

#### Official Newsletter of The College of New Jersey Circle K

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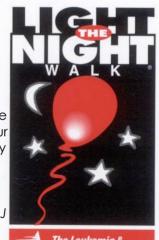
"I really enjoyed volunteering for the Light the Night walk for a variety of reasons. Even though everyone was ing/checking people in, albusy throughout the event, I had a few moments where I couldn't help but crack a smile! For instance, at one point, I embarrassingly nick-named myself the "Pin-Fairy" as I refilled the pin supplies from table to table (and Iris wouldn't let me live it down)! I absolutely would do this event again, not only because we helped facilitate an honorable fundraiser, but also because my uncle passed away from leukemia recently. The Light the Night Walk was a personal way for me to honor my un-

cle's memory, and a unique way to serve the community as a member of Circle K."

Kevin Rutz, Class of 2012, Interdisciplinary Business Major

"Light the Night is a great cause and they really appreciated our help. It was nice to see so many people participating and supporting their efforts."

Jackie DeNarie, 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Social Chair Class of 2013, Early Childhood Education & M/S/T Major



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

"It was a lot of fun registerthough it was pretty hectic at times. It was nice to see how big of an event it is and how many people come together to support blood cancer research as well as survivors and those who have lost loved ones. It was also nice to see Teddy, the LTG for Seabreeze Division, and people from Rutaers Circle K there. I'm especially glad I went, because I got to witness Kevin as a "Pin Fairy," which is something I was not to mention ever again but I did anyway...OOPS! =P We had a nice group of volunteers at Light the Night, and I would definitely do it again next year!"

Iris Tian, 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Co-President Clas of 2012, Health & Exercise Science/Pre-Med Major

"Volunteering at Light the Night was a special experience because it is a fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, an organization that is very important to my family. Watching people walk holding all of the lit up red balloons was a cool sight to see. Even though we couldn't get out of the parking lot because traffic was stopped by the walk, it was amazing to see the line of people that seemed never ending. To witness that amount of support for such a wonderful organization was extraordinary."

> Taylor Dickerson, 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Editor Class of 2013, Elementary Education & M/S/T Major

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Live to Serve, Love to Serve

## Remember Rock, Paper, Scissors, SUPERSTAR?!

#### **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

The workshop I personally found the most inter-

esting was the one where we learned about Kiwanis' Eliminate Project. Kiwanis has recently

teamed up with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the earth by 2015.

MNT is a deadly disease that steals the lives of

Liz Schiavi 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Vice President Class of 2012, Accounting Major



60,000 innocent

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MNT from the

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For those of you who weren't at our second meeting, Rock, Paper, Scissors, Superstar was the ice breaker we played that put an inventive, interactive twist on the original game.

Well, in early September, several officers and

committee chairs attended Club Officer's Training (COT), where we learned that ice breaker and much, MUCH more. Held at Brookdale Community College, Circle K executive board members from different colleges in NJ gathered to

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DISTRICT

TCNJ Circle K E-board members with NJ District Governor Rob Acerra.

learn more about our position in the organization, and the district and international goals for this service year.

Each attendee was able to attend three workshops, which included one specifically focused on his/her position, and two other workshops of their choice. Throughout the day we learned how to become a better officer, while receiving ideas from our counterparts at other colleges.

\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

The officers are all working hard to incorporate everything we learned at COT to help make TCNJ's Circle K better, and of course, once we learn more about how we can help with the Eliminate Project and other service projects, we will definitely pass along the information!

## Bon Appétitl



On September 12th, 8 members of TCNJ Circle

K dedicated a few hours of their Sunday afternoon to help the Kiwanis Club of Ewing Township at their annual Pasta Dinner. Members of the community were invited to purchase tickets to and enjoy a three course meal, which included a salad, pasta and meatballs complete with a dinner roll, and a slice of cake for dessert. Along with unlimited drinks and good company, it was a deal that couldn't be missed. Take-

out was even available for those who were on the go.

The event, held at Ewing High School, ran from 12-6pm and the K-Family worked together to make it a success. The Kiwanians manned the ticket/raffle tables and took charge in the kitchen. Members of TCNJ Circle K & Ewing High School Key Club took on a multitude of jobs wherever their help was necessary. Those at the first and last shifts helped with set-up and clean-up. Mostly the volunteers were servers, taking drink orders and carrying over food. They also helped clean tables and re-set places with silverware. Others helped wash dishes.

The Pasta Dinner was a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Ewing Township and helps to support many of the programs sponsored by the organization, including TCNJ Circle K & Ewing Key Club.

# Service

## Leadership



Fellowship

## From Key Club...



#### The Transition from Service & Leadership in High School to College



Amanda Parks, 2010-2011 NJCKI District Board Fundraising Committee Chair Class of 2014, History Major

"Well the logos look sort of the same, but are they the same club?" "Don't tell me this club is only about making circles!" "Do we participate in the same activities in Circle K as we did in Key Club?" Yes, I realize the last redundant question isn't as catchy, but I'm sure at one point or other these are all statements or questions you found yourself saying or asking when contemplating what clubs to join here at TCNJ.

To answer your first question, Key Club and Circle K are NOT the same club, but they do happen to be grouped under the same sponsor organization of Kiwanis! Key Club was, of course, the club that many of us were a part of in high school, which turned out to be a great jumpstart to our commitment of serving our communities and developing a network base. In this sense, Circle K can do the same thing, but on the collegiate level. Don't feel intimidated though! Yes, TCNJ does have the most prosperous and

largest member base in the New Jersey District of Circle K International, but if anything that should give you even more of a reason to get involved!

Hopefully by now, after attending a few meetings and/or community service activities, you've come to realize that in Circle K there's no structured sense of making circles. Like the values that were instilled in high school through Key Club, we also work towards serving the children of the world in Circle K. At TCNJ, we have a more focused goal of working with the Ewing and Trenton areas, but there's nothing stopping us from supporting our International Service Partners such as March of Dimes, UNICEF, Better World Books, and Students Team Up to Fight Hunger (STUFH). So don't hesitate lend a helping hand!

Therefore, after pinpointing the support to the first two misconceptions/queries regarding the transition from Key Club to Circle K, the third should be able to answer itself. Circle K is without a doubt a club in its own right, but embodies the same favorable aspects of Key Club that we all came to know and love during our high school days. But we're in college now, enrolled at TCNJ at that! It's time to broaden our horizons to their fullest capabilities and tack on new experiences to our community service & leadership lists. So get started with the transition by signing up for a community service activity sponsored by our very own TCNJ Circle K today! Not only will you gain that "warm, fuzzy" feeling from helping another in need, but you'll allow yourself a chance to expand your social circle, with Circle K that is!:)



Member of the Month

Hey! My name is Tyler Liberty, I am an English and Secondary Education major minoring in Chinese. My favorite animal is a polar bear. The reason I got involved in Circle K was to get involved with my community and meet other individuals who shared the similar goal of serving that I did. I can't wait to meet you all this year!



## Weekly Service Project Updates: TUTORING AT FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Tyler Liberty, Class of 2014, Secondary Education & English Major/Chinese Minor

One of the many community service offerings from Circle K this semester includes tutoring at Foundation Academy Charter School, a college preparatory middle school with the mission to "ensure that all of our students secure the academic knowledge and skills to prepare them for the nation's finest high schools and colleges, and to instill in them the core values of caring, respect, responsibility and honesty." Circle K and Foundation Academy have paired up to assist kids in the after school tutoring program offered at the middle school, helping these students in several academic categories ranging from mathematics to music. Tutoring normally occurs in a one hour session, pairing each tutor with a student from the school. If you want to potentially become involved more info can be found by contacting Georjean Barcebal, who is in charge of organizing all of the groups. I strongly encourage each person reading this to give it a shot, as it is not only rewarding but a very fun experience, not to mention that wonderful look on a child's face as the finally solve a problem!

## OPCOMING EVENTS!

Liz Schiavi, 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Vice President Class of 2012, Accounting Major

- \*Lunch with Circle K Every Wednesday, Stud Food Court, 12:30 pm... Get to know your fellow club members before the meeting!
- \*Clothing (Winter Coat) Drive Ongoing. Clothes (in relatively decent condition) and winter coats will be collected and donated to Habitat for Humanity's Restore Center. The Restore Center will be opening soon in Trenton, and will sell donated clothing, furniture, and appliances at a discounted price (the target market are the people who receive houses from Habitat).
- \*Trick of Treat for UNICEF Boxes will be distributed at one of the upcoming meetings. UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) is an organization that saves kids' lives in over 150 countries by providing clean water, nutrition, medicines, education and aid in emergencies.
- \*Mama Flora's Fundraiser Thursday, October 21st. Order delicious Italian food and raise money for Circle K at the same time! And if you order in be sure to say you are calling for "Circle K." Order by yourself, with your friends / floormates, or with Circle K! At 7 pm, before Late Night Service, Circle K will be ordering dinner and hanging out.
- \*Late Night Service Thursday, October 21st, 8 10pm in the Cromwell Main Lounge. We will have a variety of service projects that you can participate in, including: PB&J sandwiches for TASK, blankets for Project Linus, and cards for Make A Child Smile.
- \*Esperanza Halloween Party Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4 7 pm in the Cromwell Main Lounge. We will be throwing a Halloween party for children, and activities we are doing will include: making masks, decorating cookies, making Halloween costumes, etc.
- \*Manicure for a Cure Thursday, October 28th, in the main area of the Student Center. Circle K will be giving manicures for \$5 to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- \*Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am 4 pm in the Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge.
  Only 3 out of every 100 people donate blood, be one of them!!!
- \*Insight Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Come experience the Magical World of Circle K! Insight is an annual district camping leadership retreat where we spend a weekend in the woods learning about ourselves, fellow members, and CKI. Activities involve a ropes course, dance, and board member pieing! This year's theme is Harry Potter!!!!
- \*Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Saturday, November 13th, 8 10 am at the Applebee's in Lawrenceville. Tickets to the event are being sold for \$6. So invite your friends! And if you know people in the area, spread the word!!

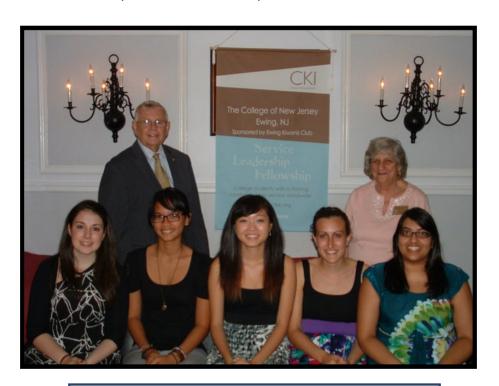
## K-FAMILY NFMS

Rachel Santitoro 2010-2011 TCNJ Circle K Secretary Class of 2013, Political Science Major



On September 2, five Circle K members attended one of Ewing Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings at the Runway Restaurant at Trenton-Mercer Airport. During this time, we met several Kiwanians who were eager to hear about our plans for this semester and who expressed interest in visiting us throughout the year.

During the meeting we were presented with our new banner, which was funded through the generosity of our parent organization. We have been proudly displaying it at every meeting as well as all of our community events, and we plan to continue to do so in the future.



TCNJ Circle K members receive new banner, donated by the Kiwanis Club of Ewing, NJ.

Later that evening, we also discussed the possibility of working on joint projects with Kiwanis, including the renovation of the dilapidated William Green House (located behind Townhouses South). Although it is currently uncertain as to whether or not this will be a feasible project for us, we will continue to keep communications going with the Kiwanis Club of Ewing, NJ and to keep our K-Family ties strong!

## Fun &

## Games









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