

Service is no gamble

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“Reboot” Scat scores a blackjack

By Eric “hit me” Dueueke

The idea for Reboot came during a scat group brainstorming session at the Circle K mass meeting early this fall. The inspiration came from my roommate. After purchasing a new computer, had his somewhat functioning former computer collecting dust on the floor of his room. I thought that it would be a good idea to put computers that students no longer need to good use. Thus, our brainstorming group came up with the idea for Reboot.

The goal of Reboot is to provide the tools necessary to help local shelter residents. Reboot seeks donations of computer equipment from U of M students. We plan to fix the computers and donate them to local shelters so that residents can use them to learn job skills such as word processing. We intend to provide training to the residents and shelter staff once we have the program off the ground.

Reboot consists of about five people who frequently participate in planning. There are several others who periodically offer assistance and advice that is very helpful. Our members have varied interests and majors. I feel they are very intelligent and helpful people whose ideas are really what is driving Reboot. Computer knowledge is not required to be a part of Reboot. Most of our members are simply people who see the good in the project and want to help people.

The first step of our program was to determine the interest of local shelters in working with Reboot. We contacted eleven shelters in the Ann Arbor area and explained our group and what we wanted to do. Some shelters were not interested in receiving computers, mostly due to a lack of space. However, five shelters were very interested in receiving computers and training. These shelters include SOS, Safehouse, and Staples Family Center. Two shelters have joint programs with Washtenaw Community College and want computers for every resident who goes through the programs. In short, the demand for computers in our local community is immense. After a couple planning meetings, we are now prepared to start accepting donations. Thanks to the generosity of Circle K, we have money to print flyers and we plan to flyer campus shortly.

The largest obstacle that I see at this point is a possible lack of donations. We know that the shelters want to receive; we just need to find out now if U of M students are willing to give. As I said, we plan to flyer campus shortly. We will find out then just how much the University community is willing and/or able to give. After all, computers are expensive items and it is understandable that people would not want to part with them. Still, I think U of M students have a great concern for the disadvantaged and I am confident that they will come through for us.

If anyone is interested in how they can help Reboot, please email Reboot@umich.edu. We can always use new members and new ideas. As I said, knowledge of computers is not required but as we move into the repairing and training stages, computer knowledge will be appreciated. If there is anyone interested in donating equipment, we accept everything. Feel free to email us.



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Blackjack reminders

- Double down on 10 or 11
- Never split Kings unless you want to get yelled at
- Unless your gut tells you, don't buy insurance on the Ace
- Believe there is a cosmic order to the cards and follow it.

Playing Craps with E & R

by fran "the dealer" Benson

Hey Circle K! Want to know where the cool white board with all the thoughtful quotes came from? Want to know where all of those informative colorful frames by the project sign-up sheets came from? Well look no further because there is a new committee to Circle K this year, Education and Reflection. On behalf of the entire E&R committee, I would like to say the task of establishing a new committee has been quite an adventure.

Throughout the first semester, we have been busy trying to think of creative ways to educate you and help you reflect about the service you perform for others. One of our favorite reflections thus far was a quote from your own president, Mike, in response to the question "How do you know that

you have made a difference?" He stated in response, "When a hot girl remembers seeing me do service and thinks I am a nice guy."



Baby, you are so money and you don't even know it man!

Later in the year we hope to bring you more speakers and service projects that will help you learn and reflect about issues in the community. Look for the quotes from the white board on the Circle K website where you will be able to write any thoughts you may have.

If you have any particular areas which you would like to learn more about, please contact the E&R committee at ckier@umich.edu, and we will help you any way that we can. Please keep using the quote board and thinking about why we do service!

Sincerely,
Fran
Chair E&R Committee

FLTC warms up the slot machines

By lynne "Double down" Strickler

While many Circle Kers were busy studying for exams and writing papers, about fifty other Circle Kers decided it would be much more fun to spend the weekend together in Three Rivers, MI. November 8-10 was the annual Fall Leadership Training Conference (FLTC), which was hosted by the Michigan District Board. The weekend was designed to give every-

one the opportunity to meet others from all nine schools in the Michigan District. We were all divided up into Mafia families and had to spend the weekend looking for clues and discovering the crimes of other families, while hiding our own indiscretions. Meanwhile, Saturday was filled with various workshops, including my own spectacular session: "The Detroit Mafia". We also

had the opportunity to go horse back riding, participate in a high ropes course, or catch a few minutes of much needed



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District Project goes searching for Lady luck

By Amy "snake Eyes" Grude



On Friday, November 8th, Chrissy Elenbaas of GVSU cut her finger in a heated struggle to obtain a pop can. Why

would anyone do this? Because, of course, they want to participate in the District Service Project!

The District Service Project is being held by CMU, and is a year-long effort that will culminate at District Convention in March of 2003. Each club is to collect as many pop cans and bottles (beer too!) as possible. These

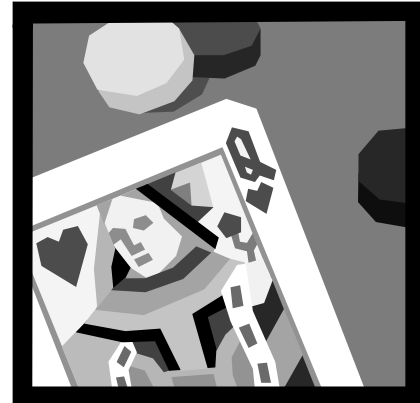
cans and bottles will be returned and the deposit slips saved. The deposit slips are exchanged for money, and that money is used to purchase Rain Forest Bears. Each bear saves 1,145 square feet of the Rain Forest. Each club will bring all their bears to District Convention in March, and the bears will be

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Trick or can by Casey "The King" Ronk



You thought you got rid of me. You thought I was gone, graduated, never to return. Well the jokes on you because I'm back to haunt you in this frighteningly exquisite article. Since I can't make it to the Thursday's meetings to sit there and make tasteful (yet still amusing) jokes, Kabir has given me the opportunity to do so on paper. Speaking of haunting, did you hear the one about Trick-or-Can? In any case, please read this entire article. No one ever reads my articles because they are so long and I seem to go over the most minute details in such a way that it really adds to the flow of the article yet at the same time I could very well say what I want to say with fewer, less eloquent words. I know it may look daunting but I guarantee that it will be worth the time you put into reading it. On to Trick-or-Can.



Now can you imagine 4 or 5 college aged children coming to your door on Halloween and yelling what sounds like, "Trick-or-Can?" You think to yourself, "Trick or What?" These people look like they could be trouble, like they may grab all your candy and kick your jack-o-lantern off your porch. One is dressed as a penguin, one has a rather lethal looking Mohawk, and another is a shady looking farmer driving a van full of shopping carts (I won't mention this one's name). You turn off the porch light in an attempt to trick them into thinking you're not home. But they won't be deceived. They are persistent and stand there, unmoving, with a shopping cart on your front porch. You soon give up and open the door to see what they want. It turns out they are U of M students from Circle K (a college level Kiwanis, incase you were uncertain) who are collecting food for the hungry. No, not hungry college students; Hungry people who really cannot afford good, healthy food and may be homeless as well. You run to your kitchen cupboard and empty it into their shopping cart because you know that this is an excellent cause. Wow, what a happy ending.



This scenario is actually based on reality (unlike most other things that go on in my head). This was a Circle K service project called Trick-or-Can that got its start last year in our club. It was so successful, we knew we just had to do it again. Fortunately we never had anyone turn their porch light off while we were standing there. Most people were very generous and willing to help us out. We went from house to house gathering canned food in our shopping carts and on occasion we got candy as well. Sometimes, in the hustle and bustle of gathering food from their cupboard, these kind, benevolent people forgot all about the candy and we had to give them a little reminder. After all, there weren't very many trick-or-treaters so that candy would have just gone undistributed. The home owner would then end up eating all the candy himself, which would lead to feelings of gluttony, which would lead to self image problems, which could lead to a tragedy that I just wasn't willing to take the blame for.



When we were done, we loaded up our shopping carts (which one concerned citizen informed us cost about \$35 dollars for the grocery store to replace) into Fernando's van. We loaded our cars with the food and returned to the Ann Arbor campus where we dropped off the can's in the presidential basement. Trick-or-Can was once again an enormous success considering the massive amount of food we collected.



I would encourage everyone to participate in this event next year. It really is a ton of fun. And the next time scary looking college kids come to your door, well, be cautious because there are wacko's out there, but just remember that they may be nice people looking to raid your pantry.



Thank you so much for reading my article, I really hope you didn't just skim it, otherwise it may have gone right over your head. If you did skim, shame on you. I would also like to thank Kabir for fitting all of this into this newsletter and not altering a single word that I have written. Have a wonderful night. I miss you all, even those I don't even know.



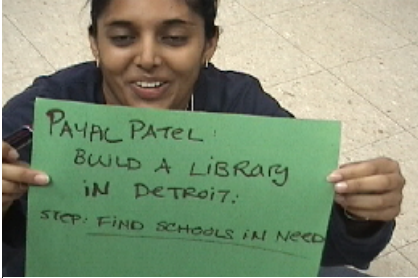
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Hmmm...now that's an idea...

FLTC warms up the slot machines

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sleep. My favorite point of the weekend was Saturday night, when the families were sent out into the very dark woods to find members of the district board. This probably was very cruel, but I enjoyed the reactions (sometimes not very pleasant) when my hiding spot was finally discovered. The consensus though was that Sunday morning's low ropes course was the best. We were divided into random groups and had to work with each other to cross obstacles and also relate these lessons to Circle K. Despite a couple of rain drops, a few minor injuries, and a mouse in the cabin, the weekend went very well. Thank you to those who attended and hopefully many more Circle Kers will be able to join us next year in Three Rivers.

The mission of the University of Michigan Circle K is to:
"Inspire and empower college students to develop a lifetime commitment to serving the community through a variety of projects, a plethora of leadership opportunities, and a dynamic social atmosphere while allowing members to be engaged in what is important to them."

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donated to children suffering from Cancer.

Participating in this project is service in not one, but three different ways! First, pop cans are being collected and recycled. Second, money is being donated to save the rain forest, and third, we are donating the bears to sick children.

The club which brings the most bears to DCON will receive a plaque and have a tree planted in their name. There are also other prizes such as ice cream and pizza for clubs bringing in certain amounts of bears. You might think that we could just raise money to buy bears in some other way, but no! Each bear must be purchased with money raised only by pop cans and bottles, and clubs must have copies of the deposit slips to prove it.

CMU has set a goal of 15-30 bears per club. U of M has set a goal of 100 bears by March! We are off to a good start, collecting cans during Trick-or-Can and dominating the can collecting at FLTC. We showed amazing amounts of spirit, dedication, and sneakiness by collecting over 90% of the pop cans used at FLTC. We are currently looking into collecting cans from the Residence Halls and Fraternities. You can help by saving all your pop cans and hitting up your parents and friends for theirs!

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