

3rd Annual Eastern Canada District CKI Convention

The 3rd annual Eastern Canada District Convention came to a close on February 23, 2008. It was a marvelous event held in Fredericton New Brunswick, hosted by St. Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick in a joint partnership. Seven different universities from Eastern Canada were represented at the convention, namely: University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, Carleton University, University of New Brunswick, University of Waterloo, and St. Thomas University. A total of over 30 Circle K'ers showed up at the event and took part in several activities and workshops. It was a 3 day long event held at the Wu Conference Centre, on the main campus of university of New Brunswick. Workshops focusing on topics such as public speaking and leadership were held during the day and night. Along with this, entertaining classes on ballroom and salsa dancing were also given. We both took notes throughout the convention, so that we could present you guys with details of all the events which took place.

This is how all the events unfolded:

Day 1

- We kicked off the convention on Thursday February 21st at 4 pm once registration began.
- All the Circle K'ers representing different universities introduced themselves individually.
- Everyone was asked to tear a random number of toilet paper sheets. To our surprise, the number of torn sheets represented the number of random details about our lives that we had to present to the entire group!
- The day came to an end with lessons of salsa and ballroom dancing.

Day 2

- The second day was started with a delicious continental breakfast.
- All the Circle K'ers were asked to memorize and recite the Kiwanis pledge.
- Maranda Fullerton, the president of the host club welcomed all the attendees.
- Michael Stockford gave us a presentation dedicated to wetland and wildlife conservation. He enlightened us about an organization called Ducks Unlimited Canada and their work to conserve Canada's wetlands.
- Public speaking workshops were given by the president of UNB Circle K.
- A Banquet was held at the Brewbakers restaurant. This is one of the top 100 restaurants in Canada and it is owned and operated by a Kiwanian who was kind enough to donate the main course for the evening.

Day 3

- The last day of the district convention was started off by Jan Alexanian (Kiwanis Advisor for the University of Waterloo Circle K, 1997-present) who chaired the House of Delegates.
- Farewell speech by the Governor Anusha Jahagirdar.
- Elections for choosing the District CKI governor, lieutenant governors for Shallow water, great lakes and high tides division were held.
- Leadership training on several topics by past governor Michael Martin.
- A new tradition carried on from the 2007 Waterloo convention of playing musical chairs was done.
- Overall, it was quite an educating experience. The hard work and dedication of the host committee was very apparent. We learned many leadership, fellowship, and service skills that we can

undoubtedly use in all of our future community service activities.

Yours Sincerely,

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