



The Krier

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Happy new service year!

The end of every District Convention marks a new service year on the CKI calendar. Old officers step down to give leadership opportunities to new officers learning the ropes, or some officers stay on board to help guide their new boards. Service hour logs are wiped clean, and planning continues. Thank you to everyone who made the 2013-2014 service year so successful! Let's make the 2015-2016 service year just as wonderful, if not better!

Save the Dates

CKIx / ICON	Leadership Academy	Fall Officer Training: West	Fall Officer Training: East
June 24-June 27	June 27-August 1	Tentatively September 13	Tentatively September 19
Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis, IN	TBD	TBD
International Convention and Large Scale Service Project	Intensive program to instill leadership, open to any CKI member	Training session for club officers, general members welcome	Training session for club officers, general members welcome

To the **Wonderful and Mighty PACK**,

Congratulations on a successful year! You all did amazing things and you really showed what the Pennsylvania District of Circle K could do. Without the dedication of the past officers and the general members, we wouldn't have had such a great year, so I applaud you. I look forward to working with the new officers and the returning members. **I know that we will have yet another prosperous year because I have you guys working with me!**

I have many goals that I would like to accomplish this year. For starters, I want to increase our sense of **community**. I joined Key Club my junior year of high school, so I didn't get to really settle in there. When I arrived to college and attended my first Circle K meeting, I immediately felt like I was welcomed. I had an instant set of friends that I enjoyed getting to know and giving back to the community with. This feeling of friendship and community is what I want to bring to the District level. I want to work with each of you to bring **more service and social events** to the divisions. This will give everyone multiple options to which event they would like to attend, although I would hope you would attend them all! I would also like to host chats that multiple people could call into so that we could talk about things going on in our clubs. This will allow us to **swap ideas** with other clubs and just get to know each other a little bit more.

I would also like to work more with disadvantaged and inner city youth. I spent most of my childhood in Chicago, IL and we didn't have organizations within our schools or programs that showed us the importance of service. Luckily, I had parents who instilled the importance of service in me and exposed me to the benefits of giving back. I would like Circle K to do more with disadvantaged and inner city youth by working with schools, after school programs, or community centers. By working with these youth, we can show them how wonderful service is and hopefully **instill a passion** within them to continue giving back.

Lastly, I want Circle K to start working more with women resource centers and women and children shelters. Most women who utilize these services have been affected by abuse, sexual assault, and/or rape. By volunteering at these centers, we are helping women at a time of need and allowing ourselves to **have the difficult conversation** about sexual assault and rape. We could start a chain reaction and hopefully get more clubs involved with this initiative.

Circle K is doing amazing things, but I know we can do even more and I look forward to working with all of you to guide us in that direction. I can't wait to visit with as many of you as I can. Please feel free to **reach out** to me if you have any questions.

With compassion and goodwill,

Taylor Spencer



Governor



Hello, my name is **Taylor Spencer**, and I am a senior at the Pennsylvania State University-University Park (PSU). I am majoring in Anthropology with a minor in African American Studies. I am originally from Chicago, IL but I currently live in Homewood, IL. I am so excited to serve as your District Governor for the 2015-2016 year. I look forward to us working together to make PACK bigger and better. My favorite quote is "Even a broken clock is right twice a day." This quote resonates with me because it reminds me to stay grounded and realize that I am not going to get everything right, but I will get some things right! Let's have a successful year PACK!

Secretary



Hello! I'm **Melissa Campbell**, a senior at Susquehanna University! I am currently double majoring in Psychology and Sociology in hopes to work with communities with severe and persistent mental disorders when I finally get out of school! I have been involved with the Kiwanis Family for just two short years but have been the Public Relations Chair for my home club for a year and a half and was the District Secretary this past administrative year. I am so excited to work with all the new officers this year and improve upon what I started to do last year! I can't wait to work with all of you and meet and get to know each of you - this year will definitely be a blast! Fun Fact: I procrastinate by playing *League of Legends* and *Sims 4* or binge-watching *Friends* or *Full House*.

Treasurer



Hey Circle K! My name is **Lauren Herneisey** and I'm so excited to serve as your district treasurer this year! I am a senior at Penn State-University Park, majoring in accounting. In addition to Circle K, I also sing in the Oriana Singers women's choir at Penn State. This is my seventh year in the K family. I've served as Key Club editor and secretary at my high school, and I've been fundraising chair at Penn State for the last two years. I'm looking forward to sharing fundraising ideas with you all and making Circle K funds the best they can be!

Editor

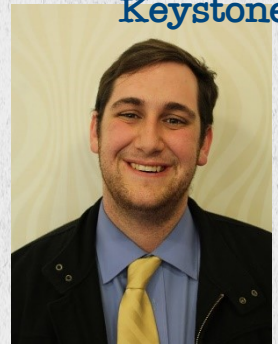


Hello! My name is **Kelly McCurdy**, a senior marketing major at Mercyhurst University. I joined Circle K my freshman year and held the club editor position for two years. This past Circle K year, I served as both club editor and club vice president. I look forward to applying all the skills I learned to our district publications, and I cannot wait to work with all of the new editors! I love fishing and kayaking in my spare time, but mostly I end up hanging out with my cat and fiancé. I also have 8 seasons of *Bones* almost memorized.

Meet the new Executive Board!

Meet the Lieutenant Governors!

Keystone



Hello Circle K! My name is **Jake Young**. I am a Junior Theatre-Performance major at Susquehanna University. I have been involved with Circle K since my freshman year of college, and held past positions as vice-president and president of Susquehanna's Circle K. I am really excited to get to the know the other clubs in the Kiwanis family better, as well as help to create a stronger connection between the clubs in the keystone division. One of my favorite quotes is from theatre activist Augusto Boal "We are all actors: being a citizen is not living in society, it is changing it."

Liberty



Hello, my name is **Fawn Jakielaszek**. I am majoring in mathematics and getting my teaching certification for secondary mathematics education at Drexel University. I am going into my junior year. This was my first year in Circle K, but I have been in other service club. For example, I served as president of Interact in high school and have headed up many service projects before. I am excited to unite the Liberty Division and have many awesome and super fun socials and service events! Fun fact: I can touch my tongue to my nose. My favorite quote is a Greek proverb: "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they never shall sit in."

Three Rivers



Hello, my name is **Tim Haight**. I am a senior at University of Pittsburgh – Oakland Campus, where I am studying English Writing. I joined Circle K during Fall 2014. I am excited to unite the clubs in my division by promoting inter-club events, as well as working with other schools in the area to begin chartering clubs. Additionally, I look forward to gaining practical experience in an administrative position and developing critical and creative thinking skills applicable to any future career.

Want to join us?

Several committee chair positions as well as the following Lieutenant Governor positions are currently vacant:

Black Diamond, Colonial, and Snowbelt

To apply, visit:

<http://www.pacirclek.org/apply-for-a-district-chair-or-vacant-lt-governor-position/#more-685>

CKIx



International Convention is the biggest Circle K event of the year! This year it will be held in Indianapolis from June 24-27 in honor of the Kiwanis 100 anniversary, where Kiwanis International headquarters is located. Those attending will have opportunities to meet with Circle K-ers from Canada and the Caribbean, listen to inspiring speakers, elect the international board, and go to a Hellogoodbye concert. The Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) this year will be *Circle the city with service*, centering around an up-and-coming neighborhood.

Visit circlek.org/ckix to learn more!

The Eliminate Project

In 2010, Kiwanis teamed up with UNICEF to wipe maternal and neonatal tetanus off the face of the Earth. Neonatal tetanus kills one baby every eleven minutes and is often contracted during unclean birthing practices, not uncommon in developing countries. Once contracted, the infant may suffer convulsions and be very sensitive to light and touch, making the tender moment of a mother holding her child painful instead of magical as it should be. The vaccine to save a mother and her future children from this terrible disease only costs \$1.80. With the initiative slated to end this year, we encourage Circle K to continue their fundraising efforts toward this wonderful cause. Circle K has already raised over \$305,000! Let's keep it going! Circle K International's goal per member per year is set at only \$7.40, less than 2 Frappuccinos.

For more information as well as a video to share with club members, look under the Service tab of pacirclek.org!



Babies



Serve Today, Cure Tomorrow

This year's **District Service Project** (DSP) is Serve Today, Cure Tomorrow with the goal that our members focus on cancer fundraising, community service, and support. All of our lives have been touched in one way or another by the tragedy of cancer, but when we work together and fight back, we can get closer to finding a cure! Many clubs are already doing great service projects and fundraisers related to cancer, so now we want hear about your awesome projects so that we can highlight your club in The Krier and on the website! Also, make sure your club logs your DSP related projects correctly on the Secretary Monthly Report Form, and if you have questions about that, please reach out to the fabulous District Secretary Melissa Campbell. If your club needs some ideas of where to start below are some examples:



VOLUNTEER: Call around to your local healthcare facilities such as **Hospitals, Veteran Hospitals, and Cancer Care Centers** to see if your club can volunteer there or host an event at the hospital for the patients. Your club members can hang out at the local Cancer Care Center while patients receive their treatments, which will be beneficial to both the patients and members.

DONATE: There are some great local organizations that collect items to donate o cancer patients and their families. **Caitlin Smiles**, similarly, focuses on helping children stuck in the hospital with long term illnesses, and it is based out of central Pennsylvania! Caitlin Smile's has craft bags, happy cards, and many other small activities that your club can put together during a meeting.

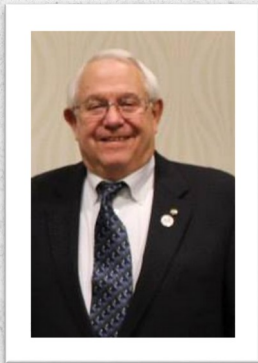
FUNDRAISING: Most clubs are already involved with great fundraising projects, but in case you aren't, here are some examples: **Relay for Life, Alex's Lemonade Stand, and Penn State's THON**. Even though most Relay for Life walks are in the Spring/Summer, your club can host an event anytime of the year and donate the funds to the American Cancer Society.

If your club does a super cool project benefiting our District Service Project, please share it with a member of the District Board so that we can share it with other clubs in the District. Keep up the great work, and you have any questions about the DSP or anything else related to Circle K, please reach out to the fabulous members on the District Board!

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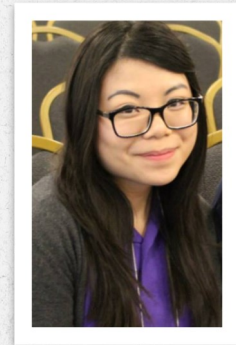
District Convention

The 53rd annual Pennsylvania District Convention was held in Monroeville, PA on March 27-29, 2015

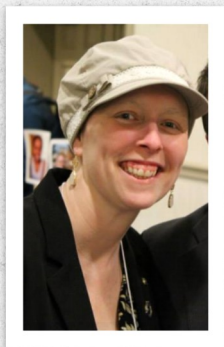


Bob Raub
PA Kiwanis Governor

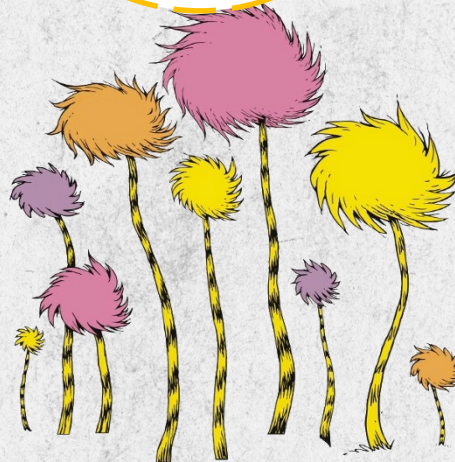
A special thank you to some of our special guests and to the rest of our wonderful K-Family for coming!



Kathy Le
International President



Jen Vare
PA Kiwanis Governor-Elect



Dan Conrod
Keynote Speaker



Pictured from left to right: former District Administrator Ken Nguyen, Liberty Zone Advisor Mariza Shavelle, new District Administrator Kelly Shaup, Three Rivers Zone Advisor Kristina Badali, and Snowbelt Zone Advisor Cathy Hagadorn

District Convention Awards

Roll Call Award

Penn State University-University Park

Spirit Stick

University of Pittsburgh-Oakland

Interclub Award

West Chester University

Growth Award

University of Scranton

M.I.L.E. (Members in Long Excursions) Award

West Chester University-8 members in attendance, traveling 269 miles, for a total of 2,152 miles traveled

District Governor's Distinguished Member Award:

Owen McCrossan, Drexel University

Eric Hayden, Duquesne University

Kathryn Kerr, Duquesne University

Meghan Cunningham, Penn State University Park

Alana Fiero, Penn State University Park

Shayna Goldfeder, Penn State University Park

Alexa Austin, West Chester University

Alyssa Thomas, West Chester University

Casey Tobias, West Chester University

Kelsey Turczmanovicz, West Chester University



Special thank you to Ben Osterhout & Kathy Le for their photos of the event!

Best Sponsoring Kiwanis Club Award

Kiwanis Club of West Chester

David H. Baker Jr. Outstanding Kiwanis Family Relations

West Chester University

Glen & Sally Stevens Outstanding Advisor Award

Sarah Zulueta, Drexel University Faculty Advisor

George McCutcheon Outstanding Kiwanis Advisor Award

Denise Kemp, Mercyhurst University Kiwanis Advisor

District Convention Awards



Early Bird Award

- Central Penn College
- Duquesne University
- Edinboro University⁹
- Elizabethtown College
- Lycoming College
- Mercyhurst University
- Millersville University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg
- University of Pittsburgh-Oakland

Big Ten Award

- Central Penn College
- Clarion University
- Elizabethtown College
- University of Pittsburgh-Oakland
- University of Scranton



Honored Club Secretary

Andrew Kern, Duquesne University

Honored Club Treasurer

Pamela Infante, Duquesne University

Honored Club Editor

- Chuan Phongphithichitkun, Duquesne University
- Kaitlin Shartle, Penn State University Park
- Mark Giovinazzi, Drexel University

Distinguished Editor

Stephanie Frasca, West Chester University

Barry J. Halbritter Outstanding Editor Award

Stephanie Frasca, West Chester University

Distinguished Secretary

Hannah Coble, West Chester University

Kevin E. Thomas Outstanding Secretary Award

Hannah Coble, West Chester University

Distinguished Vice Presidents

- Sarah Sprauer, Duquesne University
- Theresa Kelly, West Chester University

Willi Schaefer Outstanding Vice-President Award

No applicants

Distinguished Presidents

- Hannah Cawoski, Duquesne University
- Amanda Sloan, West Chester University

Dr. James Hallmand Outstanding President Award

No applicants

Thomas A. Muchler Outstanding Member Award

Kathleen Kerr, Duquesne University

District Convention Awards

Ron & Luida Shearer Divisional Unsung Hero Award

Colonial Division: Kirsten German, Shippensburg University

Keystone Division: Shayna Goldfelder, Penn State University Park

Liberty Division: Alyssa Thomas, West Chester University

Snowbelt Division: Carmella Battista, Edinboro University

Three Rivers Division: Amy Vihein, University of Pittsburgh, Oakland



Club Scrapbook Award, Traditional

Duquesne University, 3rd Place

Penn State University Park, 2nd Place

West Chester University, 1st Place

Club Scrapbook Award, Non-Traditional

West Chester University, 2nd Place

Penn State University Park, 1st Place

Club Website Award

Mercyhurst University, 3rd Place

West Chester University, 2nd Place

Drexel University, 1st Place

Club Newsletter Award

Drexel University, 3rd Place

West Chester University, 2nd Place

Mercyhurst University, 1st Place

Club T-Shirt Award

Drexel University, 3rd Place

Mercyhurst University, 2nd Place

Duquesne University, 1st Place



Single Service Award

Silver Level: Drexel University

Gold Level: Duquesne University

Outstanding Club Achievement Award

Bronze:

Mercyhurst University, 1st Place

Silver Level:

LaSalle University, 3rd Place

University of Pennsylvania, 2nd Place

Drexel University, 1st Place

Gold Level:

Penn State University Park, 3rd Place

Duquesne University, 2nd Place

West Chester University, 1st Place

Project Highlight: Drexel University

Drexel University and their Kiwanis Club helped the Mantua community by partnering with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia on April 18, 2015.



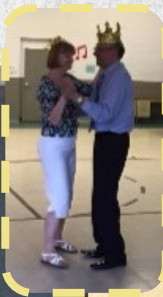
Rebuilding Together Philadelphia (RTP) is an organization that brings volunteers and their communities together to improve the homes and lives of local, low-income homeowners. Since the homeowners do not make enough of an income to maintain their house, RTP provides the volunteers and tools to help the homeowners make exterior and interior renovations and clean up the house and the landscape surrounding the house. Drexel University Circle K (DUCK) worked with RTP and the homeowners to do simple repairs and renovations to the homes in Mantua on April 18th. We had 17 DUCK members go as well as two University City Kiwanians. RTP was an eight-hour event and all of our members had a blast together and met some of the homeowners that they were helping in the community.

Want to be featured in the Krier? Submit an article to the District Editor (editor@pacirclek.org) by the 10th of the month. A Krier Submission Form has been sent to club presidents and editors.

What has the district been up to?



Edinboro University:
Senior Prom



University of Pittsburgh:
District Convention



Elizabethtown College:
District Convention



Mercyhurst University:
Relay For Life



Duquesne University:
Spring Clean-Up



Penn State University:
Pancake Dinner



University of Pennsylvania:
Easter Egg Hunt

If you see any projects that interest you, reach out to that club, and ask them about it!

“ “ What’s Next? ” ”



Be sure to check out our website:
pacirclek.org

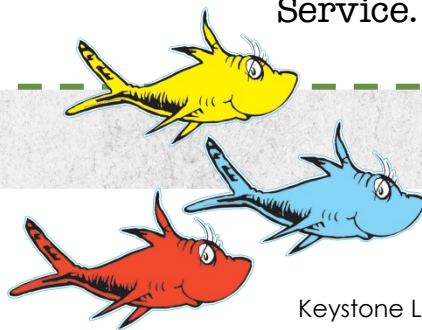
Do not hesitate to contact members of the District Board with any questions you may have, and reach out to other clubs within the District.

Mission: Circle K International develops college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.

Vision: Circle K International shall be the leading global community-service organization on college and university campuses that enriches the world one member, one child and one community at a time.

Motto: "Live to serve, Love to serve!"

Service. Leadership. Fellowship.



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