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## Do you find yourself abbreviating CKI terminology?

Circle K International members,

In our quest to promote CKI and increase our membership we often find ourselves spending hours talking about what we do, why we do it and how to get involved. Unfortunately, most of us end up using one too many abbreviations when speaking to individuals who are not familiar with our Kiwanis-family lingo. So, what exactly is this lingo?

Anytime we shorten the name of an event, position or Kiwanis-family related term we are using our own lingo. The ability to convey so much meaning with a few short words and some abbreviations does set us apart from our fellow collegians. But it also hinders our ability to ensure our message is understood by those not familiar with the abbreviations we have grown accustomed to using.

CKI clubs are encouraged to share this document or any other district-based resource to ensure our members and prospective members do not miss out on all that CKI has to offer. While our lingo may sound cool, we never know if everyone in the room understands what we've said. Always ask if anyone has questions to make sure the message was received correctly.

Changing the world together,

*Ricardo J Torres*

Ricardo J Torres  
2008-09 Circle K International Vice President

## Got more?

- If you have any other widely used abbreviations you would like included in further updates of the CKI Insider issues, send them to [VP@circlek.org](mailto:VP@circlek.org).

## Don't forget!

- Include an educational component in your club meeting or use a district trainer to share the many abbreviations used in CKI.
- If you find yourself using a lot of abbreviations make sure you ask afterwards if anyone has questions.

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# Abbreviations at-a-glance

CLE	Club Leadership Education
COTC	Club Officer Training Conference
DCM	Divisional Committee Meeting
DCON	District Convention
DLSSP	District Large-Scale Service Project
DOTC	District Officer Training Conference
FLIP	Freshman Leadership Incentive Program
FLTC	Fall Leadership Training Conference
GATC	Governors/Administrators Training Conference
ICON	International Convention
IP/PIP	International President/Past International President
IP	Immediate-Past
KFC	Kiwanis Family Convention
LA	Leadership Academy
LSSP	Large-Scale Service Project
LTG	Lieutenant Governor
MRF	Monthly Report Form
MDEC	Mid-Winter Educational Conference
OTIC	On to International Chair
RCON	Region Conference
SLP	Service Leadership Programs
SPOT	Spring Officer Training
TFG	Tomorrow Fund Grant
VP/IPVP	Vice President/Immediate Past Vice President
WOW	Weekend Officers Workshop