

The Circle K Advisors' Newsletter of the New York District

NYCKI QUICKIE

A Glance at What's Happening for Advisors

Fall in New York is Full of Service

On the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, NYCKI members from across the state made their way to Kamp Kiwanis for the District Large Scale Service Project (DLSSP).

Clubs and Divisions throughout the District have also kicked off the new semester with service projects and rallies.

If your club or division has a service project to share with the district, please send a brief writeup and a few photos for inclusion in the next NYCKI Quickie.

Comments, suggestions and submissions can be emailed to: rs2wdld@aol.com.

Yours in Service.

Rich Santer Editor

Service Leadership & NYCKI

Circle K International is one of Kiwanis International's Service leadership Programs. As a branch of the Kiwanis family, Circle K is focused on community service. We often measure our success in dollars raised for charity or hours of service rendered. While these are certainly worthy aspects by which to measure our success. another often overlooked measure of Circle K's success is the servant leaders we develop.

As Kiwanis International discusses

the Kiwanis brand, KI focuses on what Kiwanis does best. I think as Circle K advisors we agree that what we do best is develop servant leaders.

While we do this at every level of Kiwanis, it is in Circle K that we see the fruits of our efforts.

In NYCKI, we develop servant leaders at the club, division, district and even international levels. Our District Board consists of servant leaders who serve as district officers, as Lt. Governors and as

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NY Speaking Conference is Oct. 30-Nov 1 at the Georgian



NYCKI's District Large Scale Service Project at Kamp Kiwanis

UPCOMING EVENTS!

NY Speaking/ The Georgian, Lake George/Oct 30-Nov 1 NYD Kiwanis Tri-K Board Mtg/Honor's Haven, Ellenville /Nov 20-22 NYCKI District Convention/Crowne Plaza, Albany/Mar 19-21

A Note from the Governor

Greetings Advisors!

I hope that you are all doing well and that the Circle K clubs you advise have gotten back in the swing of things since the start of the school year. I just wanted to take a moment to give you some quick updates on what we've been up to on the district level.

We held our first-ever District Large Scale Service Project at Kamp Kiwanis on the weekend of September 11th to 13th. While this was our first districtwide event of the fall, it will not be the last! From October 30th to November 1st, we will be holding New York Speaking in Lake George. Please ensure that your club is advertising this to the members and that you have members attending this amazing conference.

I have also established an "Outstanding Club of the Month Award". The recipient for October was the Circle K of Brooklyn College. This award is given to those clubs who go above and beyond to exemplify and foster Circle K's three tenets – Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. Applications for this award are due on the 27th of each month for the following month. If you ever have any questions or need anything at all from me or my board, please feel free to contact me at <u>Michael.NYCKI@gmail.com</u>. Thank you, and I encourage you to stay as active as possible with the club you advise!

Yours in Service, Leadership, and Fellowship, Michael Zebrowski New York District Governor

2009-2010 NYCKI District Project

This year's District Project is Uncovering a World of Untraveled Adventure, a concentration on children's literacy, whether it's helping read to kids in your local library or it's collecting books to send to underprivileged kids in other areas of our country and our world.

2009-2010 NYCKI Governor's Project

This year's Governor's Project is: Neighborhood Nourishment: Feeding Our Friends and Family. It is a project that concentrates on food-related events and fundraisers, such as food drives, making food for homeless shelters and soup kitchen.

2009-2010 CKI Partners

<u>SIX-CENTS INITIATIVE</u> <u>STUDENTS TEAM UP TO FIGHT HUNGER</u> (STUFH) <u>BETTER WORLD BOOKS</u> <u>MARCH OF DIMES</u> Please log-on to <u>www.circlek.org</u> for more information on our partners.

NYCKI Fundraising for the Kiwanis Charities

Kamp Kiwanis

Tony Palangi Service Leadership Fellowship (\$200 Club Donation) **Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers** KPTC Service Leadership Fellowship (\$150 Club Donation) **Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease**

For more information on the Service Leadership Fellowships email: rs2wdld@aol.com

LEADERSHIP



TG Heather Leads Her Team to Become LI CKI Tri-Kathalon of Service Champions



Stony Brook VP James & NYCKI K-Family Chair Chelsea Take Out the Trash at DLSSP



New Paltz President Elaina, Adelphi President Jennifer and Adelphi Member Kat Work with Builders Clubbers to Clean a Bird Sanctuary at the LI CKI Tri-Kathalon of Service

Service Leadership continued

committee chairs. Our clubs parallel this leadership structure and include members who are servant leaders with and without titles.

As advisors, we are also servant leaders. As such, it is useful to reflect on what service leadership is and the responsibilities inherent in the advisor's role and the roles of the Circle Kers we advise.

While examining the leadership America. newspaper of commentator Walter Lippmann leaders "the defined as custodians of a nation's ideals. the beliefs it cherishes, of its permanent hopes, of the faith which makes a nation out of a mere aggregation of individuals." The aspects of service leadership in Lippmann's definition are contained in the word, "custodians."

Michael McKinney, President of LeadershipNow defines "Custodians" as keepers, guardians, or caretakers. It is a proactive word that implies action on the part of the bearer. Custodians hold something in trust on behalf of others. It is not a behavior motivated out of selfinterest.

He sees a custodian as an individual who upholds what is best for all people even if it may not be in their own interest to do so. A custodial role must be approached as a temporary role. preserving something greater than self such as principles of enduring and lasting value. This is an attitude of mind that focuses on the task at hand and not on what the leader may gain from the position. It implies a caring and concerned relationship between leaders and followers: individuals motivated by their constituents' best

interests.

The easy part of this is emulating the attributes of a servant leader in our roles as Faculty and Kiwanis Advisors. No one is acting in their own self-interest when they take a voluntary position or even one that is compensated by a token university stipend. The difficult part of this is guiding the Circle Kers we advise to lead in the same manner.

Where do we begin? First, we need to encourage our Circle Kers to step up and take on positions of leadership. Next, we need to support those leaders and impress upon the members to do so as well. When advising Circle Kers who hold leadership positions, we also need to insure that they understand the greatest task of a leader is to develop other leaders.

As we look at our district, we see many active clubs and some outstanding leaders. young However, we also see vacancies in the positions of District Secretary, District Editor and the Lt. Governorships of the Northern and Western Divisions. These vacancies represent opportunities for us to do what Kiwanis does best develop leaders. We can develop leaders by being the gentle "push" to encourage one of our Circle Kers to apply for one of these openings. In addition, these openings represent the opportunity for the current leaders on the NYCKI Board to place the good of the organization ahead of self-interest by filling the openings and coming together as a board to develop new district leaders.

After all, service leadership is what we do best.

2009 District Large Scale Service Project (DLSSP)



NYCKI's District Large Scale Service Project was a huge success. Thanks to Con Con Chairs Carolyn and Maggie. NYCKI board Members joined Circle Kers from across the state to help the NYD Kiwanis Foundation's Kamp Kiwanis shut down from a busy summer season. After forming teams bonding completing some and activities. our Circle Kers filed paperwork, shellacked the Patchquogue cabin and did some general cleaning.





Upcoming Events

October 2009 30-Nov 1 NY Speaking The Georgian, Lake George Arggg! Get your pirate hats out, because this year's NY Speaking theme is "A Service Life for Me!"

November 2009

20-22 Kiwanis Tri-K Board Meeting Honor's Haven, Ellenvile, NY

December 2009 1 Club Dues ARE Due

January 2010

February 2010 Club Elections should be held

March 2010 19-21 NY Circle K District **50th** Anniversary Convention Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY

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April 2010

2010-2011 CKI Service Year Begins

10 Kiwanis One Day Plan a Service Project with your local K-Family

May 2010 Submissions for International Awards are due

June 2010

July 2010

August 2010 4-7 Circle K International Convention University of Washington St. Louis, MO



Gov Mike & Stony Brook Members Check NYCKI KPTC AdHoc Chair LTG Rickie's Safety Helmet at SafeKids Training

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