



Mass Meeting Bulletin

University of Michigan Circle K

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Welcome to Circle K!

By Nick Hoffman

“We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.”

~Herman Melville

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Did you know that you live in a city of over 330,000 people and attend a university of over 36,000 students? Your graduating class alone is 6,000 strong and chances are you have more than a few lectures with hundreds of strangers. In this massive sea of people, how will you find your fit at Michigan?

Congratulations! By attending this Mass Meeting, you've made one of the best decisions of your college career, which is to get involved in student organizational life on campus. Just three short years ago, I was standing in your shoes, trying to find my place in the labyrinth that is the University of Michigan. Like you, I made the decision to get involved in student or-

ganizations and attended Circle K's Mass Meeting. Little did I know just how much that experience would impact my life. I didn't know that I would soon be accepted into a community where I formed my greatest friendships. I didn't expect to go to numerous service projects



and community events. Most of all, I never dreamt that this Mass Meeting would be the catalyst which would propel me to be the 2005-2006 Circle K President.

I started school as just a number in the sea of 36,000 students at Michigan. But, after joining Circle K, I discovered my passions and my lifelong friends. I started in the hopes of doing a few hours of community service and ended up being on the club's Executive Board. I came expecting to make a friend and ended up with a family. I hoped I would make a difference in the lives of others and ended up being changed and growing even more than those I tried to serve. Circle K has had a tremendous effect on my life, and although your experience may be different, I can guarantee that it will be a positive one. Welcome to Circle K.

New Committee Structure

Another year in Circle K has begun, and the newly elected Executive Board is already hard at work to make this year better than ever. The 2005-2006 lineup is: President Nick Hoffman, Vice President Phillip LaRue, Secretary Suruchi Lall, Treasurer Stefanie Theis, and Club Editor Lindsay Grude.

Along with new leadership has come a revamped committee structure. The committees have first been divided into three clusters: Service, Internal, and External. Each cluster is then

divided into its corresponding committees. The Service committees now include: Children's, Elderly, Health and Disabilities, Hunger/Housing/Environment, and Mentorship. The Internal cluster is made up of the Membership Development and Historian committees. Fundraising, Public Relations, and Kiwanis Family Relations make up the External cluster.

In addition to the clusters, two director positions have been created: the Service Director, who heads the

Service cluster, and the Technology Director, who leads the Tech Team and serves as webmaster. On **Thursday, September 22nd**, learn all about what



each committee does at our **“Meet the Committees” meeting!**

Chelsea Kiwanis Sausage Truck by Kelly Cobb



In the week before we all moved back to Ann Arbor for school, four other Circle K-ers and I decided to get a jump-start on our coming year of service and help out at the Chelsea Kiwanis Sausage Truck. Set up at the Chelsea County Fair, we worked for five nights crammed in a sausage truck with ten other Kiwanians serving soda, popcorn, hot pretzels, hot dogs, and, of course, sausage. At first we weren't sure what to expect, but

the moment we arrived we were welcomed with open arms by the Chelsea Kiwanians and, as is customary with Circle K projects, we had some great times and hilarious moments. The line to the truck never stopped from open to close, and over everyone's heads we got to enjoy a great view of the Tractor Pull. For most of us, this first time experience was nothing short of electrifying. Megan also experienced for the first time what

popcorn oil feels like pouring down one's head. Stefanie, David, and I spent our time making more hot pretzels than is possibly conceivable. And when Phillip wasn't making lemonade or iced tea, he was taking a break to either burn the popcorn or sneak off to eat yet another hot dog. Most importantly, however, we spent five nights helping raise money for Chelsea Kiwanis, and had a great time doing it.

Art Fair Booth Sitters by Megan Foley

Between July 22nd and 23rd, over a dozen Circle K'ers volunteered at one of our club's major fundraisers—the Ann Arbor Art Fair. The Art Fair attracts hundreds of talented artists and thousands of visitors each year, so volunteering at this event is always fun and crazy!

This year, our job title was "booth sitters," which is pretty self-explanatory... we sat in booths. Since many artists came alone to the fair, they really appreciated



by Susan Hamady

having someone watch their booth while they went to get food or cool off inside an air-conditioned building. We watched over many booths, so we were able to get a close look at the amazing art around the fair. I even sold a few pieces of pottery and jewelry in the booths I sat in!

During the last shift we worked, our job changed from watching artists' booths to helping load their disassembled booths into

their cars. At first everyone was hesitant, because they were, understandably, protective of their art. But as soon as people saw how much quicker packing went when we were helping, suddenly we were in high demand.

When we weren't busy running around the fair, we ate tons of ice cream and other overpriced, but delicious, fair foods. Overall, Art Fair was a pretty awesome project.

Tulip Time Parade by Karuna Seshasai



A group of Circle K-ers enjoy carnival food and have a blast hanging out with friends.

Never would I have thought that tulips were so popular, but once a year in Holland, Michigan, they are. On May 14, 2005, thirteen Circle K members embarked on a trip to western Michigan to understand the fascination with tulips. We volunteered at their annual Tulip Time Fair on parade day and spent most of the morning helping seat people on bleachers and watching rowdy kids. All of us were separated into groups and

put on "bleacher patrol" and while we really enjoyed it, trust Circle K members to run the extra mile for any assigned distance. We decided it would be fun to take orders from people in the stands and play waiters as well. It was a hit with all the guests and some of us even made tips! In addition, while working we were able to watch the parade and see the floats, horses, and marching bands. Being from the east coast, I've

never known a school to have a marching band, let alone more than one! After the parade, Stefanie Theis was gracious enough to open up her house (and her barbecue!) to us and we had a very relaxing dinner. Although the field trip ventured slightly far from Ann Arbor, it was the perfect way to spend a summer day and hopefully, we'll go back next year and see ponies!

Upcoming Events

| September/October | | | | | | |
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| <p>18</p> <p>Annual Fall Picnic 4:00pm-7:00pm</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Riverview Nursing Home 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Sequoia Place Computer Help 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Humane Society Volunteer Orientation 5:30pm-8:15pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Gilbert Residence 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Washtenaw Literacy 6:30pm-8:45pm</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Club Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm Anderson Room</p> <p>Community Kitchen Food Prep 2:45pm-5:15pm</p> <p>Community Kitchen Food Serving 4:45pm-7:15pm</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Ronald McDonald House 3:45pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Tiny Tots 8:45am-12:00pm</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Motor Meals 9:30am-11:30am</p> <p>Ann Arbor Kiwanis Rummage Sale 8:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>Oakridge Stewardship Workday 12:40pm-4:15pm</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>Arbor Hospice 12:00pm-3:00pm</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Riverview Nursing Home 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Bryant Community Center 3:00pm-6:00pm</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Sequoia Place Computer Help 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Red Cross Orientation 11:30am-2:30pm</p> <p>Bryant Community Center 3:00pm-6:00pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Gilbert Residence 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Washtenaw Literacy 6:30pm-8:45pm</p> <p>Bryant Community Center 3:00pm-6:00pm</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Club Meeting 7:00-8:00pm Anderson Room</p> <p>Jazzistry Dance at Glacier Hills 6:45pm-9:00pm</p> <p>New Member Orientation 6:00pm-7:00pm</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Motor Meals 9:30am-11:30am</p> <p>Sequoia Place with Food Gatherers 8:45am-12:15pm</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p>Memory Walk 9:30am-1:30pm</p> <p>Memory Walk 12:00pm-2:30pm</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Riverview Nursing Home 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Washtenaw Literacy 6:30pm-8:45pm</p> <p>Sequoia Place Computer Help 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Gilbert Residence 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Club Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm Henderson Room, League</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Mentorship 1:15pm-3:45pm</p> <p>Tiny Tots 8:45am-12:00pm</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Michigan Dailys -TBA</p> <p>Motor Meals 9:30am-11:30am</p> |



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