

Keepin' it in the Kiwanis Family

Circle K International & Kiwanis International

Kiwanis International is our parent (sponsor) organization, dedicated to serving the children of the world. As a member of the Kiwanis Family, and one of Kiwanis International's Service Leadership Programs, CKI clubs often work with Kiwanis Clubs to promote causes (like the Eliminate Project)! Here are some tips and tricks to working with Kiwanis Clubs in your area, and maintaining communication with them!

Working with your Sponsoring Kiwanis Club

Most Circle K Clubs have a Sponsoring Kiwanis Club, or a local Kiwanis club that helps them financially and event-wise. While it is not required for a Circle K club to have a sponsor, Circle K clubs find it extremely beneficial, as Kiwanians provide a wealth of support in their academic, CKI and personal careers.

- 1) Attend their meetings ☺ This is the best way to hear what your sponsoring Kiwanis club is doing.
- 2) Invite them to your meetings! Not only do you want to see what your sponsoring Kiwanis club is up to, but I'm sure you'd love to keep them in the loop with your own service projects and activities.
- 3) Organize a joint-BBQ (or joint social event) so that members in your Circle K club can meet Kiwanians that help and support them!
- 4) Attend events that are run by Kiwanians. Most Kiwanis Clubs hold large events, such as Antique Shows, Street Fairs and much more. I'm sure they'd appreciate it if your club volunteered at these events. Plus, this is a great way to get in better touch with the community/neighborhood!

Working with other Kiwanis Clubs

Not all Kiwanis Clubs have a Circle K or SLP that they sponsor. In fact, some Kiwanis Clubs don't even know what CKI is! Change that by reaching out to other Kiwanis Clubs.

- 1) Attend a Kiwanis Division Council Meeting. This is a great way to meet other Kiwanis clubs in the area. If you don't know what Kiwanis Division your sponsoring club is a part of, ask the president of your sponsoring Kiwanis Club, or ask your CKI Lieutenant Governor! Both can direct you to the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor who helps manages the clubs within that division!
 - a. Ask the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor if you could say something during their divisional meeting. This way, you can reach out to all the Kiwanis clubs!



- 2) Communicate!
 - a. Use Emails: Send them a polite email, explaining who you are, explaining what CKI is, and explaining why you are emailing them. 😊 It would also be smart to menti on that you're a college student who is within the area (close proxim ity will encourage them to work with you more)
 - b. Phone: If you're comfortable doing so, give them a call! Don't forget to tell them where you got this number, as you don't want to come off as a creepy telemarketer.
- 3) Host a muti-Kiwanis Club, multi-Circle K Club service project! This will not only allow you to work with more Kiwanis Clubs, but those Kiwanis clubs will be able to meet Circle K clubs from around the area!
- 4) Visit one of their meeting! Your sponsoring Kiwanis club is not the only club that has meetings, ya know. 😊
- 5) Encourage Kiwanisns to visit your club! Invite them to attend a CKI meeting, just to see what it's like! You can introduce them to Circle K members, and give them a better understanding of what it means to be part of Circle K International.

Continued work with Kiwanis Clubs

- 1) **Do a president's swap:** For one week, have the president of Key Club run one CKI meeting and have the president of CKI run one Key Club meeting. Not only will it add something unique to that meeting, but it'll allow both clubs to get in touch with the other organization.
- 2) **Encourage a Kiwanis Club to sponsor a Circle K Club:** If you have clubs who are in the process of chartering and need a sponsoring Kiwanis club, use your awesome K-Family kills to get Kiwanis clubs in the area to sponsor their time for a growing CKI club!
- 3) **Hold a Tri-K Event:** A Tri-K event is an event where three branches of the Kiwanis Family (typically Kiwanis International, Circle K International and Key Club International) get together for a night of service and social mingling! Organize a dinner so that the three branches in your area can get together, talk about their projects and meet the other branches of the Kiwanis Family!



Future Kiwanians! Many Circe K members and other SLP members go on to become Kiwanians in the future, joining already existing Kiwanis Clubs or chartering new Kiwanis Young Professional Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs.



Kiwanians and Circle K'ers love doing community service together! Here, they're making no sew blankets. 😊 A serving family is a happy family, and there's no happier family than the Kiwanis Family!



Two past International Presidents turned Kiwanians! Past President Greg Faulkner became an Assistant District Administrator to New York, and Past President Kristen Reed chartered her own Kiwanis Club!