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Hello, Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K!

We have finally reached the end of the year, and you know what that means... the holidays are here! The holidays provide many great Kiwanis Family bonding opportunities, including gift exchanges, holiday dinners, and more suggestions offered by Matthew Tadros on page 3 of this issue.

The holidays also mean that the new year is quickly approaching, so take this chance to set resolutions for the new year. You can either make goals within your club to improve your Kiwanis Family relations, or make resolutions together with other Kiwanis Family clubs to create more opportunities to bond and grow together.

And don't forget about our Kiwanis Family Periods! A new period, Winter Wonderlead, has started for December and will continue on through February, so let's try to focus on leadership events within the Kiwanis Family for the next few months. Candace Chu offers some great ideas on page 2.

I hope all of you do well on your finals. Enjoy the well deserved winter break, have fun during the holidays, and have a good New Year's!

Until next year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Chen'.

Karen Chen

The logo for Circle K International, consisting of the letters 'CKI' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

Circle K International

Kiwanis Family Periods — Winter Leaderland

Don't miss out on this season's Kiwanis Family Period! The focus is the Leadership tenet of Circle K. There are countless opportunities for your club to simultaneously strengthen relations with other branches of the Kiwanis Family.

One event that your club can choose to host is Key 2 College, a high school conference where you can help Key Clubs and KIWINS for college and the whole application process. (You can find a Key 2 College Manual [here](#)).

Hosting joint career sessions with Kiwanis, Circle K, KIWINS, and Key Clubs is a great way for open discussion about future career choices for students, and provide them helpful networking resources as well. You can organize a mini job fair with different booths, workshops, food, and refreshments. Similar to Key 2 College, a variety of workshops involving topics such as "Job Searching", "Law, Medical, Professional Schools", and "Networking" can tap into many different interests and help your members plan for the future.

Your club can also participate in the Kiwanis Family Shadow Program! Shadow Day is a great way to connect and bond with the younger branches of the Kiwanis Family. Take K-Kids and Builder's Clubs students to your school for a day, and let them sit in on classes and tour

your college campus. Take them to your Circle K or Kiwanis meeting too! Then, in terms of including Kiwanians and California Young Professionals (CAYP), take the initiative to ask if you can shadow these adults at their jobs and learn more about their careers.

In addition, Kiwanis Takeover is an event that creates many opportunities for your club to fundraise, educate, and bond with your Kiwanis Club. Your Circle K club will have a chance to run a Kiwanis meeting and you can look forward to working closely with your members in a committee to organize the event! (Check out the Kiwanis Takeover Manual [here](#)).

Last but not least, to ensure that your Circle K board is excited and ready for the new quarter/semester, hold board retreats to refresh their memory on filling out CERFs and ERFs, and provide them with tips on how to help each other avoid getting burned out.

For all these events, be sure to ask your club and board for their help and input so that everyone has a chance to get involved! Not only will you benefit from the extra help, but so will all the Kiwanis Family groups that you invite to your awesome event!

—Candace Chu

Note — You can gain points toward your club's 2010-2011 Distinguished Kiwanis Family Relations Award by participating in the Kiwanis Family Periods!

OFFICE HOURS

I will be available on AIM from 10-11 PM every WEDNESDAY night to answer any questions, give guidance, provide support, and accept suggestions.

My screen name is *cnhkfamily*.

**Hope to talk to some of you online!
If you see me on any other time, feel free to IM me then too!**

—Karen Chen

'Tis the Season

As the holidays approach, us it's time to start thinking of our favorite family past times, not only with our individual families, but with our whole Kiwanis Family as well. But are you stumped on some possible holiday activities your club can hold? Then look no further. There are a wide variety of events that you can do with both your Kiwanians and Key Clubbers that range from service projects to socials.

One potential service project that you can do with Kiwanis and Key Club/KIWIN'S is to hold a joint toy or canned food drive. Your respective clubs can publicize the event and help collect toys for a local orphanage, or canned food for a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen. The perk of choosing a local organization to donate to is that you'll actually get to see where your service is going, and there is also the possibility of actually visiting the organization with your Kiwanis and Key Club/KIWIN'S, that way you all have a great opportunity to interact with each other.

Going off of this idea, you can also volunteer at a local soup kitchen closer to the holidays. This is a great opportunity to actually work alongside with the different branches of the Kiwanis Family and do some hands-on service for the holidays. There are many homeless shelters and soup kitchens in a wide variety of locations that are more than willing to work with large groups of volunteers, especially around the holiday season.

You can also choose to have a Kiwanis Family social. The best part of having a social that it allows the different branches to get to know each other on a more personal setting outside of doing service or a formal meeting. One option is to have a potluck with each other. You could consider having the Kiwanians provide the main course, Circle K'ers bring the appetizers and drinks, and Key Clubbers bring the dessert, that way everyone has a chance to contribute. It might be nice to have the potluck at a Kiwanian's house because they can most likely accommodate the most amount of people at one time, but regardless, sharing dinner with each other is a great way to celebrate the holidays with one another.

Another possible activity that you can do at your holiday potluck is a white elephant gift exchange. White elephant gifts are usually intended to be more comedic and silly rather than serious, and you can agree on a set price limit so that it is affordable for everyone to participate. The rules are simple: participants draw numbers from a hat to determine the order in which they get to choose their gifts. The person who drew #1 picks a gift first, opens it, and shows it to everyone. Person #2 then picks an unopened gift, and can choose to either open it, or exchange it for the unwrapped gift. If Person #1's gift is exchanged, he/she unwraps the gift Person #2 had originally picked, and the turn passes. You can place a limit on how many times a single gift can be stolen if you want, but when all the gifts have been opened, the game is over. Afterward, some trading can be expected and is perfectly acceptable so that, as much as possible, people all go home with gifts they are happy with.

You can also choose to organize Kiwanis appreciation gifts to show your thanks for all that they do for your club throughout the year. The gifts can range from pillows to Christmas ornaments, key chains, baked goods, or anything else your Kiwanis Family committee can come up with. You can even consider giving part of your gift to the Kiwanians at their meeting and then giving them the rest at your club's fall banquet, providing an incentive for them to attend your banquet. Maybe even putting together a small jingle to inviting them to your banquet. Kiwanis appreciation gifts are a great way to show that you recognize and care about how much they help us Circle K'ers.

These are all just a few options in a long list of ways that you can celebrate the holidays with your Kiwanis Family. You can use these suggestions, add your own twist to them, or try something completely different. Regardless of what you decide, though, I hope that these will help get you started on thinking of some of the things that you can do. Just remember that the holidays are intended to celebrate everything that you have to appreciate about the people closest to you, so don't forget to show that appreciation to your Kiwanians and Key Clubbers as well.

— Matthew Tadros



DISTRICT KIWANIS FAMILY AWARDS

With awards applications slowly creeping up, winter break is the perfect time to get started! And what better way to get started with your applications than just sitting down and thoroughly reading them? To some, the applications can get pretty confusing, trying to decipher MRP codes and decide what counts as one type of project versus another, but in order to make your Kiwanis Family related awards more bearable, I have thoroughly deciphered the Kiwanis Family Relations and Kiwanian of the Year awards. The following is a list of things that you should be most aware of when applying for these two awards:

Both Awards:

- Before you even start, take note that the Kiwanian of the Year award is a voluntary supplementary award application to the Kiwanis Family Relations award. However, you can't apply for the Kiwanian of the Year award without applying for the Kiwanis Family Relations award, which is a mandatory supplement instead of a voluntary one.

- Make sure to fill every part out! If a part is not applicable, make sure you state so instead of not writing anything at all!

Kiwanis Family Relations 2010-2011:

- As opposed to the 2009-2010 application, the minimum amount of points needed to receive the award is now 55/100 instead of 67/100. This makes clubs more able to qualify for this award and will hopefully make you feel less discouraged to apply.

- **Sponsoring Kiwanis Club Interaction:** Should be pretty self-explanatory. If no one from your sponsoring Kiwanis Club attended an event, make sure to put "0" instead of just leaving it blank.

• **Meeting Attendance:**

Parts A-B: List every single club or board meeting, as well as Divisional Council Meeting, that your sponsoring Kiwanis club has hosted at which two or more members from your Circle K club were present.

Part C: List pretty much any other meeting that does not fall into Part A and B's categories that was hosted by a non-CKI Kiwanis Family club at which two or more members from your Circle K club were present.

- **Projects and Events Attendance:** List every single project and event your club hosted at which at least two non-CKI members of the Kiwanis Family were present. This is split into service projects, socials, and non-service fundraisers. The appropriate MRP codes are listed to help you out with this. Please follow the appropriate format shown in Part A previously. (Note: Home members are members from YOUR club who attended the event, not including other CKI members). Please make sure to list how many people from every Kiwanis Family club were in attendance.

- **Other Functions:** Pretty much the same format as the previous section for Parts A-C. More information on the Kiwanis Family Periods, Kiwanis Family Programs, and Kiwanis Takeover can be found [here](#) at the district website. A Kiwanis Family tournament is basically a sports or recreational tournament that can be put on by any branch of the Kiwanis Family. This is a great way to get a bunch of local clubs together for some friendly competition.

- **Programs:** Two 250 word essays on a variety of Kiwanis Family topics. Topic #1 is meant to discuss the steps your club took to implement a Key 2 College or Kiwanis Career Contact. Please do not spend the entire essay talking about how the event went, but rather describe the steps you took to make it happen (ex. contacting local clubs or workshop preparation). Topic #2 is meant to showcase what special things your club has done this year in order to promote Kiwanis Family relations. This can be anything from a Kiwanian spotlight at your meetings to holding monthly dinners with your Key Clubbers.

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District Awards can be found on the
CNH website by clicking [HERE](#).

DISTRICT KIWANIS FAMILY AWARDS—cont'd

Kiwanian of the Year 2010-2011:

This award is meant to showcase any Kiwanian that you think deserves it. It can be submitted by any Circle K club or member. The award is presented to a Kiwanian who can pretty much be considered Circle K's best friend, and who displays the spirit of fellowship within the Kiwanis Family. Please make sure to describe to the best of your ability how the Kiwanian's contributions to Circle K members led to their success in and out of school, and the overall relationship the Kiwanian has with Circle K. In addition, you are required to submit up to three supplemental materials, such as a page of pictures or publications in a newsletter.

Outstanding Interclubbing 2010-2011:

This award is pretty self explanatory, but please keep in mind the following rules:

An interclub is a meeting staged by two (2) or more Circle K clubs (including clubs in formation), or by a Circle K club and any K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Kiwins, Aktion Club, Kiwanis Junior, or Kiwanis club. The meeting will count as an interclub only for those clubs who meet the following requirements. (One club cannot count the event as an interclub if the other club cannot, unless there are more than two clubs present).

Clubs with 20 or fewer members need a minimum of two (2) members in attendance to constitute an interclub.

Clubs with 21-30 members need a minimum of three (3) members in attendance to constitute an interclub.

Clubs with 31 or more members need a minimum of four (4) members in attendance to constitute an interclub.

—Dmitriy Shapiro

Event In Progress—Planning a Kiwanis Family Event

In order to build better Kiwanis relations at UCLA, UCLA Circle K suggested to our sponsoring Kiwanis club an ambitious plan for an integrated service project with all their sponsored-youth organizations. Alongside two Key Clubs and the Santa Monica Kiwanis, we would execute a large-scale service project to promote unity among all the branches of our Kiwanis Family, while spreading the Kiwanis name throughout the local community.

Selling our Kiwanians on this idea required an understanding of what their club wanted and needed. Our Kiwanis wanted to grow through attracting young and invested citizens of Santa Monica. The UCLA Kiwanis Family chairs Gerardo Del Toro and I kept this in mind while developing a proposal to put forth to the Kiwanis club.

We knew they needed to find a project that addressed the needs of their sponsoring club. The project required local-scope; this meant that they could not leave the city of Santa Monica. Furthermore, the project needed to be highly visible over a long period of time in order to maximize exposure for the Santa Monica Kiwanis. Lastly, the objective of the project had to be fresh and attractive to their target potential members. Thus, we decided on a tree planting project where the Kiwanians would be able to place placards on the trees to perpetuate the Kiwanis name, while also executing a green project. This project addressed all three critical needs of the club in serving the local community, promoting their club name; and lastly using a green project to advertise the young professionals of Santa Monica.

However, the implementation of such a project is often extremely difficult in managing through the bureaucracy of a city such as Santa Monica, so we enlisted the Santa Monica Kiwanians to help us address this issue. By involving the Kiwanians in the planning process, we were able to find an existing city project, and through a public-private cooperation, we are now able to move forward with the project, while having unprecedented cooperation between the Santa Monica Kiwanis club and UCLA Circle K!

—Brian Wong

Event — KIWANIS FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER

UC Berkeley's Kiwanis Family Thanksgiving Dinner is definitely something I look forward to every November. The great food, great atmosphere, and great people always make for a very enjoyable night. This year, the clubs that made it through the pouring rain to the event included Berkeley Kiwanis, UC Berkeley Circle K, and Berkeley High Key Club. While the Circle K members usually bring the drinks and appetizers, our Kiwanians always prepare an amazing main course. The macaroni and cheese prepared by one of our Kiwanians is always a favorite of mine, and it is always fun bonding with Kiwanians and Key Clubbers over our delicious meal, especially with those whom we haven't seen in a while.

There is one tradition that always makes the Kiwanis Family Thanksgiving Dinner entertaining. As a fundraiser, the current Kiwanis Family Chair is pitted against the Kiwanis Family Chair of the previous year in a contest to see who can raise the most money. Whoever can get the most money donated to their jar by the dinner attendees gets out of being pied! This year, Shera Kwak, our current Kiwanis Family Chair lost to last year's chair, Diane Chen, by a landslide, so Diane got to pie Shera in the face—and even ended up doing it twice! Together, Shera and Diane raised more than \$70 to go towards future Kiwanis Family activities.

The Kiwanis Family Thanksgiving Dinner has always been a favorite event of mine and I can't wait to attend again next year!

— Karen Chen



***Want to nominate an event within your club or division for the event spotlight of the month?
Just let me know at kfamily@cnhcirclek.org!***

Committee Member of the Month — FRANCIS ESPIRITU

Francis is a second year at De Anza College double majoring in English and Asian American Studies.



Q: How long have you been a part of the Kiwanis Family?

A: I have been in the Kiwanis Family for six years (four in Key Club and two in Circle K).

Q: Why did you decide to become a part of the District Kiwanis Family Committee?

A: I wanted to be able to outreach to all branches of the Kiwanis Family, even if it wasn't directly. By doing my part in the committee, I knew I would be outreaching to them somehow

Q: What is your favorite Kiwanis Family event you've been to and why?

A: The Kiwanis Special Games hosted by the Division 34 Kiwanis each year is probably my favorite event. Just having all branches of the Kiwanis Family coming together at De Anza College and cheering on the children during the games is just heartwarming.

Q: What is your favorite thing about the holidays?

A: Spending time with friends at Santana Row (in Santa Clara) while it is lit up with decorations and lights is the best.



QUESTIONS or CONCERNS?

Feel free to contact me, the District Kiwanis Family Chair, anytime, and I will be more than willing to answer your questions. In addition, my committee members are also here to help!

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