were able to spread the K-Family love. You should be seeing a lot of Key Club alumni in the fall!

Samantha Schneider
University of South Florida
**Sophie Laval Scholarship**

Sophie Laval was an extremely active member of the Flagler College Circle K Club who died while traveling to the 1988 Circle K International Convention. Her legacy is forever exemplified due to her involvement with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and that she educated Circle K members of the dangers of driving drunk. The Florida District Alumni Association awards a $1,000 scholarship in her memory to a deserving Circle K member who demonstrates both scholarship and contributes service to the community.

The scholarship will be paid to the University provided proof of full time enrollment and Circle K membership is provided for both the fall and spring semesters. No funding will be provided for summer enrollment. The winner will be announced no later than October 1, 2012.

The application packet should be in a sealed manila envelope, and contain the following:
- The 2012 Sophie Laval Scholarship Application Form.
- A copy of the applicant’s transcripts
- A detailed description of service hours in chronological order (date, description of project, and number of hours)
- Please write a 250-word essay on and provide it typewritten, double spaced and 12 point Times New Roman font as Appendix B.
- Recommendation Letter.

**Uncle Don Scholarship**

At the 2007 Florida Circle K District Convention, the “Uncle” Don Knowles scholarship was created in honor of one of the Florida District’s biggest supporters. A 22 year member of the Sunshine City Kiwanis club in St. Petersburg, “Uncle” Don began his involvement with Circle K in 1985 at the USF St. Petersburg Kiwanis advisor. He was the first Assistant Administrator for the Florida District of CKI in 1989.

Throughout the years, “Uncle” Don has been honored with deserved awards such at the Florida District Circle of Service Award, the International Circle of Service Award as well as being inducted into the Florida CKI Hall of Fame in 1997. Most notably, CKI members in the district raised money and honored him with a Hixson Award. He became known to all as “Uncle” Don Knowles, which is quite appropriate. He has definitely lived up to his title as being an “Uncle” to each and every member of the Florida CKI. When starting his Kiwanis career, he immediately became involved in sponsored youth and he says that not a day goes by that he doesn’t do something with one of his sponsored youth clubs - and he LOVES it!

The application packet should be in a sealed manila envelope, and contain the following:
- The 2012 “Uncle” Don Knowles Scholarship Application Form.
- A copy of the applicant’s transcripts
- A detailed description of service hours in chronological order (date, description of project, and number of hours).
- This should be a creative work that answers the following question: How have the CKI tenets of “Leadership, Fellowship and Service” shaped your life?

**Qualifications**

- The applicant must be a dues paid member of both Circle K International and the Florida District of Circle K
- The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- The applicant must have performed at least 150 hours of service in the past CKI year (the time period beginning on April 1, 2011 and ending on March 31, 2012.)
- Must be mailed or emailed by August 1, 2012.

**For More Information:**
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Greetings one and all from the energetic District of Florida!!

It is indeed a great pleasure to receive the opportunity to serve you all within Subregion G as your CKI Trustee. I am really looking forward to an extremely vibrant year this year, and I am of the firm belief that the CKI Class of Members for 2012-2013 will be a class dedicated to service!

For those who have missed our 2012 CKI Convention in New Orleans, it was an amazing experience. It is a ‘once in a lifetime’ chance that you get to spend with your ‘second family’ and the feeling is one that stands out. This year for me was more business than usual, as I was a candidate for this said post. To be real honest with you all, I was a bit nervous at first, because I was the only candidate and anyone could have made an attempt to run against me. However, after Sub-G began wobbling during the caucus session, I felt more comfortable, and more confident than I was before.

After the announcement that I was your new Subregion chief servant, I was overwhelmed to the point where I was in tears, because the districts of Alabama, Carolinas, the Caribbean, Florida and Georgia saw my unconditional passion to serve, hence their belief that I am the CKI member that should
receive the nod to serve you all in my current capacity. It is a moment of humility and acceptance knowing what I had to go through to get to ICON overall.

As it relates to my goals overall, it revolves around one word: COMMUNICATION. It is through communication that I want to receive the opportunity to reach out to every member, every club officer, every district officer in every district, in putting together ways and means to strengthen club membership and club operations. It is through communication that I want to make myself available in every way that I can so that clubs and their members will receive the assistance that they need from a CKI standpoint. I have received the opportunity to, and will use the opportunity to ensure that these goals are thoroughly achieved at all costs.

With that said, this is just the beginning of what is to come, as there are so many plans in store for each and every member who reads this article, because my aim is to consistently highlight the significance of every single member within every club, in the districts of which I am put to oversee, because if there were no members in existence with the passion to serve, there would be no CKI. YOU are important, and YOU deserve to be recognized for YOUR desire to serve, YOUR desire has lead YOU into choosing this organization and YOU are one of the 13,000+ strong that make up the record-breaking membership that allows us to be, and continue to be, the largest intercollegiate service organization worldwide. This Subregion is a great Subregion, and YOU are in that number that makes us great.

And finally, feel free to communicate with me at all costs!!! Like our subregion Facebook page, email me, call me, text me, Skype me, Oovoo me, follow me, GroupMe! I’m open to all forms of communication and I’m more than looking forward to your questions, comments, suggestions, feedback, and even criticisms.

This year is going to be a great year, I can feel it!

Yours in die-hearted service,
Jerome Johnson
Your CKI Subregion G Trustee
The club spotlight is meant to highlight and encourage clubs that shows initiative, as well as the three tenants of Circle K International. A club spotlight will appear in every Kaper’s. The UCF CKI club shows this by their impact at this years International Convention in New Orleans. They had six total members attend from members of their board to their members. During the Convention the group showed great passion and excitement representing the mighty Florida District. The club president Michelle Ocampo was interviewed.

Q: What do you love about Circle K International?
A: Not only the opportunity to help a variety of individuals and organizations, but the close bond one is able to form with their fellow Circle K members along the way. Circle K members have an infectious energy, drive, and passion to complete service, which I find completely inspiring!

Q: What do you believe makes your club special?
A: Not only are there dedicated and enthusiastic members, but the Executive Board and I are committed and eager to build our club to new heights this coming year!

Q: Michelle, how have you enjoyed being president?
A: It has been completely phenomenal thus far! I have had numerous opportunities to travel, develop close friendships with members as well as those on the District and International Board.

Q: What was the most challenging part of preparing for the Convention?
A: Packing! I accidently broke a suitcase before having to transfer all my necessities into a different one!

Q: What were your group’s favorite moments during the convention?
A: Meeting and bonding with members from all over Florida, our nation, and Canada! We all developed strong friendships with several people. We were all also thrilled to be in a flash mob for over 4,000 people at the Kiwanis International Convention’s Opening Session!

Q: What do you believe your club gained from attending the International Convention?
A: As previously mentioned, each attendee acquired loads of new friends throughout their time in New Orleans! In addition to this, we definitely received a greater perspective of Circle K International as an organization from attending. ICON’s invaluable workshops also proved extremely beneficial! Garrett Thompson was able to get CLE Certified at one of ICON’s invaluable workshops, giving him the qualifications to train individuals in all officer positions, and Carolina attended the Treasurer’s workshop in order to relay the information to our club treasurer, and aid him in his duties this coming year.

Q: How many of you will you try to attend the convention next year?
A: I am hoping for even more attendees at next year’s Convention! Hopefully our club can inspire our members and help those who would like to attend fundraise in order to make their desire a reality.

Q: What are you immediate future plans for UCF CKI?
A: UCF CKI will be participating in Pegasus Palooza just before Fall Semester begins in hopes of recruiting members. We also plan on completely revamping our club, as several new ideas that focus on all three tenants of Circle K International will be implemented into our meetings, service projects, and committees!
Hello Florida District!

This is the first Kapers where I will be introducing Editor Spotlight segment where I will be introducing other district editors from around your sub-region and beyond. You can see there story and why they decided to become editors. I believe this will not only extend the reach of the Kapers, but get more people excited about every issue.

Elissia Torres is the Southwest District Bulletin Editor. She has two publication under her belt and still going strong. She lives in New Mexico and attends The University of New Mexico (UNM) and a program assistant at the school itself. So let’s here from our CKI neighbors from down south!
Greetings from the Mighty Southwest! My name is Elissia, I’m the Southwest District Bulletin Editor. Currently I’m a senior at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico where I’m double majoring in English and Mass Communications. I’ll be graduating in December!

About two years ago I received a letter in the mail about a club “Collegiate Kiwanis International” the name UNM adopted for Circle K. I decided to check it out, fast-forward to a year later I found myself being nominated as club secretary. I accepted the nomination and that year received Distinguished Club Secretary for the Southwest at DCON. During that same DCON I became the 2012-2013 Southwest District Bulletin Editor.

Originally I wanted to run for my clubs Editor, but a friend and the current Southwest District Treasure suggested I run for district. At first the only reason I wanted to run for editor was to build my portfolio before I graduated. When a district position was mentioned, I had to change my game-plan a bit and focus the bigger picture. I stated brainstorming the things in the district that worked well and the things that needed improvements, my campaign was starting to become something much bigger than I expected.

I have made it a goal to show my district a different side of Circle K. During my first publication I had the club boards introduce themselves in fairy-tale form. Each club chose a fairy-tale or wrote an original story to introduce their club boards to the Southwest.

I enjoy informing my district of different opportunities for them to expand their knowledge of Kiwanis and Circle K as well as help them grow as person. In the Southwest Sun I will include ways the readers can strengthen their leadership skills, unique service project ideas and create fellowship within their club.

I like to focus the Southwest Sun for a wide variety of readers so it can be enjoyed the members of the Southwest as well as all the Kiwanis families and other interested in CKI.

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