

THE KIWANIS FAMILY KONNECTION

October 2010 Volume 1, Issue 2

In this Issue

Greetings From Your District Kiwanis Family Chair

Guidebook Overview	2
Kiwanis Meeting Etiquette	2
Kiwanis Family Periods – Fall into Fellowship	3
Utilizing Your Resources	4
Spotlights (Event Spotlight & Committee Member of the Month)	5-6

District Kiwanis Family Committee Members:

- Grace Ann Cecilio (UCLA)
- Candace Chu (UCSD)
- Francis Espiritu (De Anza)
- Elizabeth Huang (UC Riverside)
- Shera Kwak (UC Berkeley)
- Luke Liao (UCLA)
- John Moore (UC Berkeley)
- Dmitriy Shapiro (UC Berkeley)
- Matthew Tadros (UC Berkeley)
- Brian Wong (UCLA)



Hello, Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K! Now that all the schools are in session, it is time for your club to focus on recruitment and getting your dues together. I hope all of you aren't stressing out too much! Hopefully this issue of the newsletter will help you keep your Kiwanis Family relations on track too during this hectic period. Some quick suggestions include holding a new member mixer/dinner and inviting your Kiwanians, or inviting Key Clubbers to a classic service project such as a beach clean up or soup kitchen, or connecting to them through Key to College.

And guess what? Halloween is coming up towards the end of the month! The holiday is filled with many opportunities for Circle K. It is a great time to teach K-Kids about the importance of safety during Trick-or-

Treating. A pumpkin-carving social may also be fun for a variety of age groups. Be creative and have fun with the upcoming holiday!

Also, keep your eyes out for even more new resources for you to use! More details about my new office hours are included in this newsletter, in addition to where you can find more Key to College resources. My committee and I are also working on a brand new Kiwanis Takeover Manual, which should be available by Fall Training Conference.

Good luck & hope you enjoy the start of a new school 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

Greetings,

You are about to embark into the wonderful world of the Kiwanis Family Relations Guidebook. This guidebook can be found online under the Kiwanis Family resources on the district website and is designed to help make your lives easier. You will find information on how to fill out an Event Request Form (ERF), as well as learn more about Kiwanis Family Periods, and how to develop the solid networks that are indicative of strong Kiwanis Family Relations because building these networks allow clubs to grow beyond the natural borders of their own schools.

By stretching to the younger organizationa, we help solidify the continuity of our clubs by inspiring grade school students to continue their dedication to service and join Circle K in the future. By connecting with Kiwanis, we connect our members with essential networking opportunities in an ever competitive work market.

However, above all the recommendations, please keep in mind to always bring your own ideas to the table and communicate those ideas for your successors and others so that we may all further improve out Kiwanis Family Relations.

— Brian Wong



CKI
Circle K International

Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K Kiwanis Family Relations Guidebook

2010-2011

www.cnhcirclek.org



Kiwanis Meeting Etiquette

Attending a Kiwanis Meeting is an incredible opportunity as well as an extraordinary experience. Not only are Kiwanis Meetings fun and food-filled, but they are also a great way to meet and network with your sponsoring Kiwanis. By participating in Kiwanis Meetings, you are also able to show support to your Kiwanis club and learn more about the things they do within and around the community. However, Kiwanis Meeting etiquette is of utmost importance so in this article are a couple notes to remember when visiting your Kiwanis.

Dressing appropriately and being polite are always good ideas. Until you become familiar with your Kiwanis Club and their dress code, it's better to be overdressed than underdressed, so we suggest business casual for your first Kiwanis Meeting. Proper Kiwanis Meeting etiquette also includes greeting everyone courteously and using appropriate language to address the Kiwanians. Remember to silence your cell phones and try not to text or answer your phone in the middle of the meeting or be texting while a Kiwanian may be speaking.

Here is a simple list of “Do’s and Don’ts” to keep in mind, and have a great time at your Kiwanis Meetings!

Do's

- Smile and look happy to be at the meeting
- Maintain professionalism
- Shake hands and introduce yourself to as many Kiwanians as possible
- Turn your cell phone off/on silent
- Pay attention to the Kiwanians you meet. They might just share a common interest/occupation which can potentially lead to job opportunities and networks
- Have fun!

Don'ts

- Be impolite
- Talk with your mouth full
- Ignore Kiwanians
- Text or answer your phone in the middle of the meeting
- Fall asleep or zone out during guest speakers or any other time during the meeting
- Talk out of turn

—Candace Chu & John Moore

Kiwanis Family Periods — Fall into Fellowship!

Kiwanis Family Periods encourage your club to focus on one tenet of Circle K during a given season, and take part in the highlighted tenet with other Kiwanis Family clubs in your area. Each tenet is spotlighted during each period or season. This is the opportunity for you to branch out and work with other clubs outside of Circle K. Throughout our district, Circle K clubs across Cal-Nev-Ha will be participating in these Kiwanis Family Periods, so feel free to team up with another Circle K if you're unsure of what to do or just want to increase the fun factor.

This season's focus is "Fall into Fellowship"! Plan a social with your Kiwanians or even a Key Club/KIWIN'S close to your club. Almost anything can be turned into a social, whether it's going out for dinner or staying in to watch the big game, but of course, it is important to cater the social event to the age group you plan to invite. Make sure the event is enjoyable for all participants, and everyone is sure to have a great time.

Group tickets are always a good deal if you plan on going out to

popular attractions. Take your group to Disneyland, Six Flags, the aquarium, the zoo, kite festivals, parades, movie nights, baseball games, carnivals, and more. On the other hand, if you're thinking of planning something more local

and low-cost, plan a BBQ, bonfire, movie night, or potluck dinner. Think big and plan an elaborate fun evening by having a Murder Mystery dinner party. Think of the game "Clue" and create a storyline, plant evidence, and have everyone dress up for a night of detective work and a lot of fun. Cook-Offs are another fun event to let everyone show off their cooking skills. Those who aren't able to cook, as well as the competitors, can act as judges, and that way everybody wins!

Be creative and organize an amazing event. This is your chance to get to know some cool Kiwanis Family members and have an unforgettable time!

—Grace Ann Cecilio



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

NEW OFFICE HOURS

I will now 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!

—Karen Chen

UTILIZING YOUR RESOURCES

Does your Circle K club lack financial resources? Does your Circle K club need more volunteers to attend service or fundraising events? Here are some Kiwanis Family resources you can utilize to help your Circle K club!

Local Kiwanis Clubs – Your Kiwanians might be just as old as your parents, but don't let their ages fool you! They will do whatever they can to help you, such as providing financial resources or by attending your service/fundraising events.

Club Advisors – They are one of the main sources of information. These advisors have gone through the experience of helping your board, so don't be afraid to approach your advisors for advice on planning service projects or starting a fundraiser.

Circle K Clubs Within the Division/District – This is where fellowship comes into play. Need transportation to get to service events? Contact your local Circle K clubs and ask if they can help with carpooling. Need roommates for conventions? Contact your lieutenant governor or other club presidents! Need more members to attend social or fundraising events. Invite local Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, KIWIN'S, Builders Club, and K-Kids to events where you need higher attendance.

School Resources – It is amazing how many clubs under-utilize their school recourses. Many campuses offer summer orientation tabling where you can work on recruiting members. Student associations occasionally host major school events, which provide for great volunteer opportunities. You can also rent rooms for club meetings, apply for financial support from the student association, and advertise your club through the school newspaper, banners, or sandwich boards.

Local Businesses Around the Campus – Look for grandpa or grandma stores in your area and plan possible fundraising events with their help through donations or discounts. Then, once your club has established relationships with local businesses, it is a lot easier to publicize (by leaving flyers or posting signs) and host future fundraising events. In addition, you can also write letters to local businesses asking for sponsorship or donation to your events.

Technology – Not too sure how to start a service or fundraising event? Check <http://cnhcirclek.org/> and click the resources tab for more information. In addition, you can also check other Circle K's websites to help you brainstorm new ideas. Still need more help? You can also look up your lieutenant governor or district governor's e-mail addresses on the CNH Circle K website and email them if you'd like more help!

–Luke Liao

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE!

Having trouble coming up with Key to College workshop ideas?
Need help getting started on PowerPoints/hand outs?

Sample resources created by District Kiwanis Family Committee members
are now available online at <http://www.cnhcki.org>

Event — KIWANIS FAMILY DANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED

Every month, some of the Circle K clubs in Hawaii put on a Kiwanis Family Dance for their Kiwanians, fellow Circle K'ers, and the Key Clubbers that they sponsor. The event is usually held on the third Friday of every month, and has become a regular event within the Kiwanis Family of Hawaii. Although typically held at the Kaimuki Recreation Center, at times other schools have taken on the responsibility of hosting the event. The main purpose of these dances is to create and strengthen the bond within the Kiwanis family. There is no charge to attend, and any donation collected go towards helping put on the event, such as purchasing refreshments or prizes for their “lucky number” drawings.

One of the most interesting aspects of these Kiwanis Family Dances is the fact that every dance has its own specific theme. The theme for the last dance was “Back to School,” and many people are looking forward to this month’s Halloween theme where attendees can go to the dance in their costumes.

The regularity of these dances provides a great way for the different branches of the Kiwanis Family to get to know each other outside of service projects and meetings. Many people attend these dances every month and because of this, they have been able to get to know Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, and other Circle K'ers on a more personal level. These dances are a great way of showing the kinds of relationships that can be formed within the Kiwanis Family, and how regardless of what age, we can all get together on a Friday night and have some fun. I hope that one month I get the chance to attend one of Hawaii’s Kiwanis Family Dances!

—Matthew Tadros



*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 — SHERA KWAK

Shera Kwak is a second year attending UC Berkeley. She is serving her club this year as their Kiwanis Family Chair!



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

A: I have been in the Kiwanis Family since freshman year of high school, so this will be my 6th year!

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

A: Kiwanis Family is one of the many reasons why I love this organization so much. I thought that it would be nice to be in the loop about what other branches of the Kiwanis Family were up to and help make resources for other Kiwanis Family Chairs in the district!

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

A: I would probably have to say UC Berkeley's Spring Cazadero. Every year during the spring, our Kiwanians and about 25 Circle K members go up to Camp Cazadero, a summer music camp for kids. We help prepare the camp for the upcoming summer and the great part is that we get to spend 3 days and 2 nights with our amazing Kiwanians. Last year, we told stories and sang songs around a campfire, which was nice. Also, we got free food!

Q: What are you planning to be for Halloween?

A: I haven't thought of a costume yet. If you have any suggestions, let me know! :)



Thank Yous

Melissa Omiya, Lei Navasca, Danica Fernandez, Eugene Young from HAWAII for information and pictures for the event spotlight of the month!

Also, a special "thank you" to Mimi Dao, who helped edit this month's issue!

QUESTIONS or CONCERNS?

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

kfamily@cnhcirclek.org
Karen Chen