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Hello Sub-region D!

When the movie Ratatouille came out last year, my roommate went and saw it in the theater. She came home and told me that there was a part that was mushy and inspiration and that I would love it. :^) I finally got a chance to see the scene from the movie that Jennie had anxiously called me about.

In this scene, the main character, Remy, who is a rat is talking to his father, Django. The two walk past an exterminator's shop and see dead rats in the window. Django tells Remy that the world they live in is run by the enemy. That each of the rats can only rely on the other rats to help them survive. Remy disputes his father. The scene goes like this:

Remy: [*defiantly*] No. Dad, I don't believe it. You're telling me that the future is - can only be - more of this?

Django: This is the way things are; you can't change nature.

Remy: Change is nature, Dad. The part that we can influence. And it starts when we decide.

Django: [*Remy turns to leave*] Where are you going?

Remy: With luck, forward.

Now, you may be wondering what this scene has to do with CKI. As we approach another round of amendments and elections in the coming months, it is important to remember that the future does not need to be exactly like the present: it can be better. We are the ones who will invoke the changes that will make CKI and the world better for the future.

You know, for a rat, Remy is very intelligent. He knows that we must move forward, no matter what. I would tend to agree- although it is sometimes difficult to determine exactly which decisions will move us forward and what will set us back. One thing I do know is that if we refuse to change, we will eventually fall behind.

Let's spend time trying to move forward- working hard to make our clubs, districts, and CKI better for us now and for our members in the future. I am here to help you in any way that I can!

At Your Service,

Kaitlin McCann
CKI Vice-President



**"The most
damaging phrase
in the language is:
"It's always been
done that way."
~Grace Hopper**



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Attending ICON???

Save a Life- Donate Blood!



Last year, Circle K held its first annual blood drive at International Convention. Because of the great success of the 2007 blood drive, the International Board decided that it would only make sense to continue to save lives with our blood donations. Therefore, a few months ago we created a blood drive committee and this year we will once again hold a blood drive on the first day of ICON!!

Here are some details:

The Blood Drive will be held on August 6, 2008 from 1:00pm to 6:30pm at the Sheraton Hotel (the ICON hotel). This year, we are attempting to DOUBLE in size from last year to a total of 87 donor slots available!

Bonfils Blood Center, which is this year's blood donation service, will be providing all of the staff and supplies needed to run this operation. Attached to this email is all the information you need to set up your donation appointment at this year's International Convention. **Register online today!**

Thousands of visitors will converge in Colorado in August for the Democratic National Convention, and greater volumes of people can lead to a greater need for blood. This is an excellent way to give back to the community hosting our annual convention.

Have a Heart... Donate Blood!

As a thank you for your life-saving gift, all donors who give blood between July 13 and September 6 will receive a Bonfils baseball hat. By making two blood donations between May 18 and September 6 (you can donate whole blood every 56 days), you will not only receive your free gifts but will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a three-night trip for two adults to Iberostar Grand Hotel Paraiso in Riviera Maya, Mexico, generously provided by Apple Vacations. CKI is also planning on giving its own complimentary gift to all donors.

To schedule an appointment online please go to www.bonfils.org and **use the attached informational flier to walk you through the process.** You may also contact Jenna Dahn at jennadahn@gmail.com or (734) 968-7651 with any questions.



Here are the steps to register to donate blood:

1. Log on to www.bonfils.org
2. Click on New Account Registration (lower right corner)
3. Fill out the short information form. You do not need a Donor ID, it will be filled in after one business day. Be sure to create a password that is easy to remember!
4. Click on the SAVE button.
5. Click on the Find a Donation Location.
6. Enter 6704 for the Site Code; for the end date, choose 8/6/08 on the calendar.
7. Click on any of the drive information, login and then click Schedule Appointment.
8. Complete the Prescreening Questionnaire. Once you have answered all of the questions, (and your eligibility has been verified), you will be taken to a list of appointment times and you can select the time you prefer.
9. You can choose to set up an appointment reminder via email or phone. Be sure to click Save to confirm you appointment.
10. Please remember all your account information should you need to login to view, change or cancel your appointment.

LSSP: Logistics

GOING THE EXTRA MILE;

SERVICE IN THE MILE HIGH CITY

Starts:
Saturday,
August 2nd

LSSP DENVER
CITY LIMIT
ELEV 5280 FT

Ends:
Wednesday,
August 6th

LSSP 2006 & 2007
Highlights

When and where will this event take place?

LSSP will be held from August 2-6, 2008 in Denver, Colorado, not far from the International Convention hotel!

Who will be our Partners for Service Projects??

This year's LSSP project will include working with the Salvation Army of Denver and the Denver Rescue Mission.

Project One: We will be collaborating with The Salvation Army. They have many stores in the Denver area, and it is possible we will be helping at up to seven locations. At one store, they have a warehouse to process donations; details are being worked out to get CKI involved! Most of the tasks for this project include painting, landscaping, cleaning, and general renovation at the stores. The fun doesn't stop there: the Salvation Army has more projects still to come!



The Denver Rescue Mission will be holding its annual Backpack Carnival on August 9th, where they will provide over 1,000 children from low-income families with a backpack full of school supplies to start the school year off on a good foot. Our part will be helping assemble the 1,000 backpacks and constructing games for the carnival. We will also provide assistance with some smaller projects to prepare for the carnival.

So, what else will we be doing besides performing service?

LSSP provides Circle K members the ultimate opportunity for fellowship. Even if you're the only member of your district to attend, you'll find Circle K's nature very welcoming and you will feel right at home. You too, can become a ninja! Give Circle K members scraps of fleece, and the imagination takes control. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to join us as we enter into the 8th year of this unique CKI experience, and who knows: you may find yourself getting as carried away as we did with our leftover fleece!



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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."
~Dr. Seuss

They Lead, they Serve, they Have Fun: Who are they?



Governors



Stacey Schockmann
Kansas District

District Mascot:
Billy the Bull



Darin Winters
Missouri- Arkansas
District

District Mascot:
King Cassius the Mo-N-
Ark Monarch



Gavin Robert
Louisiana-Mississippi-
W. Tennessee District

District Mascot:
Elvis the Alligator and
Jacques the Crawfish



Lukas Rix
Nebraska- Iowa

District Mascot:
Consuela the Cow



John Cano
Texas- Oklahoma
District

District Mascot:
Tequila the Armadillo



Updates & Did You Know?



1. Keep selling Six Cents Pin and bring the money with you to International Convention.
2. I will be cutting my hair for Locks of Love and I need someone who is willing to cut it (and also won't butcher it and leave me with pieces missing :^)
3. CKI Specialist Gloria Bidgood has taken on another position within the Kiwanis office, Volunteer Coordinator for the Club Excellence and Growth team. She will continue to work with Circle K until July 31, 2008. Then, she will transition to her new role. In the meantime, please continue to contact Gloria with questions. Also, the staff at the Kiwanis office will do their best to fill the vacancy in a timely and efficient manner.
4. We have hired a new convention Specialist, Emily Elk, who will begin work on July 7, 2008. She will be working hard to help with ICON at this pivotal time.
5. The deadlines for applications to attending the Certified Leader Training (CLE) at International Convention has been extended until July 15th. If you are interested in attending, please register online at <http://www.circlek.org/resources/club/cipapplicat.io.asp>.

How To Apply for a Tomorrow Fund Grant:

Go to the Circle K International Website.

<http://www.circlek.org/service/tomorrowwfund.asp>

Click on the form. Then fill it out and send it in, There is only one funding cycle for the Tomorrow Fund. The postmark deadline is **July 15**. The applications must be submitted to the Youth Funds Specialist at Kiwanis International, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or via fax at 317/879-0204.

If you read the application, clubs may request funding assistance from \$200 to \$2,000. The committee typically funds those clubs who are asking for a portion of the total cost of the project, and clubs who are working with other organizations to fund and complete the project.

