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Hello!!

My name is Kaitlin McCann and I am currently a senior at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) majoring in Elementary Education and English. I will be working with you for the next few months and I hope to get to know many of you during this time. Instead of simply telling you facts about myself, I have decided to tell you small pieces of information with the hope that you will be curious and contact me to find out the full story, so here goes. First, the action packed life of a ten year old is something I have recently become very acquainted with. Second, I have loaded car accident victims into an ambulance in a skirt and flip flops. And finally I don't eat anything green.

Now, let me explain a little more about my experience and my role as your Sub-regional Representative. During my four years in Circle K International, I have served in numerous leadership positions. Beginning as a club and district committee chair, I have progressed to hold the position of district editor and most recently district governor of the New Jersey District. At International Convention in Portland, Oregon last August, I was elected as Vice- President and have been serving in that position ever since.

When a vacancy arose in the position of Sub-region D Representative, I was eager to step up and fill the vacancy, but also somewhat nervous. I have never lived anywhere outside of New Jersey and sadly, have not even visited some of the states that make up your amazing districts. However, I began to evaluate my skill set and how it would align with the position of Sub-regional Representative. I began to realize that although I may never have lived in Louisiana or been to visit Texas, I have skills which will allow me to assist your Sub-region over the next few months. These skills include communication, determination, and the willingness to see others succeed by helping in any way possible.

With that said, I would like to briefly explain to you some of the things that I will be doing as your representative, in case you are not familiar with this position or its duties. I will serve as your source of communication with the international board. I will forward information to you from the board and also voice your opinions and concerns to the board in chats and board meetings. I will contact your district governors and help them transition into their new positions and start the year off with a bang. I will produce newsletters and have correspondence with numerous officers and members within the district. I have already set up a yahogroup to help spread information throughout the Sub-region in a more time-efficient manner. Lastly, I will work to help your clubs and districts in any way possible. I am here to support you and that is just what I plan to do.

With that said, I would like to once again offer my assistance to you, over the next few months while I serve in this position as well as in the future regardless of where our paths may lead.

Thank you for being brilliant leaders and working to make our Sub-region and all of Circle K International great. I am fanatical about quotations, so I thought it only fitting to end with a quote from the author James Baldwin. It goes, *“To be where we are, to pay the price we will pay, to survive, and to shake up the world the way we will is a rare journey.”* Thank you for paying the price you have to pay to be part of Circle K. Undoubtedly, you have had to sacrifice sleep or free time to hang out at a nursing home or serve dinner to someone who would otherwise go hungry. I look forward to being part of your rare journey for the next few months and getting a chance to talk with and meet many of you.

At your service,

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