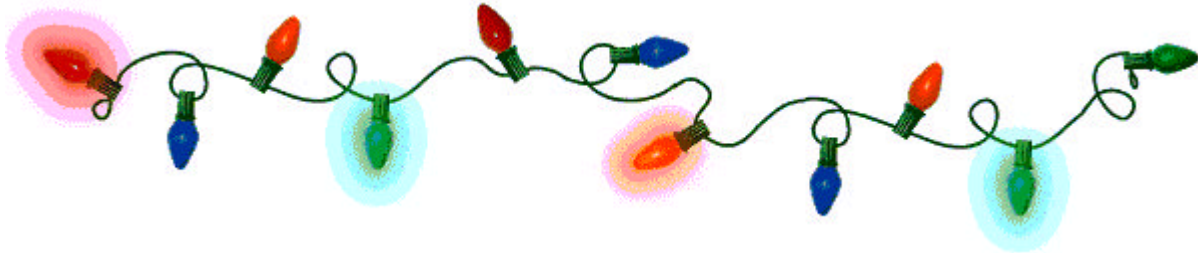


Circle K @ CMU

December 2003



Gift Wrapping at Century III Mall

December 6, 2003

For the last project of the fall semester, Circle K volunteered at Century III Mall by wrapping gifts for shoppers. In return, customers donated money to the Simon Youth Foundation, an organization created by the Simon Property Group that offers educational and career development opportunities for young people. Currently the focus is on two main initiatives: Education Resource Centers (ERCs) and SYF Academic Scholarships. ERCs are schools located in shopping malls across the country that offer youths alternative ways to obtain their high school diploma and also offer GED programs, language programs, and technology courses to the public. SYF scholarships aid ERC graduates in financing undergraduate study.

Lunch with Kiwanis

December 9, 2003

Circle K president Derek and member Nehemiah joined Oakland Kiwanis for lunch at Moré where they hold their monthly meetings and luncheons. Kiwanis, the adult organization of the K family, kindly sponsors one Circle K club in their area. At this informal meeting, CMU Circle K summarized the activities of the club for the fall semester and also discussed Circle K's annual Whatever Drive. Other topics included K Family Relations. Members are invited to participate in these lunches, which occur at 12pm every Tuesday at Moré. For the first Tuesday of every month, Kiwanis holds their meetings in addition to the lunch. Let us know if you are interested in intending one of these lunches and we can join you.



"Why are you always moaning George? Why can't you enjoy Christmas like everyone else?"

Charitabowl

December 9, 2003



Hosted by TriDelt and Phi Kappa Theta, Charitabowl was an on campus event held at the

Almost Midnight Breakfast to raise money for a charity chosen by the winner of the competition. The game consisted of an adaptation of Trivial Pursuit in which there were three rounds of questions.

In the first round, teams were asked to write down answers to questions related to CMU's history and a few teams with the least amount of correct answers were cut out. Luckily for Circle K, Crystal's wealth of information (obtained from reading the "History of Carnegie Mellon University" from cover to cover) combined with the intelligence of the team (Derek, Jay, Nehemiah, Theresa, and Jess) helped them to advance to the next round. The second round was more difficult, requiring teams to be the first to answer various questions by raising their hands. Wrong answers allowed the other teams a second chance to guess by writing the answer down on a piece of paper. Surprisingly after cutting out a few more teams, Circle K was still hanging in there!

It was not until the third round where Circle Kers experienced their downfall. In this round, teams were expected to shout out their answer as soon as they could and also as loud as they could. There was certainly no room for uncertainty. By the end of the shouting match, the CMU Quizbowl team managed to rise to the top. They decided to donate the approximately \$300 to Toys for Tots. Overall, the experience was fun, exciting, distracting from the pressures of finals, and went toward a good cause.

Pittsburgh Food Bank

December 13, 2003

Returning to the Food Bank not too long after the last volunteering event, Circle Kers sorted and repackaged damaged detergent items. Items that local grocery stores cannot sell to their customers because of quality assurance reasons, can be salvaged at places such as the Pittsburgh Food Bank and redistributed to less fortunate people. Items can vary from detergents to foods. We hope to visit again soon and hope you will join us!

Mark Your Calendars!

Circle K has many fun and exciting to start off the new semester. Check them out!

- 1/17/04: Global Links. Help sort and package medical supplies.
- 1/24/04: Help answer phones at WQED during an Andre Rieu program.
- 1/28/04 & 1/29/04: Help with mailings at WQED.

Come to our weekly general body meetings or e-mail us to find out more about these projects and to sign up.

Note: General body meetings have been changed to Wednesdays, 8:30 in McKenna, University Center, weekly, beginning 1/14.

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