I hope you all enjoy the last Circle Kapers for the 2015-2016 CKI year. I want to dedicate this front page to some candid shots to emphasize the amazing spirit and love present in our organization. It has been my honor to make the Kapers and hope you enjoyed them as much as I enjoyed making them. Special thank you for everyone who submitted articles whenever I needed them. More specifically thank you to Katie Pope, Phoebe Sartori, Jackie Aranibar, and Jessica Cook for always going above and beyond in helping the Kapers be as informative as possible. The District Newsletter is a way for FLACKI to stay connected, communicate, and share ideas which can help our organization grow, I hope you all continue to use the Kapers as a tool for making our district something we can be proud of, as we have done so already. Thanks for reading!

Live to Serve, Love to Newsletter,
Diana Mercas
Thank you for all the members using the hashtag through the weekend and photocreds to Shaun Ragasa (thanks for the awesome pics!).

#FLDCON16
District Convention 2016 was a weekend full of fun, learning, and surprising events! Flacki found his long lost brother, Slac, we raised $950 for the Eliminate project. Clark Thornton killed the Talent Show with his amazing voice, we retired the 2015-2016 District Board, elected our 2016-2017 Board, danced the night away at the formal, said goodbye to some amazing seniors who made this organization what it is today, and welcomed all the new members to our family. Overall it was yet another successful DCON, a Florida District yearly achievement. This past CKI year all clubs, officers, and members excelled at serving our communities one service project at a time. The following were recognized for going above and beyond.

Congratulations to all!!!!

Club T-Shirt: 1st Place: Florida State University  
2nd Place: University of Florida  
3rd Place: Palm Beach State College  
Scrapbook: 1st Place: University of South Florida  
2nd Place: University of Florida  
3rd Place: Palm Beach State College  
Single Service: 1st Place: Florida State University  
2nd Place: University of Florida  
Eliminate Project: 1st Place: University of Central Florida  
Kiwanis Family Relations: 1st Place: University of Central Florida  
2nd Place: University of Florida  
3rd Place: Florida State University  
Outstanding Member: Erica Riano  
Outstanding President: Robert Brown  
Distinguished President: Tiffany Campbell; Chizoba Ezenwa; Amanda Gorgy  
Outstanding Vice-President: Chris Biles  
Distinguished Vice-President: Johnelle Douglas; Brittany Munyer; Courtney Sandifer  
Outstanding Secretary: LaVerne Handfield  
Distinguished Secretary: Adam Bentley; Cathleen Shaju  
Outstanding Treasurer: Lead Conover  
Distinguished Treasurer: Ravi Kohli  
Outstanding Editor: Selena Lopez  
Distinguished Editor: Melissa Betancourt  
Early Bird Dues: Palm Beach State College; Stetson University; University of Central Florida; Florida State University; University of Florida; University of South Florida  
Total Club Achievement: 1st Place: University of Central Florida  
2nd Place: University of Florida  
3rd Place: University of South Florida  
Florida CKI CLUB OF THE YEAR: University of Central Florida
Remember this exact page featured in the July Kapers? Well it’s back!!! This time we are measuring our accomplishments. Outside numbers were our goals and the numbers in the circle are the actual number we accomplished. Please note that all results are from MRFs, with some schools not submitting their actual numbers may be higher.
Some questions you may be asking yourself:

1) What is LA?

LA is a week of camping with fellow CKIers which will change who you are, be the best week of your life, and give you a chance to make unlikely and amazing friendships. Most of it is a surprise but here’s some official info about it:

CKI Leadership Academy is an investment in the members of CKI. The six-day event is intense and focuses leadership based on servant leadership, which requires leaders to put the needs of others first, and to realize that no matter whether or not you have a title, there is always a need for service to one another and to the world. This program takes members of CKI through an adventure, starting with the CKI amazing race and ending with a plan in place to serve. The most unique part of the program—and what sets it apart from others—is that students and facilitators have an opportunity to do a service project during the program.

2) Can I afford it?

Yes!!! The Florida District offers scholarships and many members have already attended LA with both their registration and travel expenses covered. Contact Leah Conover for more info.

3) When is this?

Leadership Academy takes place Sunday, July 24, through Friday, July 29. Participants must arrive at the Indianapolis airport by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, and may depart after 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, if flying.

4) When do I sign up?

Applications will be accepted for Leadership Academy through Friday, July 1. Registration closes for the Leadership Academy on Friday, July 8. Apply at link below: For more info: [http://www.circlek.org/Leadership/LeadershipAcademy.aspx](http://www.circlek.org/Leadership/LeadershipAcademy.aspx)

It's the biggest event of the Circle K year! Imagine giving back to the convention host city by doing service and celebrating the amazing things CKI does with members from across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

If that isn't enough, you'll also have the opportunity to:

- Listen to amazing speakers.
- Elect the 2016-17 Circle K International Board.
- Have fun and make memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

Some Important Dates Coming Up:

- **April 15, 2016:** Deadline for to take advantage of the US$300 Early Bird Registration Rate
- **April 16, 2016:** Registration rate increases to US$400
- **April 25, 2016:** Deadlines for proposed amendments, deadline to file paperwork to declare candidacy for international office, All Distinguished Award submissions must be postmarked by today, CKIx staff recommends you apply for your passport by today

For more info: [http://www.circlek.org/Leadership/Conventions/InternationalConvention/CKIx.aspx](http://www.circlek.org/Leadership/Conventions/InternationalConvention/CKIx.aspx)
Miles for Moms

My name is Peyton Wright and I am the Director of Kiwanis Family Outreach for the Miles for Moms Campaign. We are a student-led and developed initiative born out of a desire to serve and a love for the great outdoors. This project was founded by students at the University of Alabama Circle K in support of the international health campaign, The ELIMINATE Project. Our mission is to mobilize a nation to “eliminate” Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) to ensure that no family will needlessly endure this devastating disease again. As of today, a child is tragically taken every 11 minutes. A donation of as little as $1.80 has the ability to immunize a mother, her children, and generations to come. We will spend over seven weeks hiking in the wilderness from Waynesboro, Virginia to Toronto in an effort to raise more than $100,000 to benefit this cause. I am writing to you today to ask for your help to get this project visibility throughout the Circle K Family by means of social media, and support by purchasing shirts by general members. I firmly believe that we can reach this monetary goal if we are all able to come together under the CKI umbrella and push this cause. This is an opportunity for our branch of the Kiwanis family to step up and contribute the International philanthropy to the best of our capabilities. We are on the precipice of one of the greatest medical achievements of our time, and united we can make this dream a reality.

Visit our website www.uamilesformoms.com for more information and progress updates.
Yours in dedicated service,
Peyton Wright
A Word from our District Administrator:

Amanda Saguil

A Fond Farewell to the 2015-2016 Year and a Great Big Hello to the 2016-2017 Year!

As the 2015-2016 CKI year comes to a close, I would like to thank Governor Jessica Cook and her District Board for a Fantastic Year for Florida CKI! As we traveled from Indianapolis for CKIx to Camp Kiwanis Ocala for LTC, then to Gainesville, Tampa and South Florida for Regional DLSSP and our final stop of Tampa for the 57th Annual District Convention, CKI members all over the District made a difference in their communities.

April 1st begins the new CKI year and the term of Governor Jackie Aranibar. I look forward to working with Jackie and the District Board as they plan for CKIx in Toronto, LTC in Camp Kiwanis Ocala and the 58th Annual District Convention in Orlando. The Future is Bright for Florida CKI!

Meanwhile, please save the dates for our two District Events:
- Leadership Training Conference (LTC): October 14-16, 2016 at Camp Kiwanis
- 58th Annual District Convention (DCON): February 17-19, 2017 in Orlando
This year has been a wild ride! From our quest for new members during recruitment at our respective schools to our excursion in the Ocala National Forest at Leadership Training Conference this fall, we have grown in leadership and service. At Expedition: DCON we were able to celebrate our accomplishments this year and work to strengthen our leadership skills as we prepare for another excellent service year.

I enjoyed working with such passionate leaders this year. Thank you for your dedication to this organization and to serving your community. We truly make a difference in the lives of others with the work that we do each day.

The district board this year went above and beyond what I could have expected. Thank you all for your effort in making this one of the best years the Florida District has seen. I am confident that with Governor Jackie’s extraordinary leadership skills we will reach new heights in the coming year.

If you are still working on your degree I hope you will consider being more involved within the district next year. The district needs dedicated leaders to keep the momentum as we strive to reach new heights. Those of you who are ready to venture on to new and exciting experiences, I encourage you to consider joining a Kiwanis club to continue your journey of service to your community.

Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do to grow and strengthen the Florida District of Circle K International. It has been an honor to serve as governor this past year and I can’t wait to see what the future holds.

Yours in service,

Jessica Cook
Hi everyone,

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As the term changes and officers change, I am not leaving Circle K yet and I will still be a member at UCF and working on my BS in Mechanical Engineering with the plan to graduate at the end of 2017. My hope is to make more of an effort to travel Florida and the world in general over the next year. If any of you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out. I will be around and more than happy to help in any ways that I can. You are in good hands with your next LTG, Anthony. I hope to see you all soon and many of you at CKIx over the summer!

Yours in Citrus Pride,

Katie Pope

My time serving on the executive board this past year can be summed up as rewarding and frustrating. For those of you who have worked with the Membership Update Center, you understand that it is not the easiest thing in the world to work with. However, getting to work with each club and discuss funding for the different projects you all have held, was truly rewarding. It always a great day when I can see your hard work positively impact the lives of others. My advice for all incoming officers is to remember why you are here and what you are trying to do. When serve others is your answer, the tedious administrative work is all worth it.

-Jackie Aranibar

I had a blast being on the District Board and I would recommend it to anyone who loves this organization. I got the chance to be part of a leadership team which makes an impact on how our district grows. I enjoyed being the Editor because I got to be creative while still working alongside Board members with whatever they needed. Seeing the ins and outs of what goes into the district events, conferences, and projects has given me a bigger appreciation for all the students who hold officer positions while juggling school and everything else in life. Thank you to the Board for a great year and Jessica Cook for being a dedicated Governor who was always there to help with anything and everything.

Circle K has made me into the leader I am today and my journey doesn’t stop here. Next year I will be attending FSU Masters in Applied Economics dedicating my little free time to being a hard working member of CKI. Of course, when I graduate Kiwanis will be my next step.

-Diana Mercas

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Yours in Citrus Pride,

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I will be District Secretary in the Kfam next year. My favorite part about being on the board this year was probably getting to know everyone as well as the organization on a deeper level; I am especially grateful for the knowledge I have gained about myself (in regards to time management, leadership skills, and general communication skills. My favorite part of the year in general (CKI) was watching my clubs and division grow (congrats to the new charter at USFSM). My favorite part of the year (non -ckt) was starting a small research tutorial with one of my psych advisers, we’re doing research on stigma by association and it’s not really cool, but very interesting.

-Phoebe Sartori
Hey all it’s Mary signing off as your 2015-2016 Sunbelt Lieutenant Governor

This year was my first year being on the district board and I absolutely loved every minute of it. I have been able to grow in my leadership and speaking skills through all the workshops, conferences, and tabling events I have been apart of this year from having this position. I recommend being a part of the district board for anyone who wants to grow in the Kiwanis Family and as a leader. You won’t have any regrets. Not even a single letter.

The people that were on the district board with me though are what made my experience so great. These people were there for me to hear my problems, help with projects, and just be there when they are needed. I want to thank them for such a great last year in Circle K and making it one to remember. Go Bulls.

I am gratified by some of the memories created in my last year of CKI. The opportunities to serve on the district board, attend Leadership Academy, travel to North Carolina for K-Family Conference have left me with the skills to serve, lead, and foster meaningful relationships. CKI has been much more like a family with Kiwanis events that feel like big reunions. I have been provided with Kiwanis mentors, lifelong friendships, and some of the best dance moves! When I reflect back on my time in Circle K, I am not sad. Instead, I feel confident about the next steps in my journey. CKI has prepared me with the tools necessary to handle challenges in life ventures. It is within CKI that I have found my identity and feel ready to share it with the world. The spring season is about rebirth and renewal and it is only fitting that the new CKI year begins April 1. I move forward with embracing a new path in which the lessons of CKI are always by my side.

-Cathy Telfer

Next year I plan on staying involved in the Kiwanis family and will be working as VP of Service for FSU CKI and possibly a committee position on the District Board. My favorite part about being on the Board was seeing the hard work from the board to better our district and how much everyone cares for this organization.

-Jake Beaty

In the wise words of Jessica Cook: “That’s All!”