

Circle of Sharing

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A Thank you from Past Kiwanis Governor, Fred Dietze

Hi Circle K. For those of you who know me, you generally know that I am never at a loss for words. Well, I have tried and tried and no words seem to come out. I know that I want to say thank you for providing me a fantastic experience this past year, but that is rather short, and almost sounds self serving. So finally, here are a few words that I hope sum up what I have gained from Circle K.

Independence: the idea of not doing the same old thing. Thank you Circle K.

Confidence: Knowing that I have the ability to make a difference. Thank you Circle K.

Make me smile: Learning to enjoy what I do. Thank you Circle K.

Feel better about myself: You taught me how to be happy. Thank you Circle K

Give Back: I have had the opportunity to give back, and it seems like the more I give back, the more I get. Thank you Circle K.

Now, if you think that these words are original, they aren't. They are the words used by Aktion Club members when describing what Aktion Club has given to them. Aktion club members speak from their heart, and how could I do any less. So I used their words, because they come from my heart. Thank you WUM Circle K for giving me a fantastic year.

Fred Dietze

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It's a Red Carpet Affair... and You're Invited!

By Jackie Erzinger

Hello WUM Circle K!

It's that time of year again, it's time to get excited for DCON! District Convention (DCON) is Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K's annual event which celebrates a year of service, leadership and fellowship. This year marks the grand 50th convention, held February 22-24, 2013 in Racine, WI and theme is "Rolling out the Red Carpet: Lights! Camera! Service!" DCON is such a fun event to meet new people, gain leadership skills and do service! More details on pricing and registration will be available in the coming months, but for now here are a few reasons that that **you** should be attending this year's convention!

1. You get to do service!

Service is the most important tenant of Circle K! This year's convention is pumping up the service, allowing members to engage in artistic and meaningful projects for Camp Wawbeek as well as a few organizations of the DCON host city. New this year—members can engage in service both Friday and Saturday night of convention. You can make a difference while having a blast!

2. You can network with alumni & Kiwanians!

Given that this is the 50th Convention, you can bet there will tons of wonderful Circle K alumni and Kiwanians present. Plenty of Circle K members have been able to know about internships and other volunteer opportunities through

making these types of connections! Why not take this weekend to talk about their post-Circle K adventures and professional experiences to gain new insights?

3. You get the ultimate VIP Experience!

This year's theme is based around Hollywood, movies and all things glamorous! Convention attendees will receive a unique souvenir, can feel like a celebrity walking down an actual red carpet and can pose with friends in our photo booth this year! Who knows, you might even see your name, or your club's name featured on our starry Hollywood Walk of WUM!

4. You can learn new things!

Aside from the glamour and fun, this year's convention will hold useful workshops for everyone to attend. Whether you'd like to enter the speech or writing contest, learn conflict resolution, learn value leadership skills or even how to join a Kiwanis club, this year's convention allows all attendees to expand their knowledge of all things Circle K!

5. You can decide the future of the district, or even be a part of it!

One of the biggest reasons convention is held is to elect new district officers. Be a part of deciding the future of this wonderful district! Or better yet...run for a district office and make changes yourself! DCON also offers interactive sessions where attendees can learn the platform of candidates. Each club also votes on candidates and can help decide the vision of the

Each club also votes on candidates and can help decide the vision of the 2013-2014 year! I hope some of these reasons inspire you to be a part of the grand 50th Convention this February in Racine!

If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!

In service,
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W-UM offers four new awards to recognize clubs at DCON

By Taryn Grisham

Four new club awards have surfaced in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K district. These awards cover a number of bases from service, creativity and travel. There is something for every club within the Capital division and across all of W-UM.

The Preferred Charities Award gives clubs the opportunity to showcase work that they do through service and fundraising, in turn benefiting our preferred charities: March of Dimes, Students Team Up to Fight Hunger (STUFH) and UNICEF. This award mirrors a similar award that can be applied for at the International-level of our organization, so all clubs are encouraged to re-submit their work in order to be recognized internationally as well.

The Club T-Shirt Award challenges clubs to create a T-Shirt design that not promotes Circle K's tenets and emblem, but also channels creativity and club-based originality as well. This award will require clubs to mail in a sample T-Shirt for judging purposes. The winner of this award will have their design being showcased by Governor Morgan Fierro during the dance at DCON. The other submissions will be auctioned off during the dance, benefitting a cause to be

determined at a later date. Once again, this award mirrors a similar award that can be applied for at the International-level of our organization, so all clubs are encouraged to re-submit their work in order to be recognized internationally as well.

The Club Video Award is pilot that we will be running this year. This award will have clubs produce a high-quality video addressing all aspects of Circle K. It is an open-ended project that will also challenge club's creativity. A short essay is required, explaining decisions made by the club's in their filming. The video must be submitted along with this essay in one of the formats expressed on the awards sheet. The winning video will be shown during the closing session of DCON. This award also mirrors a similar award that can be applied for at the International-level of our organization, so all clubs are encouraged to re-submit their work in order to be recognized internationally as well.

The Member Mile Award is an award that recognizing clubs for their attendance at district events throughout the year. This award takes into account the

number of members in attendance and the distanced travelled. A point system in used to evaluate these numbers and clubs will be ranked based on their totals. This award does not recognized attendance at LSSP and ICON, as they are not district events.

The deadline for awards submission is Monday, January 14. Any and all questions regarding awards should be directed to the Awards, Regulations and History Chair, Taryn Grisham.

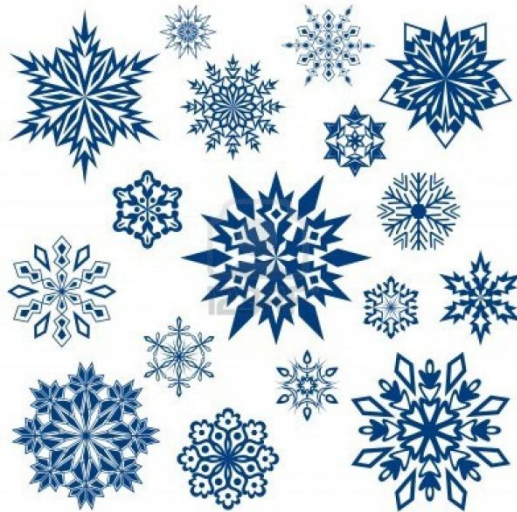


Winter Escape January 11 – 13 2013

Naperville, IL

Hello Subregion C! It's finally time for the Second Annual Subregion C Winter Escape! Come for a Winter Wonderland filled weekend of service, fellowship and leadership while making amazing new friends from all over the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois-Eastern Iowa and Minnesota-Dakota Circle K Districts! Please invite all your friends! :)

We'll kick off Friday night with the long awaited Mr. and Ms. Subregion C Pageant where contestants from all over can compete for the coveted title. The pageant will consist of three rounds: Q&A, Talent, and Mystery Round. Anyone can enter!



On Saturday we will spend the day serving the Naperville/Chicago Community with various service projects. Then, attendees will have time to get ready for Holiday Embrace, which is an annual Illinois-Eastern Iowa Fundraiser for Spastic Paralysis. Saturday night will consist of a formal dance and dinner! And wait for it... It's 20's themed! For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/247689978667715/?f=t>

Sunday morning will consist of more fun group activities and a final group goodbye.

If you are planning on attending, please submit your registration as soon as possible, by January 9th. There will be onsite registration as well. Please follow the link to register: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dFFTThmb3UyckVCRmhhYnNud0VPU0E6MQ>

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Winter Weekend Getaway! January 18- 20 2013

Marquette, MI

I SPY ...

a WUM-derful event
coming up in the UP **January 18th-
20th** Winter Weekend Getaway

Registration is only \$15

Hotel rooms for 1-4 people are
\$79+tax/night (or about \$20/person
per night).

The room has 2 double beds.
Staying At: Days Inn (2403 US41
West, Marquette, MI 49855)

Make sure you call and make your
reservations early and make it under
WUM Circle K to get the price listed
above! Everyone pays for their own
hotel room.

Call: 906-228-8100 for reservations.

Make Checks payable to: W-UM
Circle K District

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Please have pre-registration post-
marked by Jan. 7, 2012.
You can register once you arrive to
WWG too!



I Spy with my little eye...

How to play:

1. Organize a car pool for WWG in Marquette Michigan!
2. Print off a sheet for everyone who's NOT driving and tell them to bring their cameras!
3. If you see one of these objects OUTSIDE of your car check it off the list!
4. If an object has an * in front you need to take photograph of it to receive points!
5. Each category has one competitive topic and one Challenge that can give you massive points.
6. The winner will receive a prize! Have fun and drive safe!

8 Categories!

- I Spied a Sign and it opened up my eyes!
- Yooper Vision!
- I'm a Natural!
- Pro Hunter:
- We Put the W in WUM!
- Live to Serve Love to Spy!
- Keep your eyes on the road!
- MASTER SPY 007!

Then stay in wonderful Marquette, MI for fun times in the snow including broomball, ice skating, sledding, and so much more!

Club Spotlight: MSOE



The Circle K Club of MSOE has been serving the Milwaukee community for decades, and is still going strong. For a few years, the club had low membership and was not very active as a whole, but that has changed drastically over the past year. The MSOE club has grown dramatically and is now getting involved in District and Division events, planning more service activities in Milwaukee, and working on creating a close-knit membership as well. A couple of our major reoccurring events are making holiday goodie bags for children at shelters and putting on blood drives at our school. The club has also recently volunteered at locations such as nursing homes, food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul, and homeless shelters, and hopes to expand to even more locations in the Milwaukee area. One of the members' favorite projects is "Meaningful Makeover", in which the club gives a complete makeover to a family's room and bathroom at the Salvation Army Emergency Lodge. Additionally, small service projects are done at many of the meetings, which the club has found is a good way to serve others and to bond as a group. Such bonding is also done at all of the social and service events. Last year, the members really became a tight-knit group and hope to do the same in the year to come. Overall, it looks like the months ahead will be a great time for the Circle K Club of MSOE.

International Updates: Cody Schara, Subregion C International Trustee

Service, leadership, fellowship, oh my! There is never a dull day for Circle K International. The past few months have kept Circle K International busy with membership, seminars, and more! I hope your clubs are making progress towards their goals for this CKI year. The international level of CKI has been working hard to make resources available to all members of CKI.

Recently, we renovated the Membership Update Center. This is an easy tool to be used by club advisors, presidents, and secretaries to add new members to their roster and also where new member handbooks/pins will be ordered.

This past year we have taken many initiatives in creating international webinars. Sponsored by two international committees, the Kiwanis Family Relations Committee hosted a webinar on October 14th, and the SPICE (Social Potential Innovative Club Enhancement) Committee hosted one on October 28th. Both were a fabulous opportunity for members across our sub-region!

Finally, I'd like everyone to be aware of the Tomorrow Fund. The tomorrow fund is an endowment for Circle K International held within the Kiwanis International Foundation. This fund, utilizing the interest earned, helps CKI clubs and districts serve the world through grants for service opportunities.

Overall, the international board of trustees is making decisions that best suit the members of Circle K International. With districts like WUM, all of you make this task easy. Enjoy your winter season and always remember to live to serve, love to serve.

Keeping Art in Schools: The Governor's Project

"It is in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough—it's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that make our heart sing."
—Steve Jobs

Research shows that art as part of the educational curriculum of public schools not only advances test scores, but also enhances retention, improves attention, and provides a better learning environment for all people.

The arts are more than just a past-time; they are a rich cultural history, a way of technological advancement, the means of living, and the backdrop to which we live our lives.

We have the chance to grow our enrichment with art education in schools. At a time when arts are being slashed from budgets and school funding, let WUM Circle K take the initiative to grow the arts for elementary and high school students across our division.

You can help by sponsoring a high school or middle school in your area, maybe even teaming up with their key clubs, and helping them create a talent show or photography and film festival fundraiser to raise money for their band, choir, theatre, and art enrichment classes. What are some other ways your club can support and keep arts education alive in public schools today?



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