



### **Circle K International Pledge**

I pledge to uphold the objects of Circle K International, to foster compassion and goodwill toward 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.

## **A Weekend In The Woods**

By- Emily Madera

Over the weekend of September 19th-21st, some of Middlesex County College's Circle Kers attended the second annual regional fall leadership retreat known as Leaderscape. This fun filled weekend was held at the beautiful Camp Mason in Hardwick, New Jersey and was facilitated by Chris Niles of Indiana. This weekend was designed to teach Circle Kers from all over how to become better leaders amongst themselves, their community, and their peers, both in Circle K and out.

Friday evening began very relaxed. We started off by just getting to know a little bit about one another such as people's names, hobbies, and where they were from. People traveled from as far as Washington, D.C., parts of New England, and even Northwest Canada to attend this event. It was also at this time that Chris introduced the group to the idea of a "Community of Committed Leaders" and the five core practices of leadership...the two themes which dominated all that was done over the weekend. These practices were:

1. Challenge the Process-Always look for something more and take risks even if you think they may be too hard or you may not succeed.
2. Inspire a Shared Vision-Contribute/discuss all ideas; have common goals and expectations; measure ALL successes at the end.
3. Enable Others to Act.-Create opportunities for others to be involved.
4. Model the Way-Show others the best way to handle personal responsibility and credibility; always be consistent.
5. Encourage the Heart-Recognize accomplishments; celebrate what has been achieved.
6. (Added by Chris) Continually Learn-Never stop learning...aside from the possibility that you may find out some new information/form new ideas, you may also correct, strengthen, or add onto old information/ideas.

Saturday was the "hands on" day. We participated in many hands on activities in the afternoon that related to leadership and teamwork. During free time we were allowed to take part in several activities offered through the camp such as wall climbing and boating, while bonding with the people from other districts.

In the evening, we had a learning laboratory which taught us about the different types of communities and leaders. For example, I learned that while the KKK is a violent and hate filled organization that I certainly do not agree with, it is still a community of committed leaders. In a sense, it is a group of people, coming together to fight for a cause that they all strongly believe in.

That evening we were also asked what a Circle Ker may be looking for when they initially join the club? We came up with ten adjectives we felt BEST answered this question: acceptance, volunteering, integrity, respect, open-mindedness, individuality, responsibility, proactive, improvement, and opportunity.

Sunday was ended with several inspirational exercises and thoughts. We took everything that we learned over the weekend and related it back to the original themes we were introduced to on Friday night. We left feeling not only like better leaders, but also better people who are willing and ready to accept any challenges that may come our way.

Overall, I enjoyed this weekend. I learned how to become a better person and a better leader not only in my club, but also in my every day life. I also made new friends from out of state, and really got to experience the three pillars of Circle K International, "Service, Leadership, and Fellowship."



The Group Of Circle Kers Who Attended Leaderscape

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### **Dates To Remember:**

- \***Monday Oct. 27th:** MCC Halloween Party In The Main Lobby Of The College Center 11am-1PM...We Will Be Tabling For CMN, Unicef, And The Turkey Shoot
- \***Friday Oct. 31st:** Trick-or-Treat For Unicef Outing 5PM-?; OCC Halloween Dance Fundraiser (\$5 per person and \$8 per couple) 7:30-11pm
- \***Saturday Nov. 1st:** Walk At Stockton To Raise Money For A Cop Seriously Injured In The Line Of Duty; Special Olympics Event In Princeton
- \***Sunday Nov. 2nd:** Volunteers Needed For Set Up/Guiding Tours/Clean Up For MCC Open House; Special Olympics Events In Both Lawrenceville And Kendall Park
- \***Monday Nov. 3rd:** MCC Cultural Awareness Day Bake Sale (money raised by what you bake goes to OUR club.)
- \***Thursday Nov. 6th:** Tabling For Unicef In The Main Lobby Of The College Center 11am-4pm
- \***Monday Nov. 10th:** Turkey Shoot Fundraiser Sheets Due
- \***Thursday Nov. 13th:** Bake Sale Fund Raiser In The Main Lobby Of The College Center 10am-4pm
- \***Friday Nov. 14th To Sunday Nov. 16th:** Insight At Camp Mason In Hardwick, NJ
- \***Monday Nov. 17th:** AIDS Awareness Workshop At MCC
- \***Thursday Nov. 20th:** The Great American Smokeout At MCC
- \***Saturday Dec. 6th:** Pizza Chat



## You Want Me To Pay What? By- Elizabeth Frenkel

Each one of us knows exactly what it is like to be the "broke as a joke" college student. It is no longer just a stereotype, it is a fact. Research has proven that in the United States, people between the ages of 18 and 25 are typically the group with the least amount of money on the whole. With this harsh reality thrust upon us, we tend to be much more scrupulous with our pennies. Some people do without that new sweater, others eat lunch at home after class rather than going to the diner with their friends, while others still have taken to waiting until "that" movie comes on cable.

What is worth your hard earned money and what is not? From the outside, paying \$33 to be part of a school club may seem like a waste. However, when one takes a closer look, it is an extremely minimal amount for such a rich experience. When you become a dues paid member of Circle K International, you are offered countless benefits that are available only to those who have paid dues and are certainly well worth the money.

The money paid by members is divided into five separate parts. 36% goes to the International Board Administration, Travel, and Meetings. While another 33% is given towards various literature, memberships pins, membership cards, etc. which is given out only to dues paid members. At the same time, 23% goes toward the Circle K International magazine (also offered only to members who have paid dues). Additionally 3% goes for Convention Research and Promotion. Another 3% is for Governor's Training which ensures each district with a strong and competent leader.

Finally, the remaining 2% goes for miscellaneous expenses.

Only dues paid members of the organization are able to run for club, district , and international level positions, allowed to vote at all levels of the organization (club, district, and international), attend various club, district, and international events that are social (Pizza Chat), professional (District Convention), or a combination of both (Insight). Furthermore, only members who have paid dues are eligible to apply for scholarships. It is also not possible for a club's hard work and dedication to be recognized if they are not charter strength, that is they do not have atleast 15 dues paid members. Aside from these many tangible advantages, dues paid members also receive several other very meaningful benefits which include a strong sense of self, a sense of belonging, the good feeling you get when you help others in need, strong leadership skills, and deep, lasting friendships.

Despite all of the wonderful benefits one receives when they become a full fledged member of Circle K International, it can still be rather difficult to find the money to pay for dues. To that end, Middlesex County College Circle K President Emily Madera and Treasurer JulieAnne Paszkiewicz have worked the budget in such a way that all members who have shown a strong willingness to belong to the club can and will have their dues paid for them in full.



## F.L.I.P. By-Tiffany Alexander

were in attendance for this day long workshop. The objective of this conference is for members from all over the district to come together to learn more about the organization as well as their specific role in the club and the projects and goals of the district for that year.

The program began with General Session One where the district Governor (Dori Schneer) and International Vice President (Ryan Toth) discussed the plans for this year's district service projects which include the Children's Miracle Network, the Tomorrow Fund, the Brian C. Kull Foundation, and the Special Olympics.

Next, everyone broke into five different groups...Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Editors, and General Members. During this breakout session, each position was discussed on a somewhat deeper level. This session also allowed people from the different clubs in the district to meet and share information/experiences with one another.

After a lunch break, everyone reconvened in the main conference room for General Session Two. This session stressed the importance of communication and reiterated that rumors are just that until DISCUSSED and proven otherwise.

Following the discussion on communication, the attendees were then broken up into three groups for a Teambuilding exercise in order to test what was just learned. This activity promoted teamwork and inter-team communication while allowing the participants to have fun. The exercise was called The Balloon Tower and the object was to build the highest freestanding tower of balloons in a given amount of time.

General session Two resumed immediately following the Teambuilding exercise. District Treasurer (Liz Hoens) and Lieutenant Governor (George Pent) discussed dues with the group. They went into great detail about not only the importance of paying dues, but also the great benefits a member receives

After having been given the New Jersey District Service Update, attendees were asked to reflect on and discuss the day as a whole with the rest of the group. Next, came the Call to Insight not only encouraging the attendees to come, but also to bring along anyone else from their clubs who would be interested. Finally, was the Wrap Up/ Open Floor session where members from various clubs in the district told the group about different events their club was taking part in and invited anyone in who would be interested in attending.

F.L.I.P. was a very interesting and informative day. This conference allowed me to share an experience with members of my home club as well as reconnect with members of other clubs. While at this conference, I can confidently say that I was able to sharpen my communication skills and learn a great deal more about my position as club Secretary. It also educated/prepared me for the goals and expectations of the district for this year.





# \*Fun Stuff\*

By- Elizabeth Frenkel



## \*Halloween Word Find\*

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

### Word Find List

\*Candy      \*Halloween      \*Skeleton      \*Vampire  
 \*Ghost      \*Hayride      \*Spooky      \*Web  
 \*Goblin      \*Pumpkin      \*Tick-Or-Treat      \*Witch

## \*Halloween Humor (As Corny As It May Be)\*

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of a jack-o'-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin "Pi"

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite

Q: What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

A: I-scream and Boo-berry pie

Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A: Because he didn't have the guts!

Q: Who is the best dancer at a Halloween party?

A: The Boogie Man

## \*Halloween Word Scramble\*

Here are a bunch of Halloween words which are all mixed up just for you! Try to unscramble them so you can figure out the word. The answers are found on the last page of this news letter. Good luck!!!

1- OSYKOP 2- YANCD 3- SUOMCTE 4- UPKNIMP  
 5- AGVNRCI 6- UANEDHT 7- HSOTG 8- IWCHT  
 9- LNIGBOS 10- CKITR 11- DSIERP 12- ATB  
 13- VRAGE 14- GHINT 15- ATC 16- PLEAP



On Saturday October 4th, the annual Circle K Fall Leadership (F.L.I.P.) was held at Brookdale Community College. Several members from Middlesex County College



Introduction Program

## Middlesex County College Circle K International



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MCC CKI Meeting Information:  
The club meets every Monday morning at  
11 o'clock in Room #314 located on the third  
floor of the College Center of the Main  
(Edison) Campus of Middlesex County

## Answers To The Halloween Word Scramble

- 1- Spooky
- 2- Candy
- 3- Costume
- 4- Pumpkin
- 5- Carving
- 6- Haunted
- 7- Ghost
- 8- Witch
- 9- Goblin
- 10- Trick
- 11- Spider
- 12- Bat
- 13- Grave
- 14- Night
- 15- Cat
- 16- Apple



## \*Member of the Month\* Section Coming Soon!!!

So be sure to keep up the good  
work and you may be picked!!!



## A Night Out With The Family By- Kasi Le Grand

One of the most important things about being a member of any organization is building a rapport with the fellow members. That is why social events are so critical. This is a time set aside when Circle K members can spend quality time getting to know each other better and just have fun. During meetings and other events, we may have disagreements, but socials are the one time where we can forget about our differences and just enjoy one another.

Our first social of this year was to Pizzeria Uno in Edison. There were about fifteen members present, which was the most we've ever had at a social, and it was great! Most of the new members were there, which was a bit shocking considering that we only met them about a week earlier. The social turned out perfect and all old members unanimously agreed it was the best social to date. We had good food and nice conversation while having a GREAT time. We also had the chance to do some Karaoke which was A LOT of fun....although we were SO terrible that an audience member had to actually come up and help us out! Members laughed SO much and bonded so well that by the end of the night, old and new members were hanging out and felt as if they had known each other for years.

It was not deemed out best social because of the location, but rather the fact that we really enjoyed ourselves and our time with our fellow club members.

One of the new members referred to us as a Circle K family, and I completely agree. We may disagree in meetings, but in the end we are still able to hug each other when saying goodbye at the end of a social. That is what families do after all...they may argue and an official apology may never be said, but when it is all said and done, the love is still there.

