

Circle of Sharing

Meet W-UM Circle K District Governor Lena Scheibengraber

Greetings W-UM Circle Kers!

In case you don't know me already, my name is Lena Scheibengraber and I will be serving you as your 2013-2014 District Governor. Some random facts about me: I love to bake and travel, I can tap dance, I'm obsessed with international relations and the United Nations and I'm a pretty big fan of reptiles (weird, right?). On a more serious note, to know me a little bit better, I'd like to tell you about my Circle K story. I got involved with Circle K in the fall of 2008, where a friend dragged me to a club meeting. This club was small, but had a very powerful message and a focus which I loved: service. I quickly got involved, and with all of the different positions I have held throughout the years, I have continued to stay an active member of my club. Alverno Circle K is where I started out and I could not have made this journey without them. With that said, I want to encourage each and every one of you to continue being service superstars, stay involved with your clubs even when things get busy in your life, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and do something new!

So, you're probably thinking to yourself "Ok, cool. So that's who you are, but what are you going to *do* this year?" Great question! This year I have a focus on service hours; more specifically, service geared towards addressing the problems of homelessness. I have three main goals I would like to accomplish this year: have each member complete 5 hours of service

related directly to homelessness, have 5 clubs across W-UM participate in National Hunger & Homelessness Week and have each division hold a division-wide clothing and supply drive for local shelters. Not only are these goals attainable, but it is very important to me that clubs do not venture into this project alone. I will be providing resources to all clubs in order to find service projects related to homelessness, ideas that you all can implement in your schools and clubs and, of course, fun incentives!

In addition to my focus on service, you can guarantee that I will concentrate on improving communication and resources as well. I have already started sending out WUM Weekly, which is a weekly publication that contains spotlights on club and district events, updates from International, wellness tips, service project ideas, recruitment and retention tips and much more. Anyone can sign up to receive the emails and club presidents should already be receiving them. Finally, I expect and encourage any and all members to contact me directly about questions, comments, problems/concerns or anything else that may be on your mind. I am only a phone call or an email away; don't be scared to contact me! I want to hear your ideas, your suggestions, and your frustrations. You all should remember that *you*, the members, are the most important part of Circle K International and we are here to make your time in this organization enjoyable. This year, with an open line of communication and high expectations for our district board, you can all be assured

that we will be working very hard to help you all reach your goals.

I look forward to working with all of you to make W-UM the best it can be. Let's get serving!



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Meet the 2013-2014 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Board!

District Governor: Lena Scheibengraber

5th Year Senior at Alverno College

Major: Mathematics and Global Studies & International Affairs

Favorite Service Project: My all-time favorite service project is Habitat for Humanity. I'm a very hands-on person in terms of service and love physical labor, so this project is perfect for me because gives me the chance to work alongside the people I am directly affecting.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it's an organization that is blind. Blind in the sense that we don't look at people and categorize them (whether it be by race/ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic class, etc.), but instead we all see each other as fellow servant leaders. Our organization brings in people from all over the world with different backgrounds and we give everyone the same respect, whether they are brand new members or members of the district or international board.



District Secretary: Briana Tucker

Junior at Michigan Technological University

Major: Culture, and Media Studies (Focus: Diversity and Language Studies) with a minor in Multimedia

Favorite Service Project: Dog Walking. I can not personally own an animal yet, therefore when I get a chance to spend time with the animals that have been through the best and worst parts of life, and yet have not given up, it makes me so happy. Animals love unconditionally. I love that, and they always bring a smile to my face.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it offers me the chance to do something outside of myself. This world is filled with so many twist and turns. It's nice to know that even if I personally can't touch the whole world, that what I do may break through the mess and cause a ripple effect that can help others/encourage others to want to make a change. In addition, Circle K is a family away from family.

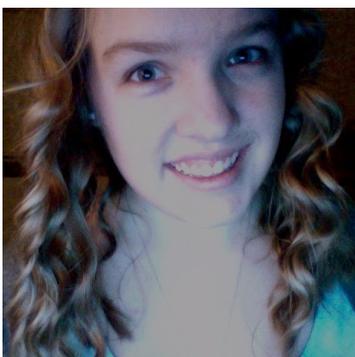
District Treasurer: Nico Galles

Junior at Edgewood College

Major: Business Management with minors in French Language and Economics

Favorite Service Project: 2012 LSSP in NOLA. Working outside with Habitat for Humanity, in the sun to help build housing for those who don't have financial stability.

Why I love CKI: Circle K has really taught me to be a better person in this world. To help those who are in need, to serve our communities and world. It's not about being apart of an organization concerned with selfish practices. Circle K and all of the Kiwanis Family has one mission, and I find it's mission empowering. The ELIMINATE project, tasked with eliminating Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus across our planet, among many other great causes. I feel this cause in combination with service and friendships built at District Events and International Events with people from all over the country and world are the ideal sort of organization that I'd like to say I'm proud to be apart of.



District Bulletin Editor: Taryn Grisham

Junior at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major: Journalism and Mass Communication and German with a certificate in Leadership

Favorite Service Project: Adult Role Models in Science (ARMS) ~ I love working with children and this event gives me the opportunity to assist them with tutoring and other science projects. Showing kids that learning can be fun is a great motivational tool for them!

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it gives me the opportunity to better myself through service, leadership and fellowship. I know that this organization has made me a better person through the number of people I've served, the dollars that I've helped raise for our preferred charities, the leadership skills I have obtained, and the friendships that I've built up over the years. I've never felt more inclusiveness in an organization than I do in Circle K. This is my second family. ideal sort of organization that I'd like to say I'm proud to be apart of.

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Capital Division Lieutenant Governor: Monica Wang

Sophomore at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major: Economics with a certificate in Leadership

Favorite Service Project: I absolutely love Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. This past year, my home club executed this fundraiser for the very first time and turned it into a pretty big interclub with several different Circle K and Key Clubs in our area. Trick-or-Treating is a long standing tradition and people really do appreciate it!

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because of the people in it. I am always looking forward to Circle K meetings, events and service projects because of all the old friends I am seeing and all the new ones I will make. We could all honestly be volunteering in any other organization, but I believe it's the amazing and WUM-derful people in our district that keep us in Circle K. It's nice to know that I have a family in this organization that truly cares about me and allows me to continue to grow and better myself within it.



Chippewa Division Lieutenant Governor: Matt Bowe

Junior at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Major: Mathematics and Physics Education

Favorite Service Project: Eliminate Project is my favorite service project, because it can completely eliminate a disease all over the world. Simply put, it saves mommies and babies.

Why I love CKI: It is rather very simple. I love Circle K for three reasons: fellowship, leadership, and service. First, you all make every event and project that W-UM has enjoyable and the absolute best. This is why I choose to lead; to help my fellow members be the absolute best that they can be. Finally, with each and every one of you, we serve others, which is what we were all meant to do.

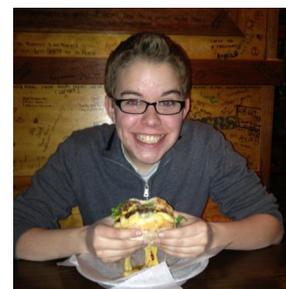
Lakes Division Lieutenant Governor: Katie Hobbs

Junior at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Major: Philosophy and English with a minor in Humanistic Studies

Favorite Service Project: Habitat for Humanity! I went on UW-Eau Claire's HFH trip last January, and had an amazing time. I met so many new friends, had a blast building houses, and the experience got me MUCH more involved in Circle K! I don't think I'd be involved with Board if I hadn't gone on this trip.

Why I love CKI: Serving others is the greatest thing a person can do in life. CKI also has the most helpful, interesting, and friendly members.



Metro Division Lieutenant Governor: Lizzie Anderson

Junior at Marquette University

Major: Biomechanical Engineering with a minor in Biological Sciences

Favorite Service Project: I absolutely love helping out with the Betty Brinn Children's Museum events such as the Monster Bash and the Valentine's Dance. SO much fun!

Why I love CKI: Seriously? What's NOT to love?? In all seriousness, though, I absolutely love the fellowship, the support, and the love that is the Circle K family. Simple as that. And doing service with people you love only helps to strengthen those kinds of relationships.

Southeast Division Lieutenant Governor: Shannon Thiesenhusen

Sophomore at University of Wisconsin-Waukesha (University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the fall!)

Major: Biological Sciences

Favorite Service Project: I really enjoyed spending time at the Hebron House in Waukesha to give the interior a fresh coat of paint. It really made the house seem more inviting and everyone who saw some color on the once white walls couldn't help but smile.

Why I love CKI: I love being able to bring a smile to people I will never meet. With the help of Circle K, I am able to share those experiences with others and make amazing memories as well as some friends along the way.



Meet the 2013-2014 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Board!

Superior Division Lieutenant Governor: Hal Holmes

5th Year Senior at Michigan Technological University

Major: Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering with a minor in Mathematical Sciences and certificate in Modern Language (French)

Favorite Service Project: Woodsplitting! We split logs into firewood for elderly people to heat their homes.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it creates many opportunities for motivated college students to help others. Circle K provides members with the support to accomplish great feats and the potential to significantly improve the human condition. Furthermore, as a part of the Kiwanis family, Circle K members have a unique opportunity to create vast networks of amazing people from many different walks in life, which they can maintain for the rest of their lives.



Awards, Regulations and History Chair: Laura Killingsworth

Junior at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major: Rehabilitation Psychology with certificates in Global Health and European Studies

Favorite Service Project: My favorite service project is going to the River Food Pantry. The River is a wonderful, locally-operated organization and we can see firsthand the number of lives that we have an impact on.

Why I love CKI: The greatest thing about Circle K is being around so many passionate, hard-working individuals. I've found myself getting inspired again and again, each time I come into contact with another Circle K-er; it never stops!

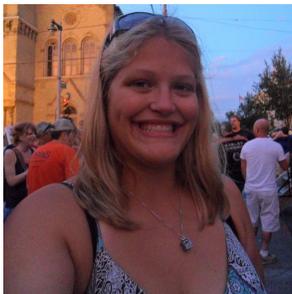
District Convention Chair: Sara Hujar

Junior at Northern Michigan University

Major: Entertainment/Sports Promotion and Marketing

Favorite Service Project: 24 Hour. It's an entire weekend devoted to service and bonding that also allows participants to explore the UP while it isn't covered in snow!

Why I love CKI: The people. Every single member of the WUM District of Circle K International is a completely genuine person. They don't join Circle K just to add it to their resume, they truly care about making a difference in the world.



Kiwanis Family/Outreach Chair: Betsy Henderson

Senior at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Major: Dual-Education (Special Education and Regular Education)

Favorite Service Project: Polar Plunge and Special Olympics Bowling and Basketball tournaments. The first event involves raising money for the Special Olympics so that they are able to put on all of their tournaments.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because of the people that I have met and the worthwhile service that we do. The fellowship and the wonderful service opportunities that I found in Circle K kept me coming back. Everyone is so friendly and shares a passion for service like I do.

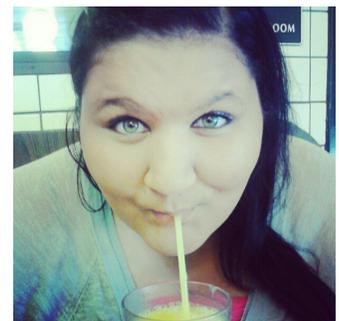
Membership, Development and Growth Chair: Kelly Kloth

Junior at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Major: Early Adolescent-Adolescent Education

Favorite Service Project: Feeding the homeless at The Gathering in Milwaukee is my favorite service project because I am able to connect with the less fortunate in my community and it makes me feel great knowing that I made somebody's day by giving them a hot meal. Overall, this project has made me more aware of the challenges that homeless people face every day.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it gives me the opportunity to help out people in my community while working with other college students my age that love community service just as much as I do!



Meet the 2013-2014 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Board!

Service Chair: Colin Buckley

Junior at Edgewood College

Major: Global and Comparative Politics with a minor in Economics

Favorite Service Project: Habitat for Humanity! My favorite part of building a house for Habitat is the seeing the difference I have made. Some service projects do not give me the gratification of seeing the final project like Habitat does. Not to mention, I love working outside and doing hands-on work.

Why I love CKI: I love Circle K because it gives me an outlet to make connections with people, and impact them in a positive way!



Special Events Chair: Emily Condon

Senior at Alverno College

Major: Elementary to Middle School Education with a minor in Science

Favorite Service Project: I love Habitat for Humanity. I was able to do this project at LSSP this past year, and it was so much work, but so rewarding!

Why I love CKI: Circle K is my second family. Every event I am always meeting new people with the same passion for service I have. It is great to be a part of an organization that is so much fun and does so much for others.



Webmaster: Madhu Rajendran

Sophomore at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major: Biochemistry and Mathematics

Favorite Service Project: River Food Pantry! Along with couple other awesome members from UW-Madison Circle K, I usually go to the River food pantry here in Madison every other Friday. The River food pantry offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities ranging anywhere from serving meals to monitoring the children's area. I usually pick serving food. While serving food not only do I get to go service I also get to meet new people who also take pleasure in serving!

Why I love CKI: I love CKI because it is wonderful community service lovers. It is a great way to get involved and serve the community and at the same time you get to meet some amazing people who will be your best friends. CKI has not only helped me to grow as a leader but also individually!



Spring Fling

“Serve at the Speed of Light” at Camp Wawbeek during Spring Fling

By Emily Condon

Hey Everyone! Spring Fling is coming up on April 19th, 21st and I am so excited! With over 70 people pre-registered and more coming in each day this is going to be awesome. Please know that if you have not pre-registered you can still register on site.

Serving at the Speed of Light is going to be an intergalactic experience where you will travel to many different service projects and workshops. We will be having several fundraisers, so come prepared if you would like to participate. Not only should you be thrilled to do tons of service this weekend, but you should also be pumped for the neon glow dance! What better way could there be to establish fellowship than with good music and glow sticks?

If you have any questions or would like any more information feel free to contact me, Emily Condon Special Events Chair, at EmilyCondonCKI@gmail.com



Fundraisers:

See Board Members Run: Put donations of any amount into board members jars to enter them into a race. The three board members with the most funds in their jars will be entered into a fast-paced competition. The board member who completes the race the fastest gets to choose what space food they will be eating, second place choosing second, and third place eating whatever space food remains.

Miss Universe and Other Stars: Join us for the Miss Universe competition! For only \$2, you can enjoy the talent and gracefulness of the elite groups of girls who will be competing. There will also be some space-themed treats that are out of this world, so don't miss out! You can even decorate whatever treat you purchase!

Mascot Auction: As always, we are going to be auctioning off everyone's school mascots. Make sure to bring your mascot and your checks so your school can get a visit from your favorite clubs, Governor Lena, or even cookies and a visit from Ken!

Help Your Division Reach the Stars: Buy steps to your divisional ladder for only \$1 and help your division reach the stars! The division with the tallest ladder will have one step randomly chosen. The person who bought that step will receive a prize!

Get social with Spring Fling!

Watch our promotional YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=0ScioVqzJ-w

“Attend” the event on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/132757243563062/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

LSSP/ICON

Experience Vancouver this summer with LSSP and ICON

By Cody Schara

Do you think WUM has the most spirit in all of Circle K International? Do you want to meet Circle K members from across the globe? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should consider attending this year's International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia.

From June 26-June 30, 300 members from all of Circle K will gather together to celebrate a year of international service. While staying at the Westin in downtown Vancouver, we will embark on a journey to elect the 2013-2014 International Board of Trustees, present awards to those district officers who have gone above and beyond, learn from workshops focused on all three tenets of Circle K, and more. There really is something for everyone to enjoy while partaking in convention.

There will be many surprises for convention attendees. These include some joint sessions with Kiwanis' International Convention, which will provide entertainment such as Sarah McLachlan. Additionally, if you are familiar with the television program Cupcake Wars, the host Justin Willman will provide some late night entertainment for Circle K'ers.

Apart from the entertainment provided by convention itself, the city of Vancouver has a lot to offer for convention attendees. The sleek modern architecture of the city makes it a convention to enjoy. This is Circle K's first actual international convention since

the 90s! Our district will also be hosting a district dinner, as well as a Subregion C celebration, so we can show off that Wisconsin-Upper Michigan swagger (I recommend we wobble in cow hats).

Prior to ICON, this year's Large Scale Service Project will take place June 23-June 26. This allows for Circle K members to have the chance to give back to our host city by providing direct service to the community. We will engage in service projects, such as a playground build, working at a local Boys and Girls Club, planting community gardens for the city, and much more. This event alone allows us to volunteer over 4,000 hours in just a few days. LSSP is a great way for us to blend our service and fellowship tenets together.

If you think you are interested in attending either LSSP or ICON, feel free to contact myself, our On to International Convention Chair Morgan Fierro, or District Governor Lena Scheibengraber. Details on our WUM District Outing/Spirit Package will soon be available as well. I hope to see you in Canada for a truly international convention, just remember to renew those passports!



Did you know that Vancouver was recently deemed "World's Most Livable City"? Experience it for yourself June 23-30 by attending LSSP and ICON this summer!



Club Highlight: Carthage College

2013-2014 Executive Board



President: Ben Simington

Ben is from Matteson Illinois, he will be a junior next year. He is a History Major and a Great Ideas minor. He loves to dance, his favorite dance is the Bernie.

Vice President: Lizzie Cook

Lizzie is from Hixton, Wisconsin and will also be a junior next year. She is very involved with several orgs on campus. She was a new member this past year and she jumped in with both feet. She attended MAC and killed her karaoke performance of Lizzie McGuire's "Why not?"



Secretary: Gabrielle Cypher

Gabi is going to be a sophomore. She is very ambitious and also very involved on campus! She has a wonderful attitude and always comes to meetings with a smile on her face.



Treasurer: Alex Caputo (middle)

Alex is going to be a sophomore and is from Mount Prospect, IL. She was a new member this past year that quickly showed her enthusiasm by getting involved in as many projects as possible.

Awards and Recognition

Most Improved Club Award

Impromptu Essay Contest (Ben Simington)

Outstanding Club Secretary (Brianna Hill)



Service and Events

Service: Beach clean-up, running 5Ks, raked leaves for the elderly, raised money for AIDS walk Wisconsin, 1st Step Shelter in Kenosha, and Relay for Life

District Events: K-Family Brewer Game, MAC, Southeast Divisional Rally, DCON, Alverno's Birthday party



Club Highlight: UW-Green Bay

2013-2014 Executive Board



President

Jordan Grapentine is a junior majoring in Psychology and Human Development. Her hobbies include playing the guitar, singing, and writing songs.



Vice President

Kristy Phillips is a sophomore majoring in Social Work, with a minor in Spanish. She enjoys hanging out with friends, going out to eat and shopping.



Secretary

Anna Gribova is a freshman majoring in Environmental Policy and Planning with a minor in Global Studies. She enjoys concerts, cooking and community service.



Treasurer

Anna Fischer is a junior majoring in Business Administration (Finance) with minors in Accounting and Mathematics. She enjoys soccer, tennis and being outdoors.



Bulletin Editor

Alyssa Gruenwald is a sophomore majoring in Design Arts with a minor in Communication. She enjoys photography, writing poetry and the outdoors.

Service and Events

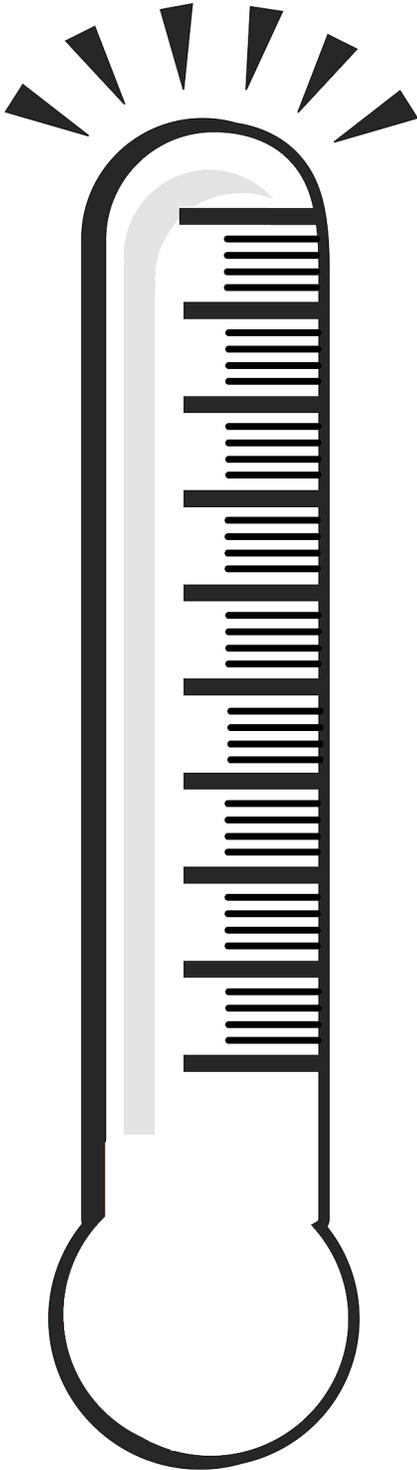
UWGB Circle K volunteers frequently with partners in their community, including the “Polar Express” event at the National Railroad Museum, “Science Saturdays” at the Green Bay Children’s Museum, and “Zoo Boo” at the NEW Zoo! They also do service projects in our meetings, including making fleece tie blankets for Project Linus, stuffing folders for the Sexual Assault Center, and making dog toys out of old t-shirts. In addition, their volunteers help at events on campus, including concerts, health fairs, and dances.

Awards and Recognition

Member Mile Award (1st Place)
Club Achievement Award
Outstanding Club President Award (Katie Hobbs)
Convention Attendance Award
They also brought home the spirit award turtle from Spring Fling last year!



District Goals as of April 1, 2013



The 2013-2014 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Board came up with goals for our district for the upcoming service year. Effective, April 1, these are the goals we will be working to reach as a district. In future issues of the *Circle of Sharing*, the membership, service and each of the fundraising goals will have individual thermometers to track our progress as a district throughout the year. The district goals are included below for your reference.

Membership: 700 members

Service: 17,500 hours

Fundraising:

Camp Wawbeek: \$5,500

Camp Baycliff: \$1,250

ELIMINATE Project: \$4,000

"Other" (Includes Preferred Charities): \$9,000

Event Attendance Goals:

Spring Fling: 130 attendees

2013 Large Scale Service Project: 15 attendees

2013 International Convention: 15 attendees

2014 Large Scale Service Project: 25 attendees

2014 International Convention: 25 attendees

MERP: 50 attendees (with 14 clubs represented)

MAC: 150 attendees

K-Family Baseball Game: 175 attendees

K-Family Service Day: 150 attendees

K-Family Hockey Night: 150 attendees

Winter Weekend Getaway: 35 attendees

District Convention: 175 Circle K members, 250 attendees total

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