



Circle K @ CMU

Pinewood Derby

February 7, 2004

Nicole and Crystal woke up bright and early to travel to Highland Mall in Natrone Heights where the Pinewood Derby was being held. Kids from all over the area brought their handmade boxcars to the mall to compete in the derby. The derby was run in a double elimination fashion such that cars losing twice would automatically be out of the race. Winners continued to compete until they were eliminated and the top three boxcars to be eliminated last won prizes. Nicole and Crystal had the honor of score keeping during this exciting event.

Phipps Conservatory

February 14, 2004

Nine Circle Kers volunteered at Phipps Conservatory, a local conservatory right near CMU's campus that houses hundreds of plant and flower varieties. They split into several groups and educated visitors about Black History Month. In addition, they sat at Discovery tables teaching kids and adults about lavender, cotton, peanuts, rice, and quilt design.

Families Festival

February 18, 2004

Hosted by the Persad Center, Inc., a counseling center created specifically for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, the Families Festival was held in Rangos Ballroom to promote awareness. Families participated in various activities throughout the day. Circle K in particular ran the "Make Your Mark" table where kids contributed their thoughts to a large banner to be hung in Persad's office.

Elections

February 18, 2004

The current Circle K board would like to congratulate the newly elected officers to the board. The newly elected officers are as follows: President – Theresa, Vice President – Bryan, Secretary – Jay, Treasurer – Kathleen, Projects Chairs – Alex and Jef. They will take office beginning April 1st.

Spring Serves

February 21, 2004

More than twenty Circle Kers met up at the University of Pittsburgh to enjoy each other's company, enjoying icebreakers and pizza. Afterwards, they broke up into groups: six CMU and four Pitt Circle Kers helped in the Pittsburgh Warehouse project, a large warehouse used to collect donations, many of them new items donated from local companies. The project is run by a faith-based organization that collects the items and redistributes them to local charities. They organized furniture to make it more accessible to distributors and took inventory of sixty-five pallets of toothbrushes and other oral hygiene items. We hope to serve with the rest of the clubs in our Circle K division again in the future.

Keep It Clean, Oakland!

February 28, 2004

Run by the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC), "Keep It Clean, Oakland" is an initiative aimed to beautify the streets of Oakland. Circle Kers joined several other organizations in a large-scale project to clean several streets in the Oakland area. After a constructive two hours and six trash bags later, Circle K cleaned a large portion of an Oakland

street. To end the project, OPDC generously fed hungry volunteers a pizza lunch. This project will repeat every month since Circle K has adopted Dithridge Street, so come out and help keep the streets of Oakland beautiful!

Game and Movie Night!

February 28, 2004

Circle Kers had a blast playing their own version of Pictionary where each team constructed the items or ideas to be drawn by the other team. Ideas ranged from “Andre 3000” to the “Atkins Diet” to more abstract ideas like “compare and contrast.” In the end, “Paper Mache Elmos” obtained the victory over “Purple Monkey Dishwasher.” The night concluded with the comical pseudo-documentary “Best in Show” about dog owners and their dogs competing in the Mayflower dog show. Thanks to all who came. We had a great time!



Project Linus Update

We have collected 75 squares so far for Project Linus, a non-profit volunteer organization that accepts hand-made blankets for donation to seriously ill or traumatized children. Once we have enough we will be combining them to form a large blanket. Please continue to contribute yarn squares toward this effort and let us know if you need more supplies.

Carnival Booth Game

This year Circle K has decided to create a treasure chest booth for this year’s Spring Carnival “To be a Kid Again.” After throwing around some ideas after a club meeting, it was agreed that the game would consist of pirate heads on hinges that gamers would have to knock over with softballs. Various prizes will be awarded based on number of pirate heads knocked down.

Mark Your Calendars!

Circle K has many fun and exciting events coming up next month. Check them out!

- 3/5/04 – 3/14/04: Spring Break!
- 3/12/04 – 3/14/04: District Convention in King of Prussia
- 3/17/04: 8:30 General Body Meeting in UC McKenna. Special Guests from AmeriCorps.
- 3/20/04: Pittsburgh Food Bank
- 3/24/04: 8:30 General Body Meeting in UC **Wright** (note room change).
- 3/27/04: Field day with Holy Family Institute (an orphanage in the North Side)
- 3/31/04: 8:30 General Body Meeting in UC McKenna.

Come to our weekly general body meetings on Wednesdays at 8:30 or e-mail us to find out more about these projects and to sign up.

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