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Convention planning is rapidly coming along! In only 2 months, Circle K'ers will invade the nation's capital to "Capitalize on Circle K". Be there, Feb 17-20, 2006. Check out page 2 to see how you can help make the convention be a huge success!

Seasons Greetings from the LG

Another school term is in the books, and the holiday season is upon us! It's been a busy past few months for us all I'm sure, and now's the time to relax after exams and enjoy the break!

Having had the opportunity to visit all 6 official clubs in the past month, along with the Nipissing campus in Brantford (which has just submitted its charter application), I am extremely excited and proud of the work that all clubs have done over the past term.

I am hopeful that the contents of this bulletin will be interesting and helpful to you all. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Michael



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Please send an e-mail should you need my phone or mailing contact information. Please note that my mailing address is changing December 27th, 2005!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, to submit an article for the bulletin, or for anything else!

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The 1st Annual Eastern Canada Circle K Convention
February 17-20, 2005
Ottawa, ON
(Stay tuned for more information on the EC CK website!)

Looking to get involved at Convention?

Program committee is looking for members to run officer training sessions and moderate roundtable discussions!

Are you...

- comfortable speaking in front of groups of 15-20 people?
- able and willing to research a position to put together a brief 15 minute training session? (materials will be provided – you need to organize them in a way that will be easy to present to the attendees)
- experienced in leading group discussions?

If yes, please contact myself and I will put you in touch with the program committee and sign you up as a presenter for a session.

If this isn't your thing, but you want to be involved, stay tuned. There will be other opportunities to help out, both prior to, and during the convention!

Top 10 Reasons you should be at Convention...

10. A chance to visit the nation's capital!
9. It beats reading during "reading week"
8. An excuse to buy yourself a fancy outfit for banquet!
7. Win a great prize at the silent auction
6. Run for a position on the first EC "district" board
5. Learn new ideas to improve your club!
4. Personal development
3. Meet Circle K'ers across Eastern Canada
2. Tons of great speakers, sessions and workshops
1. A guaranteed fun time!

Registration....

The registration form will be available shortly on the new EC Circle K website (see p. 4 for more about the site)! An e-mail will be sent out to club presidents as soon as it is available!

Registration will be required by January 20th, to facilitate finding billets for all attendees and ensuring that adequate resources are available.

Stay tuned for more information!

Silent Auction

Have you been reporting your individual service hours to your secretary?

If not, the time to get those hours in is now! Service dollars will be awarded to all members based on the number of service hours you have completed throughout the year to bid on prizes at the silent auction at Sunday Night's Banquet.

Also, all presidents were sent a prize donation letter to hand out to members to solicit donations in your community! Please let Michael know of any prizes you have obtained. Don't forget to make sure that anyone can use the prize, and that it's not specific to your hometown where possible!

Please let Michael know if you have not received the letter.

CKI and District Scholarship Applications

The application forms for the CKI and district scholarships are now available on the CKI website. The scholarship booklet with the application forms and information about the scholarships can be found at

<http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/forms/scholarship.pdf>.

Please contact the international office (the contact information is provided at the beginning of the booklet) or myself with any questions you might have about the application.

Best of luck to all those who apply!

Dues Payment...

Don't forget, dues need to be postmarked no later than January 31, to remain a club in good standing. All clubs should have received their rosters with an invoice for member dues for the current year by mail. If you have not received this please contact LG Michael or Val.

Make sure that your rosters are accurate when you submit them, and that all new members are added, and those who are no longer in the club are removed!

You can update your roster and generate an invoice online at <http://www.circlek.org/circlek/resources/duesinfo.asp>. Please send one cheque or money order for your club to the appropriate locations as noted below.

International dues - \$25US/member sent to:

Circle K International
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268 USA

NEW this year! District dues - \$10CAN/member to:

Val Wilkins
34 Cohen Ave
Ottawa, ON K2L 4E9

(Note: Make cheques payable to **Eastern Canada Circle K**)

CKI and District Reflectors

Are you receiving e-mails from any of the district of CKI Reflectors? If not, consider subscribing to those which seem relevant to you. There are two district, and two international reflectors you may want to consider, which are mailing lists used to send out important information to all members. You can also send messages to other Circle K'ers to address any questions or concerns you might have.

The four are...

- CKI Social reflector (ckisocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- CKI Business reflector (ckibusiness-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- EC&C Circle K District Family (ecc_ckd_family-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- EC&C Presidents reflector (Ecc_ckd_0506Presidents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Send an e-mail to the address provided in brackets following the name of the reflector to subscribe to the reflector. You will need to have a free yahoo account to sign up, and can have the option of having all messages posted to the group forwarded to another e-mail address.

Divisional Happenings

Executive Rosters

Those clubs who have yet to submit their roster with contact information for the club and its club officers, please do so ASAP! The district directory will be published January 15, 2005, and your club should be listed in it!

Also as discussed at the last PCM, I am hoping to get contact information for all clubs and make it available to you all so you can contact one another to share ideas and address concerns. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Next PCM

Attention Presidents:

Be on the lookout for an e-mail in the coming days for the next President's council meeting (PCM), to take place in early to mid January.

If you have a preferred day and time, please send me an e-mail. Otherwise, it will mostly take place on a Sunday evening again, as this seemed to be convenient time for the last one.

Club Profiles

Having visited all clubs I have been fortunate enough to hear about some of the great work that your clubs are doing! Now's the chance to share your successes, and also challenges with the rest of the division!

Please submit articles to myself about projects that your club has been doing, or ideas that you have used to recruit and retain members or anything else that might be interesting and of use to other clubs. Many clubs are experiencing similar challenges, and the best way to come up with solutions is through communication and the sharing of ideas!

Now online!

Visit www.eccirclek.org, the new official website for Circle K in Eastern Canada. The site has been launched, although some finishing touches are still being completed. Feel stop by to the site where you can download various forms, and access various resources, and soon you will be able to download the convention registration form!

Monthly Reporting

Again a reminder to ensure that your club's secretary is submitting a report by the 5th of every month.

I was excited to see a lot of reports filled out and returned in October, however I have received very few November reports.

Remember these reports are necessary to recognize the hours you have completed for convention, and for our district service hour tally, among other things.