



The Columbia Connection

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2004-2005 Columbia Division, Pacific Northwest District of Circle K International

Greetings Columbia Division!

I hope that you have all been doing well and that these summer months are not treating you too bad. I am simply looking forward to more sun! I wanted to thank you all for the work you have done so far and your dedication to the Kiwanis Family. I had the pleasure of attending the Orofino Kiwanis 50th Anniversary on June 6, where I met some wonderful Kiwanians. All I can say is that I cannot wait until I have the chance to be one. Circle K, keep working with your local Kiwanis clubs; Kiwanis, keep supporting your sponsored youth. Also, congratulations to CWU Circle K for your wonderful job fundraising for Relay for Life! You are really making a difference!



Laura McInnes

Laura McInnes, Columbia Division Lt. Governor

A Letter From Your Governor!

Hey Columbia! How do you feel? I feel good, oh I feel so good! I am hope your summer is off to a great start. Summer is the ideal time to help your club officers plan projects, fundraisers and socials for the coming year. It is one of the few chances you have to help your officers achieve their goals and determine what methods they will use to recruit more members to become part of our organization so they too can receive the intangible benefits Circle K has to offer. Our organization is only as strong as its weakest link. In order for us to continue meeting the challenging needs of our communities we must make every attempt to strengthen our membership base. More importantly though, summer should be a chance for you to organize and participate in community service activities that are not available to you during the academic year. Remember Circle K should not stop during the summer. You are an integral part of the other 12,500 college students who have all made a lifelong commitment to serving the needs of our homes, schools and communities. It is never too late to get involved in fulfilling these needs. I would recommend you contact your area's local food bank and offer your assistance. If sorting food is not something that interests you, why not sign up to be a hospital volunteer for the summer. Finally, if sorting food or providing medical care is not your cup of tea, organize a local park cleanup in your community. The possibilities are endless. Always remember that our lives are enriched by the efforts we provide to others. Have a wonderful summer and may you have a chance to reflect upon your priorities and goals through service to help those in need!

Brian Egger

Brian Egger, PNW Circle K District Governor



What's Coming Up?

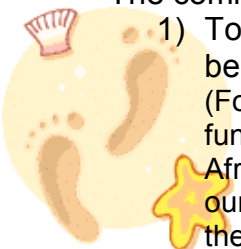
International Convention (St. Louis, MO) – June 30 - July 3

International Convention is creeping up on us fast! Attendees from the Columbia Division will be Mark Farmer (U of I), Catherine McInnes (WSU) and myself (WSU). We will start out on the evening of the 29th with a District Dinner, and the fun begins on the 30th with the Opening Session. I cannot wait to meet Circle Kers from other Districts and have the chance to hang out with those from my own even more! Thanks to everyone who has shown their support for Circle K and has helped to send us to ICON! It is greatly appreciated.

Interested in International Service?

The Pacific Northwest District Board has added a new committee this year, the International Service Committee thanks to the interest of Ross Tanner. The focus of this committee is our role as Circle Kers in international service.

The committee has two main goals:

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- 1) To encourage each Division to undertake an internationally focused project that benefits those living in developing countries.
(For example, a Division may raise money to provide books for a school's library, or they may fundraise to support an organization that works to help those living with HIV and AIDS in Africa. There are also organizations that benefit those in developing countries but operate in our communities, if your club isn't a fan of fundraising, perhaps you could volunteer with one of these groups.)
 - 2) To encourage each club or Division to adopt a foster child from a developing country.
(Sponsoring a child is a very simple and direct way to support an individual and a community, and the results can be immense. The cost is also very low, under US\$1 a day.)

The International Service Committee is looking for committee members from each Division. Do you know of somebody in the Columbia Division, perhaps a member of your club, that you think would make a great committee member? Remember, this is a great way to get members involved! They can become more active on the District level, and it is not a stressful or time-consuming position. If you do know of someone who is interested in joining the committee, please e-mail either myself (Lmcinnes@wsu.edu) or the Committee Chair, Ross Tanner (rosstanner@telus.net).

Columbia Division Point System!

As of today, the total points for each club are:

Central Washington University:	35
University of Idaho:	42
Washington State University:	53



Go Columbia Go! You all are doing so great, and it is so wonderful to see you all supporting your communities, members, clubs, and District. Keep up the good work! For the point system rules, either refer to the April edition of the Columbia Connection or visit the Columbia LtG. Section of the district website, www.pnwcirclek.org!