



CKI Pledge

I pledge to uphold the objects of Circle K International, to foster compassion and goodwill towards others through service and leadership, to develop my abilities and the abilities of all people, and to dedicate myself to the realization of mankind's potential.

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The Inner Circle

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Dates To Remember

**-Sunday February 1st To
Saturday February 7th:
District Service Week**

**-Saturday February 7th:
Mid-Winter Training At
MCC 10am**

**-Saturday February
21st: Southern Region
Caucus At Brookdale
5pm**

**-Monday February 23rd:
Northern Region Caucus
At Rutgers 8pm**

Mid-Winter Training Conference By- Theresa Burns

When walking into L'Hommedieu Hall on the morning of February 7th, I wasn't really sure what to expect. The only Circle K event that I had ever attended (aside from club meetings and socials) was Pizza Chat in December which was a much smaller and more casual event. To say the least, I was a bit on the nervous side.

However, once I walked into the amphitheater, I was greeted by several members of the New Jersey District Board and other clubs from all over the state including Stockton, Rutgers, Brookdale, Kean, and Rowan. As the day went on, I

became more and more comfortable with both the people and the organization. I learned all kinds of different things ranging from tips on public speaking to caucusing techniques to information about the different board positions (both at the club and district levels).

After I left Mid-Winter Training that Saturday afternoon, I felt like I was not just part of a club or organization, but rather I was part of something bigger that has the power to really make a difference.



Our New Club Editor By- Elizabeth Frenkel

On Monday December 8th, I was elected to fill the recently opened position of club President. Although I was very happy and honored to take on that position, I was somewhat saddened by the fact that I was now required to give up my current position as club Editor. However, once I received a letter of intent for the Editor position from my fellow club member, Ashley McGee, all of my fears were put to rest.

Ashley is without question perfect for the job. She is a very smart, open-minded, creative woman with the passion, drive, and experience to bring the position of Editor to a whole new level. She has worked on several newspapers, yearbooks,

and literary magazines within the past several years. Additionally, she has written a great deal of poetry and short stories...and she has even written a couple of novels as well.

I am sure that I am not alone in wishing Ashley all the very best as Editor. All of Middlesex County College Circle K has the greatest confidence in her and nothing but the utmost respect for her and the wonderful work we all know that she is capable of.



Can You Have A Nice Valentine's Day If You Are Single?

By-Tiffany Alexander

Believe it or not, there are A LOT more single people out there than you would believe and for them, February 14th is not exactly their favorite day of the year. Many times, people, females in particular, want to do nothing more than lock themselves away in their bedrooms and pig out...just waiting for this "day of love" to come to an end. However, there is no need to hide from the world or make yourself depressed. As my Aunt Mary used to say, "Single people are happy people!" I know that many of you probably do not think that this is true, and I suppose that in many ways it is not 100% correct, BUT it is not 100% incorrect either. The truth is, you do not need a boyfriend or girlfriend to be happy in life. And on Valentine's Day, there are COUNTLESS things to do on your own or with your family/friends...you just need to be open minded enough to see it. Here are the top five responses to the question "What can you do to have a nice Valentine's Day if you are single?"

*Go to Atlantic City (If you can't snuggle up with that special someone, you can always have a chance of hitting that big old jackpot!)

*Go Out To Eat With Friends (Atleast now there isn't all that "Who is going to pay for what?" pressure or the pressure of "If I eat THAT he will think I'm a pig!")

*Stay In And Watch Some Of Your Favorite Films (But be sure to avoid any of that romantic junk since it may remind you of what you want to forget!)

*Go Out To Your Favorite Club/Bar With Friends (Who knows, maybe you will find Mr./Miss Right after all!)

*Throw A "We're Single And We're Proud" Party With All Your Single Friends (You'll be so busy dancing and laughing that you won't even realize that it is now February 15th!)

Where To Go And What To Watch? By- JulieAnne Paszkiewicz

*So here it is, Valentine's Day and you have a date with that special someone. You want to take them to that perfect place, but where would that be? Here are a few suggestions to insure a memorable Valentine's Day for you both.

-Dinner At A Nice Restaurant And A Movie (It may seem cliché, but this traditional date certainly has it's charm.)

-A Dinner Cruise (There is nothing more romantic than cursing on the moonlit water with the one you love.)

-A Candlelight Picnic (Although it is February, you can still have a picnic...just lay a blanket of goodies out on your living room floor, light some candles, and turn the lights out.)

-A Poetry Reading (Poetry is the language of love after all!)

-Reenact Your First Date (It IS what brought you together.)

*Quite often, couples may prefer to stay in and have a nice, quiet Valentine's Day. Perhaps after a delicious dinner, you and your significant other would like to snuggle up on the couch and watch a romantic movie together...but what should you watch? Here are a few suggestions to get to romance heated up on that cold February night!

-Romeo & Juliet

-Ghost

-The Wedding Planner

-An Affair To Remember

-Love Story

-Casablanca

-Dirty Dancing

-A Walk To Remember

-Pretty Woman

-Sleepless In Seattle

-Moulin Rouge

-Titanic



What To Get Them This Valentine's Day

Her

- Name A Star After Her
- A Bracelet Engraved With Her Name
- A Vermont Teddy Bear
- A Gift Certificate To A Spa
- Tickets To A Play Or Concert

Him

- Cologne
- A Nice Watch (Perhaps Even Engraved On The Back)
- Tickets To A Concert Or Sporting Event
- That Video Game He's Been Talking About
- A New Jacket





February Fun Stuff



Valentine's Day Word Find

S	D	E	N	R	F	R	C	S
E	N	N	B	O	L	E	I	L
T	E	I	O	M	O	O	N	C
A	I	T	Y	A	W	H	V	K
L	R	N	F	N	E	F	I	E
O	F	E	R	C	R	S	Y	E
C	L	L	I	E	S	E	T	E
O	R	A	E	T	R	A	E	H
H	I	V	N	T	D	H	U	G
C	G	R	D	I	P	U	C	S

Word List

-Boyfriend -Chocolates -Cupid
-Date -Flowers -Girlfriend
-Heart -Hug -Kiss
-Love -Romance -Valentine

Valentine's Day Jokes

(answers are on the back page of this newsletter)

- 1.-What did the paper clip say to the magnet?
- 2.-What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream?
- 3.-Why did the cannibal break up with his girlfriend?
- 4.-What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?
- 5.-What did one light bulb say to the other?

10 Things Not To Do At Dinner On Your Valentine's Day Date

- 1.- Recite your dating history. Improvise. Include pets.
- 2.- Stand up every five minutes, circle your table with your arms outstretched, and make airplane sounds.
- 3.- Pull out a harmonica and play blues songs when your date begins talking about themselves.
- 4.- When ordering, inquire whether the restaurant has any live food.
- 5.- Ask your date how much money they have with them.
- 6.- If they are paying, order the most expensive thing on the menu. Take one bite. Yawn.
- 7.- Slide under the table. Take your plate with you.
- 8.- Beg your date to tattoo your name on their derriere. Keep bringing the subject up.
- 9.- Insist that the waiter cut your food into little pieces. In a similar vein, insist that he take a bite of everything on the plate, to make sure no one poisoned it.
- 10.- Lick your plate. Offer to lick theirs.



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Our Club Meets Every Monday
At 11am
In Room 314
Of The College Center



*** Answers To The Valentine's Day Jokes ***

- 1.- *"I find you very attractive."*
- 2.- *"I'm sweet on you!"*
- 3.- *"She didn't suit his taste!"*
- 4.- *"Hog and kisses!"*
- 5.- *"I love you a whole watt!"*

Northern Region Caucus By-Tiffany Alexander

On the evening of Monday February 23rd, the annual Northern Region Caucus of the New Jersey District was held at Rutgers University. Although this event is infact opened up to the entire district, it is, as one might imagine after hearing the name, of primary importance to those of the Northern Region. This year, the Northern Region consists of the Circle K International chapters from Drew University, Kean University, Rutgers University, and Middlesex County College....a majority of which had representatives present in addition to several supporters from the Southern Region including Liz (of Stockton College and the 2003-2004 District Treasurer), Joey (also of Stockton who was elected one of two LtGs of the Southern Region a couple days before), and Morgan (of Brookdale who was elected the other Southern LtG) .

It is at the Northern Region Caucus that those interested in holding one of the two positions of Northern Region Lieutenant

Governor (or LtG) come, officially announce their candidacy, and caucus (answer various questions asked by members of the Northern Region pertaining to the person, their experience/ knowledge of CKI both district and international, and their goals should they be elected) for the position. Once the caucus session has been completed, the elections are held by secret ballot and the winners are immediately announced.

This year, there were only two candidates for the two positions of Northern Region LtG. The two candidates where myself and my fellow MCC club/board member Elizabeth Frenkel. Despite the fact that we were the only two running for the two positions (and the extreme nervousness we both felt), we still had abide by the set regulations and caucus for the positions before we could be "officially" elected. However, hearing our names announced as the newly elected Northern Region Lieutenant Governors was certainly worth the discomfort.

