

Buffalo Chips



Fall Leadership Training Conference (FLTC) was from October 7th to the 9th at Camp Patterson near Mankato, MN. About 50 Circle K-ers joined together to learn to be better leaders and have a lot of fun! Friday night was filled with introductions and ice-breaker activities. Almost all of the clubs from the district (with the exception of one) were represented at the event!

Saturday everyone set out to volunteer at History Fest, a big event held every Fall which brings history to life for the community. Circle K-ers volunteered at different areas from sawing logs, putting out a house fire, burying dragon tears, and helping launch the giant catapult and fire the cannon. Saturday afternoon was spent in workshops and free time down by the lake.

A big announcement was made on Sunday by our District Governor, Leah Burch. Anh Pham, the Dakota Star Lieutenant Governor resigned her position to better focus on her studies. The district board appreciates all Anh has done this year and understands the hard choice she had to make. Fortunately, Hayden Waisanen of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT), stepped up to become the new Lieutenant Governor of that division.

Though it was hard to say goodbye to new friends, hopes of reuniting with them at District Convention (DCON) waylaid the sadness. DCON is quickly approaching and the district board hopes to see you all there!

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me in One Billion

My wife Brenda and I were excited to receive an invitation to teach a class to undergraduate students who have just finished their freshman year at the China Agriculture University in Beijing. We taught a class called "World Agriculture - issues of food security", and students were eager to learn. This was their first time to have someone from the U.S. as a teacher, and many commented how our teaching style was so different from their professors.

Although we went there to teach, we learned, saw, and experienced so much about Chinese culture, history,

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people, food, and countryside. We learned that Chinese hospitality was as good as it gets, each person seemed to have many umbrellas and used them rain or shine, a small minority wears traditional Chinese clothing, and construction was happening everywhere. However, one of our memorable experiences was visiting with Yang Wei, who was a visiting student at NDSU during the 2010-2011 academic year. Yang also was one of our energetic members of NDSU Circle K during that year; her smile and laughter was something I always looked forward to at our weekly meetings. Yang is a senior in Agribusiness at the University of International Business and



Yang Wei and one of the Deckard's Beijing students, Mingwei

Economics in Beijing, and it was great fun to visit her in her home country. We learned that Yang is adept at bartering to get the lowest possible price from shop owners; Brenda and Yang formed an efficient and effective bartering team, so effective we had to purchase (at Yang and Brenda's best price) another suitcase to bring our treasures back home!

Yang is in the process of attempting to start a Circle K Club at her University in Beijing. There are no Kiwanis Clubs in Beijing, but good possibilities still exist; I am sure Yang will succeed. If anyone can, Yang will. During our visits, it was clear that Yang Wei continues to live by "Live to serve, Love to serve!" Circle K is definitely in her heart forever.

—Dr Edward Deckard
NDSU Circle K Kiwanian Advisor

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hayden Waisanen is the new Dakota Star division's Lieutenant



Governor! Hayden has assumed a lot of responsibility in deciding to fulfill this role. He will lead a division rally, try to build new CKI clubs in his division, head a district committee, and help plan and run District Convention. So here's a little about the new district officer:

Major: Computer Science at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT)

Year in School: Junior

Best Service Experience: During my sophomore year I headed up a committee for our CKI's Trick or Treat for canned goods. It was not only CKI-ers volunteering, but a lot of students and organizations on campus. For two hours teams were charged with collecting as much food as they could. It was a huge success!

CKI Family History: My freshmen year I joined CKI at the urging of our previous Lieutenant Governor, Brooke O'Bryan and I've remained active ever since. I get satisfaction out of helping others and CKI provides great opportunities to serve and meet some awesome people! :)

Crazy Fact: I seem to drive little cars, even though I'm 6'5". In high school, I drove a '92 Geo Metro that got 42 mpg, but was less desirable in leg room. Now, I'm driving a Pontiac G5. It's most comfortable when I have the sunroof open and have my head sticking out.

Other Members of the K Family:



High school



Adults



Young Leaders Helping Others
Elementary school



Middle school and
Junior high



Adults with disabilities

Treating Others to Service for Halloween

Itasca Community College (ICC) Circle K is hosting a Halloween Rave Dance on October 26th from 8-11 PM on their campus. Entrance into the dance is only \$1, with glow sticks being sold at the door for 50 cents. There will be a live DJ for the dance. Although the event is a Halloween Rave Dance, there will also be a pool tournament and Halloween costume contest.

All the money raised will go to the Itasca 2nd Harvest Food Shelf. Each \$1 garnered from the event will provide about 6 pounds of food for the food shelf! This event is a great example of how a Circle K club can participate with CKI's STUHF service partner. STUHF stands for Students Teaming Up to Fight Hunger and encourages students to find creative ways to fundraise food or money for food shelves within their local communities. To learn more about STUHF visit www.stuhf.org.



Dates to Remember	
Nov 12th	March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day
Nov 18-20th	Kiwanis Family Retreat in Rochester, MN
Dec 1st	District and International Dues are Due!



CKI Mission

Developing college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.



CKI's Service Partners



Why Pay Dues?

It's that time of year. School is in full swing, your schedule is established, and the craziness begins. As the semester progresses and the deadline for "dues" approaches, you may be wondering- Why do I need to *pay* to volunteer anyways? Congratulations- your tuition is paying off and college is teaching you to ask logical questions! Hopefully this article will help you to understand why every member of Circle K needs to pay them and where your money is going to.

Your dues, or membership fee, goes towards funding for:

- ⇒ Leadership Trainings (32%)
- ⇒ Travels/Visits for the International and District Boards (23%)
- ⇒ Members services- pins and cards for members (16%)
- ⇒ Marketing and Promotion (16%)
- ⇒ Administrative costs (10%)
- ⇒ Conventions (3%)

Does this help to see what your money goes towards? All of these funds go toward growing our organization and creating more opportunities to volunteer and giving us the resources and opportunities to educate. The most important thing to take from all of this information is: we are all struggling college students just trying to make the world a better place. Without financial help from members, we would not be able to be the largest collegiate student-led service organization *in the world*. In order to get more volunteers in the world (meaning not only in the US), funding must be provided so that members can be trained to take on leadership roles and branch out in the world. These members are able to educate others about Circle K and start new clubs. All these new clubs help to make the world a better place by creating service-minded young adults (Circle K-ers) who enter the workforce after college graduation. J Please contact me if you have any further questions!

~*Leah Burch*

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Ways to Build Club Fellowship

- ◆ Attend Kiwanis or Key Club meetings as a club
- ◆ Start meetings with a cheer or an ice-breaker activity
- ◆ Do a service project on your campus and at the end of the project attend a fun event hosted on campus
- ◆ Have a club social:
 - Movie or game night
 - Potluck
 - Ice skating, broomball, or sledding night

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE



Most Service Hours

Mankato State University with
479.5 hours for the year!

Minn-Dak Total Service

1,709 hours!!!