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Quick Guide to the Governor’s Project: Helping the Homeless

By Lena Scheibengraber

Each year, the new governor picks something that is near and dear to their heart to focus on throughout their term. Whether it is education, the arts, a beloved camp, or something brand new, the governor strives to provide resources to clubs to help reach their personal goal. For me, this focus—my project—is homelessness. If you didn’t get a chance to hear me speak at District Convention about why I chose this project, you might be a little confused.

Homelessness is everywhere. It’s not just in the inner cities and it’s not something that can or should be ignored. Often times, homeless people are avoided on the street because of social stigma. They’re “bad people”. People with problems. People… somehow “unlike us”. But the big point that everyone misses is this; they aren’t different. They’re just like you and me, they have families, they have friends, and they might even go to your school.

This year, I wanted us to open our eyes and our hearts to the homeless population by doing one major thing: service. “Well duh”, you might be thinking. Of course that’s what we do! But have you thought of how you can help? Below are the three main things I want to accomplish this year along with various projects you can do.

> Have each member complete 5 hours of service related to addressing the problems of homelessness.
> Have each division hold one division-wide clothing or supply drive for one or more local shelters.
> Have 5 clubs participate in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

So, on to the fun stuff! What can you do to help? Look below for some easy projects.

> Serve food at a church or soup kitchen
> Host a “can-struction” event where teams bring cans of food to create structures and the cans are donated after a winner is determined
> Start a food drive competition on your campus between students, faculty and staff members
> “Panhandle for the Homeless” (similar to what they do with the firefighter boots, but make them aware that it’s for local shelters)
> Hold a garage sale and donate the proceeds, or a “reverse garage sale” where people get rid of the things that they don’t want and you donate the items
> Host a “Night Under the Stars,” similar to Relay for Life. Get people to sponsor you (and others) to sleep outside with the same accommodations as those who are homeless (i.e. cardboard, trash bags)
> Love to cook? Hold your own dinner benefit and donate the proceeds
> Have a table with information, or hand out mini-flyers about the homeless population in your area (or Wisconsin-Uber Michigan)

For more ideas, contact me at scheibls@gmail.com or look out for the Governor’s Project Packet coming soon with location-specific shelters, soup kitchens and other opportunities for service. Thank you so much for supporting this project; I can’t wait to see the impact we have on our community!
By Monica Wang

This summer, I have challenged the Capital Division to keep up their dedication and service hours through a weighted point system called the Capital Division Summer Challenge. Clubs can complete different activities to be awarded points from the beginning of June to the last day of August.

These tasks include any Circle K event (worth one point), every service hour (worth one point), attendance at any Kiwanis Family event (worth three points per member), attendance at any district or international event (worth five points per member), and the list goes on and on. My hope is to keep the clubs in my division active during the summer months and to provide an incentive to keep members thinking about Circle K. The winning club is chosen by the highest average points per member at the end of the summer and will receive a special prize.

There is also an added bonus to the Capital Division Summer Challenge; each month there will be a Photo Service Scavenger Hunt where members can take pictures of themselves doing those particular acts of service and receive points for their club. For example, the photo list for June includes playing with a dog, planting a flower, taking a picture with the Kiwanis K sign when you drive into town, taking a picture with a Circle K member not from your home club, and then any act of service of the member’s choosing.

I hope my division has fun with this and I am eagerly waiting to see all the service the Capital Division does this summer!
Mocking Jays, and cornucopias, and trackerjackers, oh my! You ain’t in Kansas anymore, kid. Now you are in the METRO division – and it’s an all-out brawl of service. So I hope you brought your lucky underwear, because you’re going to need it. Metro is all about service this summer, and they’re ready to rock you with all the service hours they are going to stack up throughout the summer.

Now, you’re probably wondering what all this nonsense is about – and if you absolutely insist… well I’ll tell you. This summer, I wanted to encourage service, since, as we all know, once school ends, well, we all tend to kind of fall off the map and forget about service. But this summer, I wanted to be different. I wanted to not only give Metro a chance to serve and to put opportunities out there for everyone to explore and enjoy – I wanted to make it different, exciting, FUN! So with all the hype about the Hunger Games lately, I decided I’d try a little friendly competition to get things started. Now, I can’t credit the whole idea to myself.

Metro, as you all know, is one heck of an awesome division, and this year, they have put a competitive spin on all they do all on their own. This competitive spirit of each school vying for the most service hours, the first to answer the “Name That Movie” challenge every week in the weekly updates, the most spirit, has born such great ideas as the MetroGnome (our mascot land gnome who travels to the school that hosts an interclub). In light of this spirit of competition (normally not accepted as the best method for uniting a division), I decided to roll with our division’s crazy plans – and ended up with… The First Annual SERVICE GAMES! Yup, that’s right, you heard me. Every two weeks, the Metro Division will have a different task to complete that is loosely based around the Hunger Games book and which will (hopefully) encourage service, fellowship, AND leadership all in one.

Thus far, Metro has hosted a food and clothing drive (the “Cornucopia”), and is currently working on an interclub challenge (“Know Your Enemies”) in which each club is challenged to host and/or attend an interclub of their choosing (service, social, non-Circle K-related, etc). To cap off this two-week challenge, Alverno will host a sports social to bring clubs together and have some well-earned FUN! So be on the look-out for more updates on the SERVICE GAMES, and by all means, please stop by for some of our service and social project challenges throughout the summer! Live to serve, love to serve! We most definitely will in Metro!
Hello W-UM Circle K!! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far, and I look forward to hearing what everyone has planned for their summer of Circle K involvement. As we all know, summer is a busy time consumed with work and fun, but we must all remember that Circle K is a part of us year around! Our service during the summer months can be extremely effective, and there is a ton of cool opportunities to work outside in the beautiful sun, while being a productive member of this organization.

I am personally excited to volunteer my time on a self-sustaining community garden in my hometown of Appleton, Wisconsin, called the River View Gardens! If you are looking for some creative service ideas, I have listed a number of them below; otherwise, feel free to contact me with any more questions about service ideas in your area!

1. Volunteer your time at a local soup kitchen to help feed the homeless.
2. Set up a walk to benefit one of our service partners or preferred charities!
3. Sign up to read to children at your local library.
4. Donate time to your local animal shelter.
5. Volunteer at a local retirement or nursing home. The elderly love the company!
6. Check with your local hospital. They are usually more than happy to find you a volunteer position with them.
7. Volunteer at your local food bank by helping collect, organize, and pass out food.
8. Check out Habitat for Humanity and see if they need help near you!
9. Grab some friends and organize a clean up project clearing trash and debris from a beach, lake, park, or neighborhood!
10. Plant a community garden.
11. Start a school supply drive to give to a needy school in the fall.
12. Volunteer with Special Olympics.
13. Mentor or be a pen pal to a child through Big Brother Big Sisters!
14. Deliver bagged lunches to homeless people in your town
15. Help clean up a neighbor’s yard who is unable!
16. Volunteer at a zoo, they are always in need of help!
17. Help paint and repair a local playground (with the cities approval!!!)
18. Clean up a local walking trail.
19. Collect aluminum cans, which you could donate the money from.
20. Organize a car wash as a fundraiser or service project
21. Get your club to collect unused personal items for a garage sale, then use the money to donate to our service partners or preferred charities!
22. Volunteer your time to teach a class about a skill you may have! (sewing, crafts, dance, etc.)
Membership Education Recruitment Program

BOOT CAMP
MERP and Lock-In

July 13th
UW Oshkosh Union
(800 Algoma Blvd)

Pre-Registration for MERP

Pre-registration—$15 for MERP and the Lock-In, or for just one
On-Site Registration from 8-10am—$20 for MERP and the Lock-In, or $15 for just one
Postmarked By: June 21st to receive the discounted cost
(协会会员 preferred through the mail)

Name: ___________________________ Club Name: ___________________________
Are you a member of your EBoard or Membership/Recruitment Committee? Yes/No
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Attending: (check all that apply) MERP ____________ Lock-In ____________
Make Checks payable to: W-UM Circle K District
Please mail with payment to:

Janet Degroot
207 23rd St Dr SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Any Questions??
Please contact Emily Condon at emilycondcki@gmail.com or 414-403-9744
Or Kelly Kloth at kellykloth@gmail.com or 414-469-1066
(On site registration available at UW-Oshkosh for the prices listed above)
K-Family Baseball Game
for eliminate 2013

$6.00 from each ticket goes to the ELIMINATE Project!

The Eliminate Project focuses on preventing maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). MNT kills one baby every nine minutes. By giving a mother of childbearing age three doses of this immunization, all these deaths can be prevented.

**NOTE** If the game is cancelled due to weather the Timber Rattlers will exchange your ticket for a ticket of the same value ($9.00) for any remaining 2013 Timber Rattlers regular season game home game. (Based on availability) **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS**

**BONUS:** Play catch with the players before the game and after receive autographs!

I would like to purchase tickets for the Kiwanis Family Baseball Game. (cash/check)

Name: __________________________ Club Name: __________________________

Please Check One: Kiwanis______ Circle K ______ Key Club ______ Guest ______

Builders Club ______ K-Kids ______ Aktion Club______

Address: ____________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Number of Tickets ____________ @ $15.00 each = $______________

Make Checks payable to: W-UM Circle K District

Mail with payment to WUM CKI
District Administer
Janet DeGroot
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Must be postmarked by: JUNE 21st, 2013

Any Questions?
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CKI Leadership Academy is an investment in the members of CKI. The six-day event is intense and focuses on the E6 Framework created by Brendon Burchard. Students go through the steps to envision, enlist, embody, empower, evaluate, and encourage. They learn that true leadership is based on servant leadership, which requires leaders to put the needs of others first, and to realize that no matter whether or not you have a title, there is always a need for service to one another and to the world. This program takes members of CKI through an adventure, starting with the CKI amazing race and ending with a plan in place to serve. The most unique part of the program—and what sets it apart from others—is that students and facilitators have an opportunity to do a service project during the program.

Leadership Academy takes place Tuesday, July 30 – Sunday, August 4, 2013. Participants must arrive at the Indianapolis airport by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, and may depart after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, if flying. If you are driving, you may depart after 12:30 p.m. Do not book return flights before 3:00 pm. The event takes place at Waycross Camp & Conference Center (http://www.waycrosscenter.org) in Morgantown, Indiana. Leadership Academy is six days without social media interaction, but amazing human social interaction. Be prepared to live without cell phone coverage and Internet for the week—other than that, you will have access to modern conveniences and excellent food.

Apply online (http://www.formstack.com/forms/Kiwanis-2013ckileadershipapp). Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified within 14 days if you have been accepted to attend this year’s event. The cost is $145.00. Registration closes July 8, 2013. There are district funds to send students who are interested. Students interested in the district funding option should contact District Administrator Janet DeGroot at janet.degroot@gmail.com to discuss the details.
Set your **sights** to the future with **CKI**

**Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) & Circle K International Convention (ICON)**
Vancouver, Canada
June 22-25/26-30, 2013

**K-Family Baseball Game**
Fox Cities Stadium – Appleton, WI
July 14, 2013

**Membership Education and Recruitment Program (MERP)**
UW-Oshkosh Campus – Oshkosh, WI
July 13, 2013

**Key Leader**
Camp Wawbeek – Wisconsin Dells, WI
September 20-22, 2013

**Kiwanis Family Service Day (KFSD)**
TBD
November 2013

**Kiwanis District Convention**
Racine, WI
August 23-25, 2013

**Membership Awareness Conference (MAC)**
Camp Wawbeek – Wisconsin Dells, WI
October 11-13, 2013

**Kiwanis Family Hockey Night (KFHN)**
TBD
December 2013

**Winter Weekend Getaway**
Upper Michigan
January 2014

**51st Annual W-UM CKI District Convention (DCON)**
Green Bay, WI
March 14-16, 2013
Dane County Boys & Girls Club helps out Oklahoma Tornado Victims

By Jackie Erzinger

Servant leadership is as important to all of W-UM Circle K as it is the Dane County Boys & Girls Club. We are all aware of the horrible devastation of the recent massive tornado destruction in Moore, Oklahoma. Despite this horrible event, the Dane County Boys & Girls Club provided a light of hope for victims, springing into action with service and love. Putting aside their own massive fundraising campaign, DCBGC sought out the partnership of Metcalf’s Market, United Way, The Red Cross and the local Salvation Army to begin their mission to hand-deliver supplies, relief and most importantly—their time, to help the recently devastated Oklahoma area. A similar effort was taken on by DCBGC during the horrific Joplin, MO tornado devastation.

DCBGC’s relief efforts spearheaded by club CEO, Michael Johnson, quickly corresponded with the local Oklahoma Boys & Girls Club affiliate to conjure up a list of needed items. From garbage bags, to non-perishable food and hygiene products, DCBGC along with its partners, created an incredibly successful social media and community campaign to collect items. Johnson along with dozens of BGC staff spread the word through Facebook, Twitter and local news affiliates to collect the necessary items at their annual Bratfest BGC Fundraiser, taking the focus away from money into their organization, but organizing supplies for others. The United Way of Dane County offered $1,000 of gas and gift cards to aid in efforts for victims who have lost their homes, and the Toyota SMART dealership donated a handful of SUVS (free of charge) for the volunteers to take safely down to Moore, Oklahoma.

The efforts of the Boys & Girls Club and other partners paid off. On Saturday, May 25, 25 volunteers hoped into SUV, pulling two donated semi trucks full of 70,000 pounds of goods for the Moore, Oklahoma community. Also in their SUVS was a check for $20,000 collected from the Madison community’s donations to the Red Cross and Salvation Army.
Club Highlight: 
Ripon College

2013-2014 Executive Board

**Eric Seiler** (President)
Majors: Business Management (entrepreneurship) and Economics
Minor: Sociology
Plays on the Men’s Tennis Team

**Megan Marema** (Vice President)
Major: Undeclared but pursuing Math and Physics
Minor: Possibly Computer Science
Member of the Women’s Club Lacrosse Team and the Society of Physics Students

**Kavanya Grey** (Treasurer)
Majors: Biology and French
Minor: Chemistry
Plays on the Women’s Soccer Team and is a member of the Pre-med Society

**Brooke Olson** (Secretary)
Majors: Chemistry and Biology
Minors: Psychology and Spanish
Member of the Kappa Delta Sorority and the Pre-med Society; also volunteers at the Ripon Medical Center

This past year they held two main fundraisers. The first was a Valentine’s Day dance where the proceeds went to the Eliminate Project. The other was a game of Elimination, an assassin-esque game where each player had a target that they had to find and “kill” with a pencil. The winner got to choose one of many different charities to donate the proceeds to and this year’s winner picked Apps for Autism.

Their club is becoming more and more active in both the local community and the Kiwanis family.
Club Highlight: Alverno College

2013-2014 Executive Board (L to R →)

Casey Scheibengraber (President)
Major: Mathematics with a support in Secondary Education
She enjoys playing soccer with Alverno’s soccer team and playing the viola in a string ensemble on campus.

Andrea Clemins (Vice President)
Major: Nursing
She has a heavy dedication to volunteering and is excited to be planning her wedding!

Teasha Kirkwood (Secretary)
Major: Women and Gender Studies/Global Studies
She can play over eight musical instruments, including her voice! Teasha says she loves all of her neighbors...especially if they are in WUM!

Samantha Robinson (Treasurer)
Major: Biology with an elective studies minor
She is the president of two other clubs on campus and plays on the Alverno soccer team,

Bethany Vinz (Bulletin Editor)
Major: Nursing
She has a love for crocheting, which led her to take over Project Linus for the Alverno campus this next academic year.

W-UM District Board Representation

Lena Scheibengraber (District Governor)

Emily Condon (Special Events Chair)

Awards & Recognition

Outstanding Club Social: Midnight Masquerade
Outstanding Program at Alverno College: Midnight Masquerade
Outstanding Freshman Member: Andrea Clemins
Second for Member Miles 2012-2013
Miss Universe Spring Fling 2013: Sam Robinson

Alverno Circle K has put on and participated in a large variety of events. Some of these events include: Midnight Masquerade (our award winning Halloween dance), Boo Bash, craft nights, Alverno Circle K’s Birthday Party, the Go Pink Soccer week at Alverno, Habitat Restore, and various large service projects around Milwaukee.

MEMBERSHIP:
- CURRENT: 515 members
- 73.6% of our goal

SERVICE:
- CURRENT: 2,132.75 hours
- 12.2% of our goal

CAMP WAWBEEK:
- CURRENT: $2,200
- 40% of our goal

CAMP BAYCLIFF:
- CURRENT: $55.15
- 4.4% of our goal

ELIMINATE PROJECT:
- CURRENT: $339.50
- 0.06% of our goal

“OTHER” (Includes Preferred Charities):
- CURRENT: $1,577.36
- 17.5% of our goal
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