



The Columbia Connection

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Hey Columbia Division!

DCON is upon us and so is the end of our terms in office, but lets not loose sight of what we are trying to accomplish. I would encourage you all to look back at your goals and see how you have done.

This is a critical time for your club. We will soon be transitioning in new leadership and it will take everyone to ensure that this goes well. So a lot of the focus of this newsletter will be on leadership opportunities and getting through this time. I hope you all have a wonderful month and as always if anyone has questions, let me know!

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Club Officer Transition Checklists

All club officers should have received their club officer transition checklists by now. These are wonderful tools in insuring that your club will have a smooth transition and a successful new year. When filling them out, think about how you felt when you took on the office last year and what you needed to know. This will help you ensure that all of the information gets passed on!

Interclub Policy Change!

If you haven't heard the news, the Circle K International Interclub Policy has changed. Several years ago, Kiwanis changed their policy and now Circle K has changed ours to coincide. Now clubs with twenty members or less only need two members at an interclub for it to count, clubs with twenty-one to thirty members need three members, and clubs with thirty-one or more members need four. For more information check out this information from the International website: <http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/eduinterclb.pdf>.

2006/2007 Columbia Division Lt. Governor

If you or anyone in your club is interested in being the Columbia Lt. Governor there is still time! The Lt. Governor's main duties are to advise club officers, pass on information to club officers, and report on how the clubs in the division are doing to the district board. Anyone who is interested in the position should let me know and fill you in from there!

Dates To Remember:

PNW Circle K District Convention:

February 17-19, 2006

Post Submission Deadline:

February 24, 2006

Focus On the Future Day: March 4, 2006

Key Leader:
March 17-19, 2006

RLTC:
TBA

Circle K International Convention:

August 10-16, 2006



Regional Leadership Training Conference

The Regional Leadership Training Conference (RLTC) is a daylong training conference for the club's incoming officers. At RLTC the outgoing Lt. Governor will help train the officers and help prepare them for their new offices. As usual Columbia will be having our RLTC with the Inland Empire Division. This year it will be held in Spokane. We still need to set a date, but I need to know what date works for your club's incoming officers! We would like to have it as close to April 1st as possible. It will probably be either April 2nd, 8th, or 9th. Please let me know what day works best for your club as soon as you can!

Key Leader

Key Leader is back! Come learn about integrity, growth, respect, community, and excellence! Key Leader teaches you about service leadership and will help give you the tools needed to be an effective leader. Key Leader is a program sponsored by Kiwanis International and is available to Key Club, Circle K, and anyone else in high school or college. This amazing program is great for new leaders and those who just want to improve their leadership skills!

For everyone who couldn't go last time, Key Leader is back in the PNW! It will be held on March 17-19 at Camp Killoqua! Registration is available on



the Key Leader Website (www.key-leader.org) and is again \$150. Your club should try to get as many people to go as possible and especially your incoming officers!



For everyone who did go last year, you can go again! The curriculum will be the same, but we really need community leaders! The cost for student facilitators is only \$85. To register go to the Key Leader website. Also if you want more information to help promote Key Leader, go to <http://pnwkiwanis.org/PNWKIResources/keyleader.html> to find flyers and other helpful information!

Circle K In Action



Are you looking for project or social ideas or do you have a great one that you want to share? Then check out the Circle K In Action section on the International Website! Just go to www.circlek.org and at the bottom you will find the link! There you can look at what other clubs and districts have done. If you want to see more detail (hours spent planning, problems they had and what they did about them, etc.), you can log into the member community!

Focus On the Future Day

Focus On the Future Day is a new district wide event that will take place in three locations: Bellingham, WA, Salem, OR, and Spokane, WA on March 4th! Members are welcome to attend any of the locations. The Spokane event will be a healthy kids' play day. Members will be manning different activities for kids to play such as jump rope, hop scotch, a football toss, relay games, and many more! The whole idea is to teach kids some healthy activities that they can do on their own and with other kids so that they are up and moving! There will also be a parents' fair with educational booths about various children's health issues. If you would like to attend any of these events, please contact the District Project Chair, Nikki Olson, at or me for the Spokane event only.

Bonspiel and "Spring" Rally!

For more of district or divisional event pictures, check out the District Website!

Bonspiel:

Congrats to Sean Yancey for winning the best dressed Curler!



Spring Rally:



News from the Clubs



Central Washington University

Central is very busy getting many projects set up. We are organizing activities at our local library. We will be reading and tutoring kids every week. We are also working on volunteering in an animal shelter where we will socialize with the cats, walk the dogs, and clean up their messes. Kinda gross, but hey--we're circle k! We have signed up to have buddies at a local retirement home and we will be going in to hang out with them. Our school is sponsoring a recycling bin design contest and we are gonna win with an amazing creation. Last week we held a very successful membership drive where we served hot cocoa and cookies to people walking to classes, it was a ton of fun. We just elected our new board and a couple of them will be going to DCON this week. We are really excited, so see you all there!



Columbia Basin College

Hello Col-um-bia!

CBC's Circle K has begun a fantastic new year! We started by volunteering for the Community Action Center in Pasco while we became trained & actually helped perform a homeless count throughout the Benton & Franklin Counties. From all the help on this project there was a total of 961 individuals (428 households) accounted for. From this survey the government will have sufficient proof of citizens in need of assistance in the Tri-Cities and they'll provide more money for services/organizations to help support these individuals. Then we sent 6 of our members to Bonspiel where we officially learned how to curl! Our vice president, Sean, was even able to do this in cowboy boots & won the Best Dressed award! We also split up to help with the various service projects, such as loading items, Habitat for Humanity, and Beacon Hill Invasive Plant Removal. The following weekend we had 4 members & 2 guests attending our spring rally up in Moscow, ID. The activities & highway clean up was really fun and helped bring all of us together. (The bright orange vests were pretty nifty too!) It was interesting to see what the other side of our division looks like and great to meet some of the other Circle K/Key Club members that we hadn't met at past conventions. On Valentines Day we were present at CBC's Club Rush & recruited some more students, hooray! Then in the afternoon we went to Avalon Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center to deliver carnations & hand-made Valentines that we had made at our 4 previous club meetings. The elderly folks sincerely appreciated our time and efforts contributed towards them. When we realized we had more Valentines than patients we chose to continue onward to Tri-Cities Retirement Inn to deliver the rest. So far we have had a lot of success with the projects we've chosen to participate in. And as of April 1st, we will have a new board of officers that will lead us in these events, they are:

- President: Vanessa Algarin
- Co-Vice Presidents: Lyn Henning & Rachel Jasper
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lizette Leo

I look forward to seeing you all at DCON as we will have 8 of our members attending as well as our Faculty Advisor, Theo Dobie & a Kiwanis Advisor/Area Administrator, Norm Olson. See you then!



Lewis-Clark State College

LCSC has been busy selling concessions at home games for a club fundraiser. February is the last month of this fundraiser, but we will be getting ready to plan our social night with our club and local Kiwanis groups. We are helping at Teen Power, which is a workshop/fun day for teens at the Lewiston Community Center on February 25th. We had four members plus our Kiwanis advisor, Judi Wutzke, attend DCON. A couple upcoming projects for us include children's facepainting and a family fun tent at the Dogwood Festival, and a possible book drive for the Better World Books program.



University of Idaho

U of I Circle K enjoys Star Wars Party

We meet at a member's house on a Friday night. We then socialized while eating homemade pizza (one was a Thai peanut sauce pizza). After dinner we sat down and started watching Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope. Through this and the next episode we also crochet squares for a blanket we will be donating to a local charity. The squares vary in color, but are all about 9" by 7". When we get enough of them we will sew them all together to make the afghan. This activity was a successful way to blend fun, socializing, service, and Star Wars together.