



The Columbia Connection

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

Well, unfortunately, holiday break is over for some of us, and we have had to go back to school. I hope you all enjoyed your time with your family and friends and found at least some time to relax. This semester is going to be a busy one. We can look forward to Bonspiel, District Convention, Spring Rally, LeaderScape, Regional Leadership Training Conference, installation of new officers and retiring of the old, and best of all... summer! However, we might have to wait a bit longer for some of those. ☹️ I hope you all enjoy this semester, keep yourselves focused on what is important to you, and just have fun!

Laura McInnes

Laura McInnes, Columbia Division Lieutenant Governor

What's Coming Up?

Bonspiel (Victoria, BC) – January 28-30

Who is ready for some good Canadian fun? Once again, it is time for Bonspiel, and I know many people are excited about going. I had an awesome time at this event last year. We were able to meet many new people, do some amazing service projects, GO CURLING, and just enjoy Victoria. The cost is \$25 per member, unless you bring some canned goods, dropping the cost to \$20. Don't forget to bring your I.D. and either your passport or birth certificate and remind your members in case they need to find copies of theirs!

District Convention (Yakima, WA) – February 18-20

District Convention is slowly approaching. The deadline for registrations, scholarships, and awards and applications is January 31! Please make sure you encourage your members to attend, and plan your spirit cheers! We set two goals involving DCon this year. 1. Send at least 20 people. 2. Apply for all awards for which we are applicable. Let us make sure and achieve these! I really hope to see many old and new faces at this event. If you enjoyed or did not enjoy last year's event, this one will be much more exciting. Also, our International President will be there, and I would love for him to see how wonderful our Division's members are. After all, we are technically the host division. The cost is \$150 per person.

It's Time to Find Your Successors!

Well officers, guess what? The time has come that your club holds elections for next year's officers. Remember, your term ends and theirs begins on April 1. That is not too far from now. All clubs should have newly elected officers by District Convention, and those people should, if possible, attend DCon because they will get some valuable information and

feedback there. Make sure that you are speaking to members that you think would do a good job and offer to answer any questions about what you do as an officer and what is expected of you. In my opinion, if you give your members a handout that describes the responsibilities of each officer and let them take it home and think about it, you might find that you have more willing members. And don't forget, even though you will no longer be serving in your role, you still need to be available, whether it be through phone, person, or e-mail, to answer any questions and assist your successor in any way to make sure that they are comfortable with their job. So, start hunting!

Last Chance for the POST!

The **last** POST will be coming out in February and the **deadline** is in 11 days... **January 21!** So, here's the deal... If you looked in the last edition, Peace Arch was ahead of Columbia in articles by TWO points! **Current count: Columbia 16, Peace Arch 18.** I REALLY want our Division to win the Ice Cream contest at District Convention, and I would REALLY REALLY like to show Peace Arch who the real boss is... :o) So, if you all are up to it, **I would like to challenge each club to submit at least 4 articles.** How can you possibly come up with four articles, you ask? Easy! Each officer can be responsible for either writing or finding someone to write an article for the POST. The article can be about something you might think a Circle Ker or college student might find useful or it could be about a project that your club participated in. The project does not have to be extremely recent. It just has to be something you or another member enjoyed. Well, good luck, and I hope to see many articles in this next edition. **MAKE ME PROUD!** Do not be afraid to get them in early! Also, this will earn you 10 points per article for the tally... **Remember... JANUARY 21!**

Thinking About a District Position?

Have you ever thought about taking running for or applying for a position on the District Board? At District Convention, you can run for the following officer positions: Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, and Lieutenant Governor. Make sure you talk to people and prepare before Convention in this case. If you think you would like to be a committee chair, you may apply for these positions after Convention: Club Building and Retention, Kiwanis Career Contacts, District Convention, District Project, Fall Conference, Historian, Honors and Awards, International Service, Kiwanis Family, Laws and Regulations, LeaderScape, Membership, and Technology. Please feel free to talk to any of the current officers and committee chairs about what their job entails, and visit the www.pnwcirclek.org website for more information. Information regarding what each job requires can be found in the District Bylaws V, Section 4 and the District Policy Code VI, Section 7 (both can be found online in the Laws and Regs section). If you know of someone who you think would do a great job in one of these positions, talk to them and encourage them to consider it.

Let's Continue that Growth!

So maybe your club has reached 20 members or maybe it has not quite yet. Either way, it is the beginning of the semester, the perfect time for new recruits. Maybe some students have made it their New Year's Resolution that they will get more involved in their campus and community. Maybe some students have found that they have spare time this semester and

would like to do something with it. Whatever the reason be, start recruiting new members! Find out when your school's club fair is and take advantage of that. Put up flyers. Talk to people that you have met. Get someone to ride a unicycle wearing a pink and green polka-dotted spandex unitard. ;oP Whatever your method is, go out there and find yourself some new, enthusiastic, committed members, and don't be afraid to ask them to join and pay dues. Many will be quite receptive to it. You would be surprised! We said in April that we wanted to see this Division reach at least 80 members. Currently, we are at 55 members. Let's see how well we can do! If you need any help in your efforts, please don't hesitate to ask me. I would love to offer new ideas and help you design recruitment materials...

Individual Club News

This is what each club has been up to for the past month...

Central Washington University

Holiday Extravaganza, Head Start

University of Idaho

Christmas for Kids, Conversation Partner, Success by Six, Humane Society, D.A.R.E. Program, Nursing Homes, Piggy Bank Fundraiser, Food Bank, Hats Fundraiser

Washington State University

My Family, Cookie Ingredient Giveaway, Soup Kitchen

Columbia Division Point System!

As of today, the total points earned by each club are:

Central Washington University:	208
University of Idaho:	267
Washington State University:	289

Way to go! I see some of you really catching up and it excites me! Remember, you only have 3 months left! Let's make them great!

