Hi fellow CKI’ers,

The year is coming to an end! It is unbelievable how quickly time has passed. It seems just yesterday that we were preparing for Rally Night! This year WSU CKI has come a long way. We have grown as a club, hosted a very successful district event, and achieved two district-level awards! I hope all of you have had at least one unique experience that has made this year memorable. There are many more service opportunities coming up! The more active you are, the more fun you will have!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Bulletin Editor this year. It definitely served as a distraction from schoolwork but it was a way for me to communicate and relay pertinent information to all of the CKI members! I hope these monthly bulletins have not only been informative but also enjoyable. I am looking forward to serving as your Vice President in the upcoming year. I am positive that next year will be as great as this year! Hopefully, we can all work together to make it a wonderful experience for everyone!

With warmth,
Nita Valikodath
WSU CKI Bulletin Editor
DCON 2010 was an experience I will never forget! This year, Rasika Chepuri, Bhavika Chepuri, Shaun Pezeshki, and I had the great opportunity to attend all three days. Rashmi Patil and Samantha Stiff joined us for the President’s Banquet and Ball. To kick-off the event, each school in attendance performed a cheer! WSU CKI showed our school pride through our cheer and displaying the “W” at the end. After this fun activity, social activities took place to break the ice and to encourage fellowship among the members. The theme this year was the “Fab Fifties”. Some activities included decorating a record and performing a song. The performances were hilarious and everyone had a great time! On Saturday members started their day off with three workshops. From here, everyone attended caucusing, in which those running for District Board gave speeches and answered questions. It was very inspiring to see these candidates, who were full of passion and eager to serve! During lunch, we were ecstatic to hear that WSU CKI took home the Kiwanis Family Relations Award! With this sense of accomplishment, we headed to our assigned service projects. These included an outdoor art studio, a historical museum, and a... After the service projects, we headed back to the hotel. Rasika and I were the two delegates that would represent WSU in the House of Delegates. During this official ceremony, we voted on amendments and resolutions. In addition, we heard from the candidates one more time and vote for the District Board. Congratulations to Kristina Croes and Rachel Webster, the 2010-2011 District Governor and Bulletin Editor, respectively. Then, it was time for the President’s Banquet, where the President of each university CKI is honored and awards are distributed. WSU CKI had the honor of winning the Distinguished Club Achievement Award! During the President’s Ball CKI members had the opportunity to mingle with other schools, share ideas, form new friendships, and dance the night away! It was an exciting night and everyone enjoyed themselves! On Sunday, there was the Governor’s Farewell Brunch. Becky Garbutt did an excellent job this past year as District Governor and we wish her the best in the upcoming years! Overall, this event has opened my eyes to what CKI really is. CKI does not stop at WSU. It is much more complex containing high school level Key Club, university level CKI, and the community level Kiwanis! CKI exists in the different districts within Michigan, but also many states across the U.S, and even in many countries across the globe! But we are united through our tenet of service! -Nita Valikadath
WSU CKI Bulletin Editor
MORE EVENTS

ST. PATRICK’S DAY
BAKE SALE

On Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10, Sana Chaudhry, CKI Fundraising Chair, and other CKI’ers organized a bake sale, which took place at General Lectures. The theme was St. Patrick’s Day because of the close proximity to the holiday. The event was a success and proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity, which is the service partner of the various CKIs in the Michigan District.

KIWANIS LUNCH

Monica Urbanowski and I looked forward to spending part of our spring break with our sponsoring Kiwanis family! We attended the 3/16 Kiwanis meeting and had a wonderful time. Everyone, as usual, was very amiable and overenthusiastic that we were able to come.

It was a very exciting meeting! The Kiwanis President announced the members that were running for next year’s board. There was a guest speaker, who shared information about retirement and savings for your future. Also, WSU CKI informed the Kiwanians about our future plans, including the March of Dimes walk.

Furthermore, we shared the excellent news about the prize we won at DCON: the Kiwanis Family Relations award! They were very proud of this accomplishment and are looking forward to seeing pictures from the event. Kiwanis lunches are a perfect opportunity to communicate and strengthen the ties with our sponsoring Kiwanish family!

- Monica Urbanowski

- Nita Valikodath

WSU CKI Bulletin Editor

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The Monday that break started, I went to the Ronald McDonald house alongside two other CKI members to cook for the families that stayed there while their children are in the hospital. That evening, we made tacos for dinner! It was a great experience, and felt great knowing how directly we were helping those that needed it. The residents that stay at the RMD House are already plagued with tension and worry about their family members in the hospital, and cooking them dinner was a great way to alleviate some of their stress. This was my first time at this type of service event, and I was amazed to see how organized and beautiful the house is! I thought the experience was great, and I can't wait to go back!

-Bhavika Chepuri

Co-Membership Development Chair
about March for Babies...

When you walk in March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in your community that help moms have healthy, full term pregnancies. It funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies. We’ve been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible $1.8 billion to benefit all babies.

projects making progress...

Noodles and Co. fundraising dinner
made snowshoes for Sparrow Hospital
grilled cheese fundraiser
ice skating fundraiser

5 easy steps to register...
1. sign up at marchforbabies.org
2. set your dollar goal
3. invite people to walk with you
4. ask for donations
5. lace up your shoes

Golden Mile

MYC and Circle K students attend Golden Mile kickoff

in the works...

restaurant fundraisers
NICU tours at Sparrow Hospital
new t-shirts
Bottles for Babies
presentations to Key Clubs, Circle K pre-med students
tea time fundraiser
coin campaign
walk teams
paper promotions

MYC 2010 Fundraising Goal: $10,000
tools to help get there:
marchofdimesyouth.com toolkit and blog
marchforbabies.org “spread the word”
University of Michigan Installations
March 25, 2010

Eastern Michigan University Installations
March 29, 2010

Stickerbook Project
March 27, 2010

Large Scale Service Project
July 31-August 4, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

International Convention: ICON
August 4-7, 2010
Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri
UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 22………Hilberry A

April 5………….Hilberry A

5 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

Apr 4-10.................CKI Service Week

Apr 6......................Kiwanis Lunch

Apr 20.....................Kiwanis Lunch

Apr 24.....................Stickerbook Project

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY: PAUL SYRIAC

FEBRUARY GOAL
Have a club service hour average of 30 hours/ member

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 30
Kiran Sebastian

WINTER 2010
UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 22........Hilberry A

April 5.........Hilberry A

Birthdays
Events
Meetings
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