



October Bulletin

University of Michigan Circle K

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Committee Lock-In 2005



Behold our masterpiece.

Last Friday, Circle K held its annual Committee Retreat for the newly placed committee members. This year we stayed on campus for the opportunity to use the newly remodeled Trotter House. Instead of driving an hour or so away and staying overnight, it was decided that this year we would have a committee lock-in. That is, we had activities until 2am or so, and the committee members had the option of staying to hang out or going home to sleep. The evening started off with dinner, where individual committees sat together and got a chance to get to know each other a little better. The rest of the night was filled with team-building and leadership activities, Circle K trivia games, and energizers. Things started to wind down around midnight with an inspirational video

made specially for the lock-in. When the time came to decide whether to stay or go, most people were convinced to stay when it was discovered that we were going to paint the rock!

A surprising number of people stayed the entire night, had breakfast in the morning, and left around 7am. Although a little tired, we all agreed that it was a blast and well worth it.



A group of lock-in survivors have breakfast together.

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The Wonders of the Website

By Stefanie Theis

The club website holds a number of useful resources for this club, including Social Issue of the Month links, a database of the organizations we work with, a calendar of every event going on, application forms that can be submitted online, and so much more. For example, if you want to find out more about the Kiwanis Family or the leadership structure of our club, it is just a click

or two away on the website.

There are two key features that are of the most importance to everyone. The first is the login feature: Before using the online calendar, login to the system with your username and set password. Then, when you sign up for projects, the website will auto-fill in all of your information for you. Simply select your member status and

whether or not you can drive and you are all set to go.

The second feature is our system of tracking everyone's service hours with our club. After logging in, members can view their own service hours, as well as social and PR hours. There are all sorts of wonders that lie within the site; I encourage you to look through it all, and you are guaranteed to learn something new!

At the Starting Line

by Zeil Shah



Circle K has been nothing short of amazing for the past two months. I came into this school year knowing that I wanted to become an active member of Circle K, but I did not know that achieving this goal would be so simple! During my first service project, "Service on the Water," I met several Committee Chairs and President Nick Hoffman. Only at the mass meeting did I find out that all the people I met were leaders within the organization, I thought that they were just overly friendly members who liked to reach out to new people. I was greeted by my name when I entered the mass meeting, and as simplistic as that gesture may be, it really made me feel like I was more than just a prospective member, and that people in this organization really do care.

Since that first project, I have handed out Michigan Daily's, volunteered at the Hu-

mane Society, taught kids about Geology at the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, and attended several club meetings, socials, and the Committee Lock-In. More importantly, each experience has brought me closer to the leaders and other members of Circle K, and I hope that over time these friendships become even stronger. As this year progresses, I hope that I can meet other new members of Circle K and help them feel as welcome as I have.

As a member of the Kiwanis Family Relations Committee this year, I am looking forward to reaching out to other Michigan Circle K's in hopes of forming lasting bonds both in friendship, and in service. Last but not least, I am totally pumped for 24 Hours of Service Day on November 5th and 6th as we bring service full circle around the clock, so be there or be square!

Finishing the Race

by Suruchi Lall

My first experience with U of M Circle K dates back to the September Mass Meeting of 2002. I was one of several freshmen in the Union Ballroom who was searching for opportunities to do service in my new surroundings. What I ended up getting out of my involvement with Circle K was plenty of those and *much* more.

Early on, I began going to projects once or twice a week. I was very impressed by the variety of service activities the club offered. Within my first couple weeks as a member, I had helped cook dinner for teens at the Neutral Zone, typed e-mails on behalf of residents at Sequoia Place, folded table tents at the Ann Arbor YMCA, and become a mentor for a fourth grader named Shacori at Holmes Elementary School.

The more projects I attended, the more I knew I had found my niche in Circle K. I decided to apply to be on the Community Service Committee. Having the responsibility of site-leading projects, maintaining contact with community representatives, and

participating in weekly meetings made me feel like an important part of the organization. The side-effect: I got more involved with the social aspect of Circle K, making incredible memories and forming life-long friendships.

In my roles on the Social Committee my second year and the MDER Committee my third year, I found that as I invested myself more in Circle K I felt a greater sense of fulfillment. I am certain that no other student organization or experience could have made my college years as meaningful and enriching as Circle K has.

I joined Circle K thinking that service would be the primary focus of my involvement. Now, in my final year I recognize that taking on leadership roles and making great friends have been as important to my development as a Circle K member and as a whole person. So, my advice to you new members is make the most of *everything* Circle K has to offer, and do so *now*. These four (or five) years will pass by faster than you can imagine!



Upcoming Events

November						
30 Cider Mill and Corn Maze 4:30pm-7:15pm	31 Riverview Nursing Home 6:00pm-8:00pm Dexter Kiwanis Halloween Party 5:00pm-10:00pm Trick-or-Can 6:15pm-9:15pm	1 Washtenaw Literacy 6:30pm-8:45pm Sequoia Place Computer Help 6:00pm-8:00pm	2 Gilbert Residence 6:00pm-8:00pm Washtenaw Literacy 6:30pm-8:45pm	3 Inductions Ceremony 7:00pm-8:00pm Anderson Room	4 Tiny Tots 8:45am-11:30am Wild Swan Theater 12:00pm-4:00pm	5 24 Hours of Service
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24 Hours of Service!

On the weekend of of November 5-6th, Circle K, in conjunction with other U of M service organizations, will be holding a continuous stream of service projects running back to back for a full 24 hours. The event will begin at 9am on Saturday the 5th and run until 9am on Sunday the 6th, with projects ranging anywhere from 1 to 5 hours in length. Sign up for '24 Hours' projects at www.umcirclek.org/24hours.php



Check out our website to get more details and sign up for projects!

www.umcirclek.org

“So Free, So Michigan Daily”

This is just one of many lines that can be heard when Circle K-ers are passing out Michigan Dailys before football games. Because this is not the most exciting project, those who have ever experienced the sheer thrill of passing out the newspapers will tell you that you have to find ways to entertain yourself...and believe that we do.

Don't just take my word for it, let Suruchi Lall, Phillip LaRue, Rich Torres, Lindsay Nelson, Stefanie Theis, Nick Hoffman, Amanda Yu, and Megan Foley convince you of the wonder that is: Michigan Dailys.

Question #1: “What is your Daily technique?”

Suruchi: “My Daily technique is to covertly hand out 2-3 papers instead of just one to each person.”

Nick: “I always try to act really excited and convey that the paper that I'm holding revolutionized my life and I'm just so excited to let others experience it's joy as well.”

Lindsay: “I yell, a lot...I sometimes find random drunk students to help pass them out.”

Question #2: “What line do you find works the best?”

Phillip: “Michigan Dailys! Free for today only!” or “Michigan Dailys! Taste great, less filling!”

Rich: “Ease my pain, take a Daily”

Amanda: “Help stop the suffering!” And for little kids, “Here's a book for you to read!”

Question #3: “What *does* the announcer on the third corner say when the whistle is blown to cross?”

Suruchi: “A whistle blows and the announcer says (and I quote): ‘Alright folks, thats a good sound. It means you can go ahead and cross in all directions...’”

Megan: “‘Alright folks, it's time to cross. You can cross in any direction. Diaper bags are allowed in the stadium, but only if accompanied by a baby.’”

Phillip: “‘That's a good sound... you know what it means...’”

Question #4: “Who would you say gets hit on the most?”

Phillip: “Suruchi!”

Stefanie: “Definitely Suruchi.”

Nick: “I know it's Suruchi..hands down. She gets hit on almost as fast as she can give away papers.

Suruchi: “ ” (silence)

Rich: “I think Amanda Yu gets hit on the most.”

Amanda: “...”

Question #5: “Who is the best at getting rid of...I mean, passing out Dailys?”

Phillip: “Suruchi... but she also gets hit on the most!”

Megan: “From what I've seen, Zeil is relentless.”

Nick: “I'd say Phillip because he hates being cold, hates strangers, and loves the cheap hot dogs we eat after we're done.”

End of Interview



Never a dull moment...

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