

Week 5- Sponsoring Kiwanis

Hello Presidents!

It's time for your weekly dose of Circle K medicine :) This week's email is going to include some advice about **strengthening your relationship with your sponsoring Kiwanis.**

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I know that talking to Kiwanians can be intimidating. They're older, wiser, and they're not into the latest trends, pop culture, or technology. This can make you feel awkward talking to them because you don't want to look young and inexperienced. But be honest, more often than not, **they feel more intimidated talking to YOU.** We're the younger generation and we **know more** about using the internet, computers, and technology in general. This gives us more access to what's going on around in the world and we work even faster than they're used to.

### Kiwanis Meetings

- **Arrive Early:** Get there before all the Kiwanians have picked out their seats. This avoids all the Kiwanians sitting together and only the empty tables left, separating Circle K'ers and Kiwanians. Getting there early also gives you time to mingle with your Kiwanians.
- **Take the Initiative:** Approach the Kiwanians and introduce yourself. **Don't wait for them to come up to you.** Even though you might feel like the Kiwanians don't try to get to know you, sometimes the Kiwanians feel the exact same way about your club. Again, the Kiwanians are probably more intimidated by you than you are of them. Wearing name badges can also help because sometimes they will recognize your face before they remember your name. (I know I use the Kiwanians name badges a lot myself)
- **Be Yourself: This is probably the most important!!!** Don't be afraid to tell jokes, talk about your day, or ask them questions. By being ourselves, we make the Kiwanians feel younger and they always appreciate that.

### Things you can talk about:

- School- your major and what you plan on doing with it
- Upcoming Service Projects and District Events
- Circle K (they always want to know more about that)
- Current events
- Ask Kiwanians about their lives, where they went to school and their majors, and what they do now.

### Ideas for Events

- **Spaghetti Dinner:** To show appreciation for all that your sponsoring Kiwanians do, cook a spaghetti dinner for them one evening.
- **Dance Social:** Try finding a volunteer or Kiwanian to teach ballroom dancing.

- **Joint Divisional Council Meetings:** Suggest to your Lieutenant Governors to hold one joint DCM with one of the sponsoring Divisions.

**Remember** that your club is not restricted to only your sponsoring Kiwanis Club. Visiting other neighboring Kiwanis Clubs or Kiwanis Divisional Council Meetings provides you with more service, fund raising and networking opportunities.

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Again, if you have any **comments or suggestions**, I'd love to hear them.

For more resources and ideas, check out our website at www.cnhcirclek.org. There's a TON of information that's not covered in this email which is there for YOU!

Questions? You can email me at mde@cnhcirclek.org or call me at (858) 740-8334.

Until next week :)

