

service gone wild!

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Welcome to New York Speaking!

Objective: *“Tired of the same old routine? Interested in learning how to engage your club in fun, hands-on service projects at reasonable rates? Come to this workshop to learn all about how your club can help make an impact when you have limited resources but lots of ideas!”*

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Greetings!

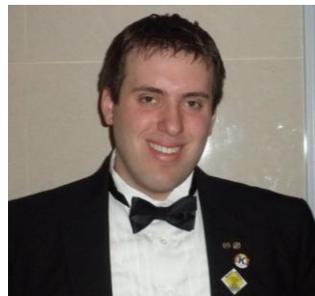
We are thrilled to be here with you in Lake George as we join members from across the New York District of Circle K International for a weekend filled with Service, Leadership, and Fellowship.

We hope this workshop will provide you with the knowledge necessary for running quick, cheap service projects for your club when you're running on limited finances or just want to spice up a club meeting! Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We are here to help!

Have a fantastic weekend!

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service partners!

The Circle K International Service Partners are:

- Better World Books
- ELIMINATE Project (UNICEF) – added after ICON 2010
- March of Dimes
- Students Team Up to Fight Hunger (STUFH) – will be retired after ICON 2011
- Six Cents Initiative (UNICEF)



ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Service on a Dime!

some projects you can introduce to your club:

Puzzles – Print out some coloring book pages. Have your members color them, cut them up, and place the pieces in Ziploc bags. Donate them to your local hospital to help keep children entertained during their stays.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches – Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to donate to your local food pantry or neighborhood center. (Note: Prior to holding this project, make sure none of your members have peanut allergies!)

Cards to Mothers – Through March of Dimes, write cards to mothers who are currently going through a rough time due to their newborns' health concerns.

Make a Child Smile – Visit www.makeachildsmile.org to find profiles of terminally-ill children who could use a smile or two from cards you can create during your club meetings.

Keep Warm – Host a "Learn How to Knit" session for your club, and make scarves, hats, and mittens to keep children warm this winter.

Pillow Hugs – Decorate plain, white pillowcases with fabric markers to make Pillow Hugs for your local hospital or for troops overseas.

Answer Letters to Santa – Visit www.operationlettertosanta.com and call your local post office to see if they offer this program. Post offices get thousands of letters addressed to Santa every year, and you can help by sending a reply to these kids.

Color A Smile – Color A Smile is an organization that collects coloring book drawings and distributes them to people in hospitals, the homebound elderly, etc. Visit www.colorasmile.org and download pages that you can have your members color to help brighten people's days!

Boo-Boo Bunnies – Buy dishrags or cheap washcloths, rubber bands, googly eyes, pompoms, and glue, and you're set to make boo-boo bunnies, which can be donated to hospitals.

Happy Change – Pass around a can, and have members put in spare change (or dollar bills). Have them share the reason(s) for which they are happy. You can also allow them to put in "Sad Change". Either use the money for your club treasury, or donate it to your favorite Service Partner!

Bracelets – Use beads, elastic string, and scissors to make bracelets to donate to a nursing home.

LEADERSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

SERVICE



Coloring "Color A Smile" pages at a 2008 Empire Division meeting.



Making Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches at a 2010 NYU Circle K meeting.



Making "Pillow Hugs" at a 2009 Long Island Division meeting.

holding service projects at club meetings without breaking the bank!



1. Ask for donations. Many stores will either give you a discount or donate free items to you if you tell them about CKI and what you plan on doing.
2. Do as much of your service project shopping as possible at discount chain stores such as Walmart, Sam's Club, and Kmart. Many individual businesses will mark up prices, and you'll end up paying substantially more than you otherwise would.
3. Since you are likely working on a limited budget, plan things out ahead of time. Make sure you are not over-spending, since this may affect you later in the semester/year if you suddenly find you have no money left!
4. Some organizations, like Helping is Easy (www.helpingiseasy.org), will provide you with materials for holding on-site service projects.

some additional tips...



- o Try to plan a service project for each of your club meetings. This way, you can guarantee that your members are actively participating in service projects. Many college students have very busy schedules, and jobs and internships can sometimes interfere with members' abilities to attend projects, so this will help ensure that your members are still able to stay involved with CKI's tenet of Service!
- o Be considerate of time constraints when planning service projects for meetings.
- o While it is okay to have members participate in less-disruptive projects (e.g. card-making, Color A Smile, etc.) while you are working your way through the agenda (especially if you have a lot to talk about!), try to avoid this if you have guest speakers. You want them to feel comfortable, and you want your members to give them their full attention.
- o Fine out the types of projects in which your members are interested in participating.
- o Be creative! Think outside the box, and you are sure to come up with some great service projects to introduce to your club. Good luck! ☺



Thanks for attending! ☺