

## SeaTalk

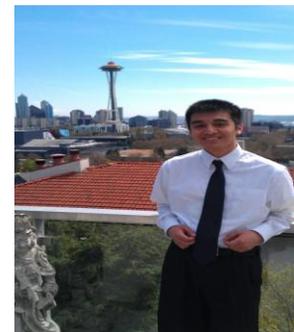
### Introductions

Hello everybody! My name is Steven Finh and I am the Snoqualmie Division lieutenant-governor. I am a sophomore at the University of Washington and this is my first year with CKI. I was involved with Key Club in high school and am delighted that I am able to continue supporting the mission of the K-family. As a lot of you may already know, CKI is an international collegiate service organization that is sponsored by Kiwanis International. We were founded in 1934 and our motto is "Live to serve, love to serve." Along with K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, and Key Club we comprise the Kiwanis family. Our division, Snoqualmie, consists of Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University, and the University of Washington. There are many exciting events coming up for CKI and I hope this newsletter will be a good resource for you to learn more about what you can get involved with. I will be a resource for you if you ever need anything so please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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The district board is comprised of an executive board (governor, secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor), divisional lieutenant-governors, and various chair positions. Together we work to ensure that our clubs, divisions, and district as a whole is accomplishing its goals and provide assistance when it is needed. As your lieutenant-governor, I am a liaison between the schools in our division and my goal is to keep updated on the status of the CKI clubs at each school and promote communication amongst our division. At District Convention you will be electing the people you want to serve you on the district board. If you are considering running for a position it would be a good idea to speak with someone who's had experience with the duties the position entails in order to determine if it's a good fit for you. It is important that every school's voice is heard so I would like as many people as possible to come and support your school! Below are the members that comprise the district board:

- Miranda Estes-District Governor
- Hiromasa Kawahara-District Secretary
- Kaysha Lybecher-District Treasurer
- Jasmine Hallam-District Bulletin Editor
- Terran Sobel-Smith-Cascade Range LtG
- Tyson Diep-Columbia Division LtG
- Olivia Geeson-Inland Empire LtG
- Steven Finh-Snoqualmie LtG
- Amber Longstreet-Parliamentarian
- Scott Mitchell-Fall Conference Chair
- Aladdin Rogue-Dangaran-Global Service Chair
- Calvin Stowe-Technology and Records Chair
- Alex Zepeda-Service Initiative Chair

## LEADERSHIP

## FELLOWSHIP

## SERVICE



# Member Spotlight

Each month I would like to recognize the efforts of those who go above and beyond to make CKI the best it can be. This month I would like to introduce Adam Brown, current president of UW CKI.

I am a junior at the University of Washington, originally from Kenmore, Washington, studying Aerospace Engineering. I have been President of the UW CKI Chapter since September of 2011 and have been an active member of UW Circle K since September of 2010. My favorite volunteer event to date is Friday Feast. Every Friday, we (UW Circle K) take five members over to the local soup kitchen and help serve a hot dinner to underprivileged individuals in the greater Seattle area. When I first joined Circle K at the University of Washington, we had a total of four active members and over the past two years I, and my fellow officers, have worked to increase membership and member retention. I am proud to say that this year we have forty-one paid members! It's amazing to see so many college students committed to service and I am anticipating a great year of service and fellowship as we continue to strengthen our group both in quantity and camaraderie!



Junior Adam Brown

## Club Events

### Weekly Events:

#### Friday Feast:

Helping set up, serve, and clean up a hot dinner provided to those less fortunate every Friday! It's a great way to start the weekend ☺

#### University District Food Bank:

Helping package nonperishable foodstuffs to be distributed throughout the Seattle community.

### Large Scale Service Projects completed this school year:

#### Saturday of Service:

We began the day with cheering on and handing water to participants in the 2012 Puget Sound Heart and Stroke Walkathon. We then divided our members into three groups for our afternoon projects. Our afternoon projects included a canned food drive in Capitol Hill, setting up for an auction benefitting Seattle Tilth, and cleaning up lake Washington! In the evening, we concluded our day of service by making Halloween cards and blankets for Seattle Children's Hospital with dinner from Bucca De Beppo .

#### Trick or Treat for Unicef:

We took a group of 6 to Capitol Hill and made \$55.23! The best dressed was definitely Robert Dyer, who was "Doc" from back to the future!

### Future Large Scale Events:

#### Camp Casey Black Tie Bingo (November 10<sup>th</sup>):

A fundraiser for the weeklong summer camp put on by North Central Kiwanis every year for children with physical disabilities. We will be helping set up and clean up for this event and will serve appetizers during the event.

# Leadership Academy

This past summer I had the opportunity to attend CKI Leadership Academy in Morgantown, Indiana. I spent a week without cell phone, internet, and television. Unfathomable you may say? Well that's what I thought too! But soon after I got to the camp I completely forgot about these things and instead immersed myself in the experience. I joined with sixty or so other people from all over the country in participating in activities that would strengthen our belief in ourselves and our leadership skills. Contrary to the name, CKI Leadership Academy was a time for us to learn and discover more about ourselves and the people around us rather than learning about CKI. As soon as we got to the camp they placed us into "neighborhoods" which would be the people we would spend the most time with doing activities and discussions with. Although I am quite introverted, I came to care deeply about these people in just a week. Everyday was filled with team building

exercises, activities to discover ourselves, and also a service project for the camp that we were at. There was a joke amongst everyone that if you weren't tired then you weren't getting the full experience! As the week progressed I realized that although we were all from different states and walks of life, many of us were similar in more than one way. I can say with great joy that by the end of this amazing week I had made countless new friends and met people that I still talk to everyday. Alas when it was time to say goodbye and head our separate ways, it is safe to say that the airport was filled with tons of teary-eyed young people! I grew in more ways than I could have imagined by attending CKI Leadership Academy and I am forever thankful that I had the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful experience. I would highly recommend anybody who is even remotely interested to find out more about how you can attend by contacting me and I would be delighted to direct you the right way.



PNW District Convention!!  
The Wonderful World of  
Service

February 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Best Western Hood River Inn

Registration packets are  
being sent out. Register early!

