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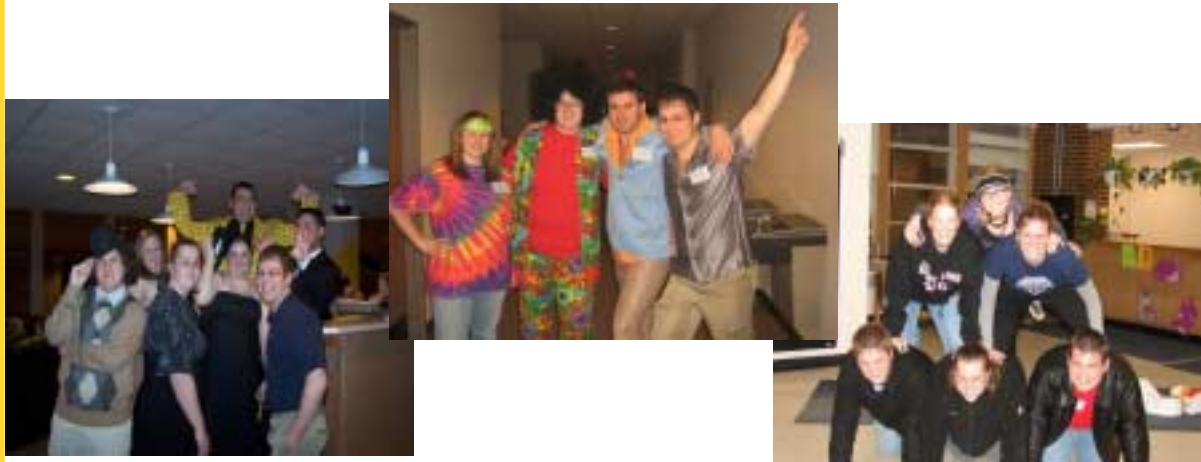
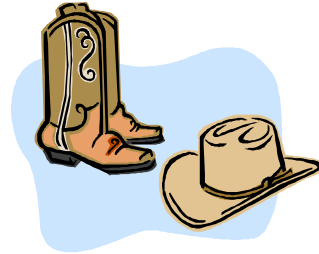
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Ten Reasons to come to DCON this year !

10. New District Officers installed
9. Live to Serve, Love to Serve
8. Games, Dancing, Food
7. Julie Felt in a dress (doesn't happen often)
6. Omaha, a City of History
5. "Ride that Service Pony"
4. Wonderful workshops
3. Easy central location to travel to
2. Crazy fun...only with root beer
1. DCON EXPERIENCE IS PRICELESS!!!



Cleaning For A Cause

On Saturday November 10th Area IV held their area rally. Circle K'ers from University of Northern Iowa, Mount Mercy, and Coe College (missing representatives from Iowa L) drove to Monticello Iowa and helped out at Camp Courageous. Camp Courageous is a facility where mentally or physically disabled kids can go to participate in fun things that you would find at a typical summer camp program. The campers can go canoeing, rock climbing, horse back riding and swing down on a zip line.

Camp Courageous had recently acquired more land, so our service project entailed us cleaning up the land by removing large pieces of scrap metal. You can see in the picture the giant dumpster that we filled to the top with pieces of metal. It was great to see so many dedicated Circle K'ers come out for this event and help out a great organization like Camp Courageous. I hope to see everyone back for another area IV rally in the spring!



Area II News For You

Wayne and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) both were busy for Halloween with socials, parties, and trick or treating for UNICEF. I would just like to congratulate all of you who attended the Joint Area Rally on November 11. The room looks so much more welcoming. We completely transformed the room in only 10 hours. WOW!

I have more good news UNO has a new secretary. Her name is Sunny Forrest. I wish her the best of luck. I know she will do a great job! I would also like to thank all you GREAT Circle kers of Area Two! Keep up the great work! I know you have all been busy, especially since both clubs will be hosting district events.

Wayne has been busy planning for Holiday Social. I hope you all enjoy your time "Serving In The Sun". District Convention (DCON) will be held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha February 29, March 1 and 2, 2008. UNO has been working on planning things for DCON. They have many fun activities and events planned so come "Ride That Service Pony".



Area Rally Unloaded

The 2nd Annual Joint Area 1 and 2 Rally took place on November 10th, 2007 in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was a huge success with 6 out of the 8 clubs in the Areas showing up to give a helping hand. The clubs helped renovate a room that hadn't been touched in over a decade in Friendship Home, a non-profit domestic abuse shelter. With some new paint on the walls, new curtains and 33 Circle K'ers the job took time, but after an 11 hour day it was a job well done.

The room looked absolutely amazing, and for all of you that were there I believe it passed Lukas' standards. Although most of the day was dedicated on service there was a speaker named Leah that showed up right after lunch to speak on behalf of the organization. Leah informed our group about how 1 out of 4 women has been affected by a domestic abuse situation in Lancaster County and on a United States scale it is 1 out of every 3 women.

There are plenty of opportunities at Friendship Home if you or your club are looking for an organization to do some service with. They provide women and children with all the basic necessities to live on because most of the women and children have left their house without taking much with them. So even if you live a far distance away I personally know they would love to help you organize a donation or drive event. If you are interested in contacting them you can contact Julie R, the volunteer coordinator, at julier@friendshiphome.org.

Overall the Joint Area 1 and 2 Rally was a huge success and I know Tiffany and I appreciate everyone who joined us and took a Saturday off to help make a difference. No matter what you did while you were at Friendship Home, Thank You! – Tim McKenna – Area 1 Lieutenant Governor





Reading Railroad: Can Change Student's Lives!

Are you excited for the service initiative? Nebraska – Iowa is on the Reading Railroad tracks and we want to get some more hours for our district initiative recorded. Want an idea? Well here is one that I think would be awesome for most clubs. Talk with a local elementary school and see if you can start a pen-pal program with the school and your Circle K club. This is an amazing idea that is simple and not very time consuming. All you need is someone to set up an appointment to talk with a teacher at the local elementary school, get your clubs commitment to write to the kids and give everyone at least one partner and you're on the track for some Reading Railroad hours. Then someone can pick up the cards or letters and bring them to the meeting where members can pass them around and read them. And then after that at the end of the meeting you can write back to the elementary students or set a time to have your Circle K club members send them to one person who will return them to the class. When talking with the teacher you can discuss the details of what you would like to talk about with the students, what each of you would like the purpose of the pen-pal program to be and how often you want to write the students? It is as easy and simple as that, and then maybe at the end of the pen-pal program you can have a party for the elementary students and your club for successful completion of the project and so everyone can meet their partners. Remember one person can make a difference but you as a Circle K club can change a classroom of student's lives by giving them a college mentor.



Read All About It

My name is Jessica and I am the person who publishes the newsletter. If you ever want to share any stories about a project, service, or social your Circle K group did, send it to jessica@jebnet.net We would all love to hear about your individual group and sharing our ideas can only make our organization stronger.

Hello Fellow Nebraska-Iowa Circle K'ers!

It's Holly Humke your lovely Area IV Lieutenant Governor. Can you believe how fast the semester has flown by?! I know area IV has been super busy volunteering. Some of the events we participated in were helping out at the Salvation Army, Project America, Ronald McDonald House and collecting can foods on Halloween for Trick-or-Eat. This past month our area did almost 400 hours of service, so keep up the good work everyone! As the fall semester comes to a close

many of our clubs are planning help out many families in need during this holiday season.

Take care everyone!
 Holly Humke
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Well this year's Fall Festival started off like every other great Circle K event: a nice long drive through the wonderful Nebraska and Iowa landscapes! Once everyone arrived to Iowa City on Saturday morning we started off with a few meetings before heading off to the University of Iowa Hospital to work on our first service project. We made banners for the pediatric inpatients (Happy Birthday!!, Happy end of Treatment!!, etc...) and then after a few more meetings we had some good food and played Nintendo Wii on an eight foot projection screen. On Sunday, we started off with a few meetings and then worked on making chew toys out of old t-shirts for the animal shelter. Thank you to everyone who came and I look forward to seeing all of you at Holiday Social!

New Secretary-Treasurer!

Hello Nebraska-Iowa Circle K members. My name is Lyle Spencer Weber III, but you can call me Trey. I have recently been appointed, and will be your new Secretary/Treasurer. Now, I know what you might be thinking, "Weber, that name sounds familiar." That is because our District Governor, Rachel Weber is my sister. I am currently a freshman at the University of Iowa, majoring in Engineering. I had a great time meeting people from around the district at Fall Festival and I'm excited to be working with all of you for the rest of this year! I hope to meet more of you at Holiday Social and District Convention!



Be A Star

Just wanted to let you know about a new resource we've started to use. Check out some videos on www.youtube.com/ckitv We're trying to stock this full of tips and fun videos. Have an event you want to promote? Want to share a tip? Want to learn a new icebreaker or about the International goals? Check out the CKI-tv! Want to shoot a video that is sharing an idea? Or perhaps you already have made a fun CKI video of your own? **Share it!** Send it to me via email or share it on box.net and we can make sure to get it up on the youtube! The more videos, the better this resource will be!



Governor's Chat

Hey Circle Kers! Thanks for a Rock Star time at Fall Festival! I look forward to some Fun in the Sun at Holiday Social! Today, however, I want to focus on a tool you have at your disposal that you may not be aware of. On the Circle K International website (www.circlek.org) there are literally dozens of literature pieces on a wide variety of topics--for example, Public Relations, Membership Recruitment, and more. Inside each piece of literature you'll find tons of ways to achieve whatever it is you're trying to achieve that have worked for other Circle K clubs around the world. Here's the link to the literature pieces: <http://www.circlek.org/lit/>, just use the drop down menu to find what you're looking for!



Sound-Off! By. Ralph Johnson!



I have put together a program to communicate with the entire sub-region called the Sub-Regional Sound-Off that is held the last Sunday of the month at 7 pm CST, and I would like to see all of you there. I am also looking for stories,



ideas, for the next Ralph's Report, so if you have any please send them my way at [ckirepdjr@gmail.com!](mailto:ckirepdjr@gmail.com) As Chairman of the International Service Committee, we have met a number of times

are off to a fantastic start in accomplishing our directives this year. I am looking forward to the products we will be creating.

Area III Circle K Rally!

Area III's Rally was hosted by Governor Rachel and the Drake University Circle K club on November 10th. The group of Circle Kers made doggie chew toys to donate to a local Des Moines animal shelter. Then they went to Frank's pizza for food and laughs! It was a great success and Area III looks forward to getting together for service and fellowship again soon!



Key Club District Governor

My name is Cooper Domgard and I am the 07-08 Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District Governor. I look forward to expanding Key Club as its Governor. As district Governor, I am here for any questions that you may have about the Key Club organization or any help that may be needed for related causes. For this year's Governor's project, I've chosen the Kids Against Hunger project through Feeding Children International; this project will have great impact on hunger in Africa. I would like to see Circle Kers attend our district events and any other gatherings the K Family has!



Drake Charter Night!

Drake University finally celebrated its long-awaited charter on November 11th! Such notables as Governor Rachel, Administrator Fonda, Kiwanis District Treasurer Ron Petsch, Kiwanis Governor-elect Don Glenn, and past International President of Kiwanis International, Steve Siemens, were in attendance at this delightful gathering. The new members received their membership certificates and the new club officers were inducted to their positions.



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To Everyone in Circle K:
 Thank You All Who Served Another Fantastic Year!
 Happy Holidays and Have a Happy New Year
 Live to Serve. Love to Serve.

