

# Rolling Out The Red Carpet

February 24, 2005



Category: Fundraising  
Nomination: Best Motion Picture and Sound

A Cappella Concert: The Sweetest Thing  
By Oscar winner Karuna Seshasai

You would hope the only question going through people's minds on February 11, 2005 would be, "who will be the Sweetest Thing?" I know that for our committee and the numerous other people who helped out with the A Cappella Concert, that it was an answer we had waited months for. Our intentions were to drive the question so deep into U of M's campus that in the previous week throughout the concert, you weren't a U of M student unless you had seen a flyer on some random building in campus, gotten harassed in the Diag and left with at least two quarter-sheets, or heard the word passed around that this was going to be the second biggest A Cappella Concert all year.

The competitors were extremely excited not only to perform for charity, but they really did want the cd-decorated heart to mount on their practice-room wall. The seven groups included: the Sopranos, the Friars, 58 Greene, and Dicks and Janes, all from University of Michigan, Capital Green from MSU, and Harmony and the Lorelei's from Pioneer High School. The night started off displaying the "seriousness" of the competition as Pam eliminated both the Crooning Cafeteria Workers and JockRock from the School of Kinesiology in a skit mocking The Bachlorette. The mockery only continued as no reality show was left out, from Temptation Island and Dismissed, to Eliminate, Pam and Phillip continued their search for "The Sweetest Thing."

The concert ended on a high note as Capital Green "got everybody started" once more and because of their high-energy performance and vocal skills, the underdog group from MSU was named "The Sweetest Thing." The victory was not only Capital Green's but the real victor was the St. Louis Center in Chelsea, Michigan. Because of everybody's hard work, dedication, and immeasurable efforts, they received about \$3100 as our donation. The St. Louis Center is a home dedicated to help rehabilitating disabled or demented people of any age and I know that all of us were happy we could contribute to their cause.

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At the end of the night, emotions could not be expressed so fully in words. How can you thank so many people for their enthusiasm, dedication, and constant motivation? One of the reasons why this concert happened was because of Stefanie Theis and the rest of the CR committee, Phillip LaRue and Pam Handley (for hosting), Kelly Cobb (for doing sound), and all the other people who volunteered. We succeeded in answering the question of "who is the Sweetest Thing," but as the months count down to the end of the year, I can't help but think this concert has only left us with one more question that should plague our minds, "do YOU want to dance with somebody?"

**CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP  
NOMINATION: BEST PLOT AND DIALOGUE**

**LEADCON IS LEADER-IFFIC!  
BY PHILLIP "SPIELBERG" LARUE**

Our club's first-ever leadership conference, LeadCon, was a great success. Nearly 40 Circle K members from UM, EMU, and MSU gathered on February 12 to further develop their leadership skills. LeadCon was put on by the Membership Development, Education, and Reflection (MDER) Committee in an attempt to emphasize the leadership tenet of Circle K. Participants learned about communication styles, creativity, goal-setting, transformational leadership, and networking. We saw some creative interpretations of what Circle K means made out of Styrofoam cups, toothpicks, fuzzy pom poms, and markers of course!

Everyone also had the opportunity to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and read about past successful leaders to become inspired. We also pondered some of life's toughest questions, such as: If you had to take a new boyfriend/girlfriend on a date, would it be to the opera or a pro-wrestling match?

- Who's more awesome: Batman or Spiderman?
- Crunchy or creamy peanut butter?

We hope that everyone learned some new things and had fun. The MDER Committee would also like to thank everyone in attendance for their enthusiasm and support.



Category: Fundraiser  
Nomination: Best Action  
Film

Shuffle Up and Deal!  
By: Kevin "Kung Fu Master" Zhao

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Circle K teamed up with Dance Marathon to sponsor the first ever charitable poker tournament held in the Michigan Union. After spending nearly three months pleading for approval from the State of Michigan and the University, we were able to begin extensive planning in early January. With just a couple weeks remaining, we began our massive PR operation.

By the start of the tournament, we had 155 registered participants, creating a massive prize pool of nearly \$2000 while collecting over \$1000 for Dance Marathon and pediatric rehabilitation. With players competing at 20 tables with over 6,000 poker chips in play, it was a massive operation. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers from Circle K and Dance Marathon, the tournament ran smoothly all day long and we received many compliments on a well-run tournament. All details were accounted for and it was as close to a Vegas tournament as you're going to find in Ann Arbor!

Play began at noon and lasted until we made our final table at 6pm. Within two hours, we had our winner and gave out a \$500 first prize. If you're interested in playing, we'll see you next year!

\*Special thanks go to the planning team of Jolene Schaefer, Lisa Slominski, Eric Machak, Nick Hoffman, Megan Foley, and Heather Hubbard, as well as the PR and Fundraising committees!

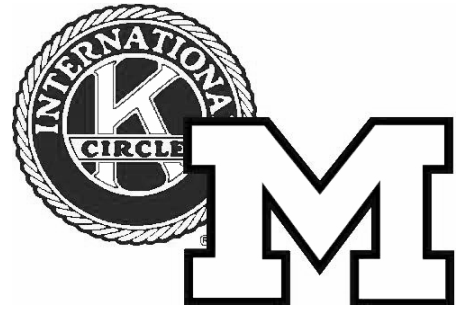
The YMCA is a place that many of us have been to at some point or another in our lives; whether it be to swim, to take classes, to play basketball, or even to volunteer! The project that is currently going on through Circle K is YMCA basketball. For 2 to 4 hours a week, Circle K members, or anyone who is interested, have the opportunity to spend time with the young children that come to the Ann Arbor YMCA to play basketball.

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Category: Service  
Nomination: Best  
Animated Picture

YMCA Basketball  
By Divya "Service  
Diva" Murthy

These children range in age, from kindergarten to fifth grade. Their practices take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and on Fridays all the teams have their games. So far, we have made arrangements to attend their Wednesday practices and their Friday games. During the practices, volunteers are usually just asked to help out the coaches by setting up plays and teaching basic skills. During games, the volunteers are asked to referee the games. This may sound daunting, but volunteers are taught the basic refereeing rules before the games start, and no score is kept, so it is very easy to follow. They even give you official referee whistles! The most common calls are made for out-of-bounds and illegal defense as it is only half-court defense. They say that time flies when you are having fun, and this is certainly no exception to the rule. The kids truly enjoy every moment spent on that court and I am sure that anyone that has volunteered for YMCA basketball will tell you that they did too.



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### Important Dates

Book Night: March 9th  
DCon: March 18-20th  
Charitable: April 3rd  
Senior Prom: April 8th

