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NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT EDITOR

DISTRICT EDITOR AND SERVICE CHAIR MELISSA NASH

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DEAR NEW JERSEY DISTRICT,

I am so proud of how active and resilient our district has been during the past few months! We had great attendance at our events such as Insight and Mr. CKI, and we continue to give back to the community through service projects at the club and district levels. With the holiday season approaching, I can't wait to see what amazing service projects and fellowship activities that NJ Circle K has in store! I hope you enjoy my newsletter, and I can't wait to feature more of your accomplishments in the next issue of The Cirkling!

-District Editor and Service Chair Melissa Nash

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DISTRICT GOALS

2020-2021 SERVICE YEAR

Each service year, the New Jersey District Board of Circle K International votes on goals for the district. In order for goals to be accomplished during the 2020-2021 service year, they must be completed between April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

55

K-Family
Relations Events

300

Members

1

Club Charter/
Reactivation

10

Active Clubs

35

Interclubs

6,000

Service Hours

\$7,500

WASH
Fundraising

65

Insight
Attendance

TBD

DCON
Attendance



GOVERNOR'S GREETING

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KYLE LANK



“ GREETINGS, NEW JERSEY CKI,

I can't believe we're already in November. Autumn is here. And with it, we get to enjoy the exciting things that come with the change in season. Holiday movies are on repeat, pumpkin spice season is in full swing, and the leaves change colors! Autumn also brings its fair share of challenges. My mom won't stop watching Hallmark Christmas movies in the living room, it basically gets dark at noon, and I can't get that damn Mariah Carey song out of my head. Regardless, there are so many things to be excited about as members of NJCKI!

Mr. CKI: On November 19th, the district fundraising committee hosted a Mr. CKI male pageant with participants competing from Stockton, Rider, TCNJ, NJ Key Club, and Rutgers. Participants battled in a CKI fashion show, formal wear, talent portion, and questions and answers. I am proud to announce that I, Kyle Lank (or Mr. Rutgers), was crowned the winner! More excitingly, however, is that the event raised over \$500 for the WASH Project. Huge shoutout to District Fundraising Chair Nicole Hull for planning such a successful event!

Virtual INSIGHT: Virtual INSIGHT was in-ARR-guably a HUGE success. We had 74 participants representing 9 NJ CKI clubs join us for two days of competitions, bonding, and fellowship fun! We were fortunate to have the 2nd ever NJ CKI District Governor, Steve Richer, serve as our keynote speaker, who spoke about the importance of human connection and servant leadership. I want to congratulate our first place team - Team Blackbeard! Thank you to everyone who attended and for making our first-ever virtual INSIGHT so successful. I know it wasn't the circumstances we imagined, but NJ CKI members always SHOW OUT. Also, special thanks to our Con-Con Chair, Darcy McLaughlin, for planning such a great event!

There really is so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to as we head into the second half of the service year. Please continue to show up, and bring the same energy you have for the past six months. It has inspired me and countless others. I am so proud to be from this great district. I look forward to enjoying the holidays with all of you.

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-Governor Kyle Lank



TREASURER UPDATE

DISTRICT TREASURER CHIARA FUNE

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Dues are a vital aspect to help operate the international, district and club level of Circle K International, which is why it is essential that every member pays their dues on time. Paying your dues has numerous benefits and rewards that exceed the monetary value of dues. First of all, they help fund district and international events that dues-paid members can attend such as District and International Convention, K-Family Picnic, Insight, leadership training and many more. Second of all, members can also apply for scholarships and contests.

Lastly, they can run for club, district and international office, network with thousands of members in the K-Family, have access to different types of resources such as marketing promotions, and many more. The benefits that come with paying dues are truly endless. The regular deadline for dues are coming up this November 30th, so please remember to update your member roster at the Membership Update Center, collect dues from members, and pay your dues.

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TREASURER UPDATE

DISTRICT TREASURER CHIARA FUNE

Keep in mind that if you do not submit your dues on time, your club status may change as follows:

Active - Submit dues by November 30th

Suspended - Did not submit dues by February 1st

Inactive - Did not submit dues by October 1st of the following year

Charter Revoked - Did not submit dues for more than two years

District Dues are only \$10. However, you have to keep in mind that there might also be club dues that you may want to include to help fund club functions. Furthermore, there is also an international fee, which varies per school.

For a 4-year college with more than 5,000 students, the fee is \$600.
For a 4-year college with less than 5,000 students, the fee is \$450.
For a 2-year college, the fee is \$300.

Circle K is the largest collegiate service organization, and the opportunities are endless when you are part of this organization. I know that we are facing numerous challenges because of the pandemic, so please feel free to talk to me or ask me any questions at chiarafune.cki@gmail.com

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INSIGHT RECAP

DISTRICT SECRETARY ALYSSA JOYCE



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Hi everyone!

At the start of November, we held our first virtual Insight. At Insight, we all got to split up into our pirate-themed teams and participate in different events surrounding service, leadership, and fellowship. On Friday, we did some teambuilding and some service. I loved getting to see everyone's team zoom backgrounds and the fun cards they created for Menlo Park Retirement Home.

I know my team (shoutout to the Dread Pirate Roberts) had a great time getting to know each other, discussing the wonders of capybaras, and ultimately battling it out in a Scribblio game. On Saturday, we all got back onto zoom and listened to an inspiring speech from our second ever NJ district governor Steve Richer. Then, we split up into breakout rooms for an Among Us tournament and a team scavenger hunt. After sifting through some *cringe* throwback pictures and searching for some pirate booty, we ended the day with a Kahoot that tested our knowledge on NJ CKI and reflected on our experiences at Insight and in Circle K.

Overall, I had an amazing weekend that reminded me of all the reasons I love NJ Circle K. Shoutout to ConCon Chair Darcy and the rest of the committee for hosting a great event, and to Team Blackbeard for coming in first place!

-Alyssa Joyce

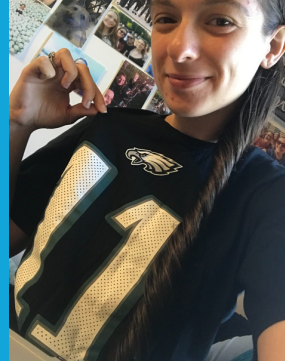
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INSIGHT RECAP

STOCKTON CIRCLE K MEMBER ALEXIS PETTI



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Insight this year was different. Though many things this year have been the one thing that didn't change at Insight was the fellowship. Though we were not able to meet in person doing online activities with other members of the K-Family was still a great time. This year I definitely think I got to hear and get to know the Kiwanians more than last year. Though singing and dancing around the campfire this year didn't happen we still got to have a virtual fire and listen to stories. Insight is always a unique event no matter what is happening in the outside world. It has always been a good time to focus on something not school related. We still played games and had our team compositions (shout out team Captain Crunch). Did I miss seeing and doing things in person with everyone? Yes, but it was still worth feeling like being apart of something bigger.

-Alexis Petti

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Captain Crunch



MR. CKI RECAP

DISTRICT FUNDRAISING CHAIR NICOLE HULL AND
STOCKTON CIRCLE K EDITOR RYAN LA

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On Thursday, November 19th at 7pm, the fundraising committee hosted our first Mr. CKI event in a number of years. We had 5 participants (4 from CKI and 1 from Key Club). Contestants competed in 4 categories: CKI/School apparel, Talent, Formal Wear, and a Q&A session. Overall, we raised \$503 for the WASH project, and crowned Kyle Lank as our winner.

-Nicole Hull

Hi everyone,

Stockton Editor Ryan La here. So the recent fun event called Mr.CKI occurred and it was such a great event to be able to participate in. Back in highschool, I did a similar event called Mr.Absegami, so it was super fun for me to be able to do something like this again and support a good cause at the same time. When I got the email about it, I knew right away I wanted to participate, if no one else would represent Stockton. I'm so grateful I had friends who helped me like Taylor who helped me with the TikTok, cause I had never made one or used the app before. As well as Sarah and Julia for helping me film the talent portion and us laughing about all the mistakes from the bad ones I painted. Overall, it was a fun experience and I loved it so much.

-Ryan La

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Mr. CKI Fundraising Event

11/19/2020 Quick Facts

\$503	Raised for the WASH Project
5	Hardworking and Talented Participants
50+	Attendees
101	Donations
1	2020 Mr. CKI - Kyle Lank (Rutgers)

A Special Thank You to the Following:

Chiara Fune	Parth Rajwade
Jonathan DellaGatta	Ryan La
Kyle Lank	Steven Evans
Lisa Sterner	Taner Drexler



2020
MR. CKI

Kyle Lank - Rutgers

KEY TO COLLEGE

DISTRICT K-FAMILY CHAIR LAUREN QUADIR

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The Kiwanis Family and Alumni relations committee has been committed to offering Key Clubbers a preview of what to expect from college and how to be best prepared for the next chapter of their lives through our Key to College program. Once a month, our committee prepares a webinar to educate Key Clubbers on various topics relating to college readiness, whether it be help providing help with choosing a college or how to adjust to their new situation and thrive. We hope for students participating in these webinars to not only gain more information about college and careers, but also have access to valuable networking opportunities. These webinars have been a rewarding experience for those on our committee, as well as for the students that we have been able to help.

Our Key to College webinars are also supplemented by our Office Hours. These are hour-long sessions in which volunteers from different clubs from all over the District give their time to helping Key Clubbers with college applications, essay writing, or anything that they really need to succeed. In the future, we plan to continue with both of these events and implement feedback to provide an even more enriching experience for everyone involved!

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SERVICE CORNER

DISTRICT EDITOR AND SERVICE CHAIR MELISSA NASH

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Hey everyone!

For the month of November, I am introducing a new online service project that you can participate in from the comfort of your bed, couch or even from your Zoom classes. In the spirit of the holiday season, you can create a 25 day Advent Calendar with a different service project that you have to complete for each day. Many people are struggling during this holiday season, and completing a Service Advent Calendar would be the perfect way to give back to the community while celebrating the holidays!

Here are some possible service projects that you could include:

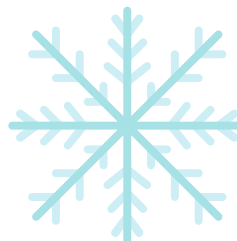
- Make thank you cards for teachers and other school staff
- Deliver hot chocolate mix to someone that lives alone
- Donate new or gently used toys to a toy drive
- Adopt a family on a giving tree
- Shovel the sidewalks for a neighbor
- Rake your neighbor's leaves
- Send a video of you singing Christmas Carols to nursing homes

For more inspiration for this service project, check out:

<https://nourishingjoy.com/service-projects-for-kids-advent-calendar/>

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-District Editor and Service Chair Melissa Nash



SERVICE REFLECTION

CALDWELL CIRCLE K PRESIDENT NIKITA UPRETY

“ Hey everyone!

My name is Nitika Uprety and I am the President of Circle K at Caldwell University. Caldwell University's Circle K members participated in the WASH Walk Challenge for the month of October and we collected \$533 for this amazing service project. From the excitement of filling the calendar to the satisfaction of being able to walk in solidarity with people in Haiti who walk 6K to reach a water source, the entire month of October was filled with gratitude and appreciation.

Ever since I started my service year as the President of Circle K at Caldwell University, I wanted to do a fundraising for WASH. However, because of the current situation we were very limited on our fundraising options. But then, our E-Board thought of the Monthly Calendar Challenge for WASH because this is such an amazing service opportunity. Posting the WASH calendar on our social media and encouraging our friends and family to select a day to donate was a very fun and fulfilling experience.

I personally believe that I am very privileged to be where I am right now and through Circle K, through October WASH, we have been able to utilize our platform to give back to people in need. One of our major donors was our sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex. A lot of our club members participated in the challenge and it was very well received by the faculty and staff of our school. Not just that, through the challenge a lot of people showed interest in joining Circle K and knowing about our service events.

-Nikita Uprety

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