



The Columbia Connection

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Hey Columbia Division!

The month of October went great and I know that November will be even better! This month's Connection has a lot of great information about District Convention, District Awards and Scholarships, the new Post deadlines, the New K-Family Manual, and more! Definitely check out the News from the Clubs section and the October Recap!

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International Speaking

Have you seen the October Addition of the International Speaking Newsletter? If not you can check it out at <http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/intlspkingoct.pdf>. This month's issues includes Sharing the Vision and Organizational Goals, Spotlight on the Service Initiative and Service Partners, Information on Kiwanis Family Month (November), Tips on membership recruitment, and Many, many more great ideas and information!

New K-Family Manual!

In honor of K-Family month, our District K-Family Chair, Scott Antaya, has gotten the new K-Family Manual completed and ready for all of you! It has great ideas for service projects, fundraisers, and socials that Circle K Clubs can do with their Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, and any other K-Family clubs that are in their area. You can check it out by following the link on the main page of the district website (www.pnwcirclek.org)!

Looking for some great reads on Leadership?

Want to look further into your leadership skills? Want to find a great book that can help you? You can now find a great list of books on Leadership that will inspire you by following this link on the International Website:
<http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/0905booklist.pdf>

Dates To Remember:

K-Family Month:
November 2005

Dues are Due:
December 1, 2005

CBC Charter Banquet:
December 10, 2005

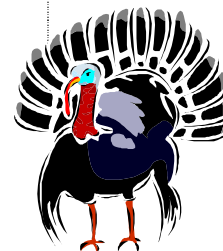
DCON Registration
Due: January 15, 2006

Bonspiel:
January 27-29, 2006

Columbia Division
"Spring" Rally:
February 3 & 4, 2006

PNW Circle K District
Convention:
February 17-19, 2006

Focus On the Future
Day: March 4, 2006



District Convention 2006: Seven Seas of Service!

Ever been to the beach in February? No? Well you have to come and join in on all the fun at District Convention in Seaside, Oregon! We are cordially inviting you to the District Convention February 17-19, 2006. Our committee has been working to putting together a great convention for all of you to enjoy.

The Seaside community has a wide variety of activities. On the Seaside boardwalk you can enjoy shopping, arcade, the Farris wheel, bumper cars and much more. We will be staying at the Best Western just a five-minute walk from all kinds of activities. Our hotel also has a hot tub and pool, and some rooms have a beautiful view of the ocean. Get your registration in early if you want to have a wonderful view. Registration is \$150 per person. Your registration includes room for Friday and Saturday night, Saturday breakfast, Kiwanis family luncheon, presidents' and awards banquet, and the farewell brunch meal. **REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 2006.** You must have it turned in by then in order to confirm a room.



Some great activities are being planned for district convention. Our keynote speaker is going to be our One and Only Brian Egger the International President. We will also be having the Kiwanis International President Steve Seimens as a speaker on Sunday morning. Don't miss these two great speakers as they give our district inspiration to continue our service for the next year. Sessions include trainings for all new elected board members, swing dancing, information on international, club newsletter writing, member recruitment and retention, fundraising and grant writing, and much more. We will also be having elections for our new district board and any bylaws that are on the agenda. So come prepared for a great event and meet people from all over Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Canada and Alaska. Don't miss out!

In Service and friendship,
Amy Crowther
PNW District Convention Chair

Your club should be receiving DCON packets in the mail soon. You can also check out the registration information on the district website under forms and then District Convention. It is recommend that you get members to fill out the forms before break since many clubs will have limited time after the new semester begins to get these in!

Applying for District Awards



I know that your club and members have been doing some amazing things this year. So it is time to think about awards! The forms are now available on the district website for all of the district awards and scholarships. Just go to the district website and click on "Scholarships" and it will take you to the download page. Award Applications are due January 20 and scholarship applications are due February 4th.

Our New District Bulletin Editor!

We have a new District Bulletin Editor to finish out our year! Her name is Gretchenrae Callanta and she hails from the Circle K Club of Seattle University. She is really excited about the position. It would be great if all of our clubs could get articles in for the Post for the remaining deadlines: December 19th and February 24th. You can send in your articles and pictures by e-mailing her at ckigretchenrae@gmail.com. So lets show Gretchenrae and the rest of the district how great Columbia is!!

Month of October Recap!

More pictures from all of these events can be found in the gallery section of the district website!

S3 (Saturday of Service in Seattle):

S3 was a blast! We did some great service projects! The tour was awesome and everyone had a great time!



Lewis-Clark State College Charter Night:

The members of the LCSC Circle K had their Charter Night on October 23 and had everyone come and celebrate with them in Lewiston! Members were inducted and the officers were installed. There were several wonderful guest speakers. It was a night to remember!



Columbia Division Fall Rally:

We had a great time in Pasco! Friday night we dressed up in our costumes and went bowling. Saturday Pat and Jane from the Tri-Cities Industry Kiwanis Club donated the fabric and time to show us how to make tie quilts. We also played a quick game of kickball and built a "dome" out of newspapers. Special thanks to CBC's Vanessa, Jennifer, Theresa, and Theo!



News from the Clubs



Central Washington University

Central is getting into the holiday spirit by collecting food for Thanksgiving dinners and donating it to local food banks. We will be standing outside of grocery stores this weekend and collecting as well as returning to the Kiwanians to collect donations that they will be providing. For Christmas we are adopting a family and providing some needed items for them. We are in the final weeks of our membership drive. The Ellensburg Kiwanians are helping us out by adopting Circle K'ers and paying part of their dues in return for some work. We are keeping busy!!



Columbia Basin College

CBC sent in our charter with 23 members last Thursday. We invite YOU, Circle K & Kiwanis members from the PNW, to celebrate with us at our charter banquet Saturday, December 10th. We will be having a catered lasagna dinner, guest speaker(s), a slide show, & a white elephant gift exchange. It is the holiday season, as we will be welcoming you to our campus & holding this event in our HUB beginning at 6pm. So far we have some very important people who will be attending: Carrie Johnson (Columbia Lt.G), Rob Brittingham (Snoqualmie Lt. G), Laura McInnes (PNW Governor), Norm Olson (Area Administrator & Tri-Cities Industry Club Kiwanis Advisor), Greg Garcia (Columbia Kiwanis Lt. G), Steve Emhoff (Kiwanis PNW Governor), & Brian Egger (Circle K International President). We would be delighted to see you all there, more information will be on the way. Housing will be provided for those of you who aren't going to drive home late Saturday night. Cost for students is \$10, \$20 for Kiwanians, & RSVP by Dec. 2nd to Theresalarson@gmail.com Thank you!



Lewis-Clark State College

LCSC Circle K is in the process of joining up with another group on campus who has started the First Book program, which is a program that donates books to children of low-income families. We are also busy planning projects that will get our members active. Each member has, or is supposed to, fill out a member questionnaire in order for the officers and committee chairs to know what the members want to gain from Circle K. Our major goals right now are to recruit and have active members!



University of Idaho

The University of Idaho Circle K has kept itself busy over the last month. We have read to little children, hung flags with veterans, sold children's books, and many other activities. Recently at a meeting we made ready-to-bake desserts in jars. We filled the jars with all the ingredients to make oatmeal raisin cookies or cranberry pumpkin bread. The fact that we got flour and sugar everywhere only made the event more fun. We even had two visitors show up just as we were starting the project. They were able to see that Circle K is a club where you can get in and get your hands dirty, literally.



Washington State University

So far we are doing pretty well. We are almost fully registered with nineteen members. This year, we have continued with old projects, provided soup at the Community Action Center, participated in Relay for Life, and collected pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House; but we have also started some new projects that our members were interested in, such as projects with the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, helping at the food bank, and raking yards in the community. A bunch of our members just came back from Fall Conference, which, on the behalf of others, I say was a blast. We did crazy bonding activities and learned about the club. The officers came back with ideas for the future and motivation to improve the club. We also have Columbia Basin College's mascot bear as hostage and are looking forward to an interclub. Also, we soon expect a ransom note from Eastern, who has had our mascot cougar for a while. That's what's up with us.