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Hello, Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K! With the summer almost over, it is time to start preparing for the upcoming school year and all the things that come with it. I hope this newsletter will be beneficial to presidents, Kiwanis Family chairs, and other members as the new school year emerges upon us.

By starting this brand new publication, I hope that the District Kiwanis Family Committee will help all you presidents out there stay on track to keep up your club's Kiwanis Family relations throughout the school year as you manage your time with Circle K around other duties such as finding worthwhile service projects, dealing with member recruitment and retention, and fundraising for their club and the DFIs. Ideally, this newsletter, The Kiwanis Family Konnection will help you discover new ways to improve your Kiwanis Family relations and keep you on track.

For all those Kiwanis Family chairs in Cal-Nev-Ha, this newsletter is designed to help you with your duties. Keep your eyes open for ideas for Kiwanis Family projects, new resources, and highlights of Kiwanis Family events throughout the district (who knows, maybe even one of your club's events will make it on here)!

I hope you, whether you are a club president, Kiwanis Family chair, general member, or Kiwanian, enjoy this very first issue of The Kiwanis Family Konnection!

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- Candace Chu (UCSD)
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- Elizabeth Huang (UC Riverside)
- Shera Kwak (UC Berkeley)
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- Matthew Tadros (UC Berkeley)
- Brian Wong (UCLA)

The Kiwanis Family Periods Program

The CNH District board has implemented the new Kiwanis Family Periods Program for this school year. The aim of this new program is to have one tenet as the focus for each season. By doing this, we hope to encourage clubs to bond with their Kiwanis family through service, leadership, and fellowship.

Here are the seasons with their respective tenets:

- Fall — Fellowship (September through November)
- Winter — Leadership (December through March)
 - Spring — Service (March through May)

As the year goes on, the newsletter will feature ideas for each of these periods, as well as some spotlights of some events that particular clubs are doing for each period.

As usual, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at kfamily@cnhcirclek.org

District Kiwanis Family Committee Goals 2010-2011

After many hours of deliberation and brainstorming, your 2010-2011 District Kiwanis Family Committee has come up with three main goals to focus on for the year. These goals are meant to strengthen the bonds between us Circle K'ers and the other branches of the Kiwanis family. Ultimately, they will help develop our organization as a whole and build a healthy relationship with Kiwanis and their Service Leadership Programs (SLPs).

The three goals are to:

1. strengthen bonds not only with Kiwanis and Key Club/KIWINS, but also the other branches of the Kiwanis Family
2. enhance unification between Circle K clubs throughout Cal-Nev-Ha
3. compile a massive spreadsheet of LTGs and other various contacts within the Kiwanis family branches (i.e. a Kiwanis Family directory)

Now, you're probably wondering: what is the importance of these goals, how can I help the district achieve them, and how will they benefit our organization as a whole? Well, friends, here are some answers:

Goal 1: Most of us have heard of Key Club/KIWINS and our sponsor, Kiwanis. However, there are still other Kiwanis family branches out there that are just waiting to work with us. Including Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club, and CAYP (CA Young Professionals, a specialized Kiwanis Club), this brings us to a total of eight Kiwanis Family branches. There are many benefits to working with all the clubs and trying to branch out as much as possible:

1. Most important is that we are all one Kiwanis family. In order to create a more unified Kiwanis family, it is important for us to create relationships with all branches. The more we work with each branch, the more inspired they will be to work with the rest.

2. Younger clubs like K-Kids and Builders Club look up to their older counterparts as role models. By supporting these clubs in your community, you have the potential to motivate the youth to be service-oriented citizens. Your influence can lead to them doing better in school and contributing to their community. As role models, we can make a difference in their lives. Also, by spreading education about the Kiwanis Family to the youth clubs, we can recruit future members and show them how amazing Circle K is!

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There are also many benefits to your club that come with working with K-Kids and Builders Club. With a vast amount of projects you can do with these clubs, there are many chances for your club to use them to better their community and yours. Book drives, arts and crafts projects, carnivals, school beautification projects, and library events are just a few of the ways you can do service with these Kiwanis family counterparts. For those of us who have never had a little brother or sister, this is a perfect way to make an impact on someone younger and sort of have a “buddy” who looks up to you.

3. CAYP (California Young Professionals) is a special Kiwanis club for those who are busy building their career or starting a family, but still want to contribute to their community. By working with CAYP, your Circle K club members can build professional relations with individuals that could result in career guidance, or maybe even an internship! Many members of CAYP are former Circle K members, and can provide you with guidance on running your club. Since they are a little bit older than us, but not completely out of our generation, these individuals can act as role models for us and provide guidance for our future paths.

4. Aktion Club is a club for adult citizens living with disabilities who want to serve their community and develop initiative as well as leadership skills. Although they are not as common as Kiwanis clubs, they are very active in their communities. You can build healthy relationships with

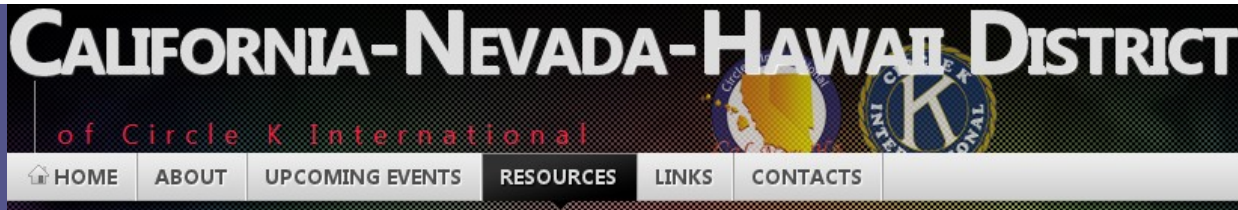
your Aktion Club by getting involved in numerous hands-on projects, which are a big focus of Aktion Club. Despite their disabilities, they are some of the most caring and vibrant members of the Kiwanis Family, and can provide long lasting relationships with Circle K. Holding socials with Aktion Club can also help them be more integrated into society, which would be a life changing opportunity for them, as well as possibly the members in your club.

Goal 2: Not only are other Circle K clubs part of the Kiwanis Family, making our relationships important as well, but you also have better chances with having joint events that satisfy each involved club. After all, chances are, you have more in common with your peers. A large difficulty people see is that different clubs means different schools and therefore have different school regulated rules, but the effort put into making interclubs work results in amazing friendships. And getting to know others from different areas of the division/district/region/international can help you expand your network by location.

Goal 3: A massive spreadsheet will be created in order to help all Circle K clubs reach out to their Kiwanis family counterparts. This spreadsheet will include contacts of all Kiwanis family club LTGs and other various officers. This Kiwanis Family “directory” is meant to help your club achieve the above two goals and reach out to all Kiwanis family clubs in your area.

—Dmitriy Shapiro & Elizabeth Huang

Current Online Kiwanis Family Resources



- Event Request Form (ERF) Tutorial
- 2010-2011 Event Request Form (ERF)
- Key Club Consent Form
- Key to College Manual 2010-2011
- Kiwanis Family Relations Guidebook 2010-2011
- Kiwanis PTP Grant Application
- Sample Key to College Waiver
- Scholarship Application Circle K

We really hope you utilize these online resources!

New resources will be coming out throughout the year & we will notify you when they do!

Key to College Preparation



It's that time of the year again: high school seniors are frantically taking their last SAT's, aiming to think of creative things to write about in their personal essays, and going on a quest for the best possible letters of recommendation. As Circle K members, how can we help these frazzled seniors? By hosting a Key to College, of course!

For those of you who don't know what Key to College is, it is an event held by Circle K clubs for the high school seniors. This event consists of workshops such as College Application 101, Living with a Roommate, and How to Deal with Stress.

Confused just like the seniors? It's okay because the District Kiwanis Family Committee is here to help! The Kiwanis Family Committee made a handy Key to College Manual, available online, that can definitely get you started with planning a successful Key to College. Since college applications are due in a few months, please start planning now. Before you begin any planning, you should notify faculty advisors and Kiwanis advisors. The earlier, the better, since you want to start advertising to the Key Clubs. If you need help planning this event, the Kiwanis Family committee is definitely here as a resource, so ask away! Good luck and happy planning!

—Shera Kwak



Note — Although most Key to College events are held in October, you may host a Key to College event any time of the year!

Event — KIWANIS SPECIAL GAMES



Every year, the Golden Gate division gathers at De Anza College in Cupertino, CA for the annual "Kiwanis Special Games". It is an amazing event to volunteer at, be it as a Key Clubber, Circle K member, or as a Kiwanian. The event itself is never the same. Each year many disabled children attend the event to participate in the games, whether it be their first time or third time. It was such a heartwarming experience being able to see Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, and Circle K members alike working with these children and cheering them on. I know that by just being there, every child who attended the games had their lives impacted by members of the Kiwanis family, and vice-versa. Words can't begin to describe how amazing this event was.

Kiwanians and Circle K members scattered throughout the Bay Area, along with Key Clubbers from divisions 12 and 34 woke up very early the morning of Friday May 21st in order to come to the Special Games. Those who volunteered arrived at De Anza College in Cupertino as early as 6 AM to set up the various events for the children who would be attending later that morning. Key Clubbers and members of Circle K helped lead teams of children around to the various games that were set up, while other members of the Kiwanis Family took care of traffic control and registration. As soon as everything fell into place, the day kicked off with a parade composing of the different schools which had children attending the games for the day. As soon as that wrapped up, the games commenced and the children broke into their respective groups and began to participate in the various games that were laid out.

There was nothing more amazing, than seeing the smiles on every single child's face that day. No matter what, you would find yourself falling in love with a child that day, by just seeing the joy that their smiles would bring to you. If possible, hopefully next year, members from the Kiwanis Family scattered throughout Cali-Nev-Ha can come to De Anza College in Cupertino, and take part in the annual Kiwanis Special games.

—Francis Espiritu



Committee Member of the Month — ELIZABETH HUANG

Your cMOM for this issue is Elizabeth Huang, a member of UC Riverside Circle K, going into her third year.

I asked her some questions so you can get to know her better!

Q: What are you majoring in?

A: Sociology & Creative Writing with a minor in LGBT Studies

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

A: I've been in the Kiwanis Family going on to 7 years (:

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

A: It is because I believe that there is something special about each branch of the Kiwanis Family and those things are worth recognizing. Being able to work with different people from different backgrounds and clubs is rewarding, with such variety in not just age but personalities as well; it really feels like a huge family. (Cont'd on page 7)

cMOM Interview Continued

Elizabeth Huang of UCR, your September committee member of the month (cMOM)



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

A: While it's hard to pick one, I think Kiwanis special games will always hold a special place in my heart. With over 800 participants each year, the games make a lasting impact on not just the participants but the volunteers, families and spectators as well. Everyone works so hard and are so sweet, it's amazing.

Q: How do you keep up your dedication and love for the Kiwanis Family?

A: I suppose part of it is the memories that I have from my Key Club days. Also, visiting my old Silicon Valley Kiwanians definitely helps because I know they love me as much as I love them. And then, of course, I just simply care.

Q: How has your summer been so far? (:

A: It's been nice! I love being back home in the Bay Area. I've mostly been doing school and service, but classes just ended and then I'll be off to Reno for DSSS and then Hawaii for a week.



District Key to College Thank You

Thank you to those who helped out in any way with the Key to College event in Reno — Grace Ann Cecilio, Francis Espiritu, Matt Tadros, Luke Liao, Shera Kwak, Dmitriy Shapiro, Elizabeth Huang, Cami Tam, Peter Le, JonJon Junpradub, Christina Le, Brett Butler, Tammy Tran, Nelson Nguyen, Alex Kieu & last but DEFINITELY not least, Kristen VanCitters!

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!

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