

Quick Start Guide to Build an Aktion Club

It's as EASY as 1 - 2 - 3 (4 - 5 - 6)!

1. Present Aktion Club to your Kiwanis Board. After their approval, have them fill out the Kiwanis sponsorship form.
 - Decide on Kiwanis Advisor
2. Present Aktion Club to a local provider for sponsorship. This can be the county Board of Developmental Disabilities, group home or community placement agency. After their approval, have them fill out the Agency sponsorship form.
 - Decide on Agency Advisor (don't forget to ask them to join Kiwanis)
3. Hold an information meeting about Aktion Club. Be sure to have them sign their name and contract information before the meeting. Refreshments are always good before the presentation.
4. Invite participants from the membership meeting to a organizational meeting for the new club.
 - Vote on Officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Vote on Board Members
 - Decide on meeting day and time
 - Decide on club name
5. While at the organizational meeting, fill out the paperwork including names and contact information for ALL members, Board members and officers.
6. Send Kiwanis Sponsorship Form, Agency Sponsorship Form and membership Roster to Kiwanis International along with a check for the Charter Fee.

What is an Aktion Club?

Aktion Club is the newest and fastest growing member of the Service Leadership Programs at Kiwanis International.

Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability.

Aktion Clubs are chartered through the sponsorship of a local Kiwanis Club and community agency. Agency and Kiwanis advisors work together with club members to make the club a success. Club members attend and run their own meetings from club officers and board members to club members.

Aktion Club members perform a variety of community service projects and fundraisers, food drives, nursing home visits, and Special Olympics fundraisers.

Members also learn valuable social skills through teamwork, planning special events, visiting zoos, museums, and sporting events where they share quality time together.

The mission of Aktion Club is:

- To provide adults with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills.
- To serve their community.
- To be integrated into society
- To demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities.

To begin the journey, contact:

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Ohio Adults
with Disabilities**



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Why Aktion Clubs?

Individuals who live with disabilities often have many talents but little opportunity to develop or apply them.

Because they have few chances to interact socially and function in society, they are often isolated and dependent when they could be making valuable contributions to the world around them.

And, in today's society, where budgets require service cutbacks, Kiwanis Aktion Clubs augment some of those services - social skills, living skills, leadership - by helping to develop the skills that many members have, but have not had the opportunity to develop.

Build an Aktion Club - and watch them GROW!

Taking Aktion with the Community!

Whether the club has small or large projects, Aktion Clubs make their presence known!

Some Ohio Aktion Club projects include:

- Fundraisers to help people in need
- Landscaping community grounds
- Recycling aluminum cans and glass jars
- Planting trees and flowers
- Painting benches in the park
- Adopting a nursing home
- Collecting food for people in need
- Adopting children in need
- Distributing food baskets
- Serving meals to homeless

Build an Aktion Club today!

You can assist with building an Ohio Aktion Club today for a new and rewarding partnership that will offer hope, happiness, friendship, education and service for all!

Charter packets include:

- Club Bell
- Club Banner
- Gavel
- Member pins
- Officer pins
- Full year membership dues

Aktion Club is an official Kiwanis Service Leadership Program.

The History of Ohio Aktion Clubs?

In July, 2002, the Aktion Club of Western Hills (Cincinnati) was started as the first Aktion Club in Ohio.

Since that time, more than 24 Aktion Clubs have been chartered in Ohio with many still in the charter and development stage.

Annual Ohio Aktion Club Convention

Each summer, the Ohio District Aktion Club Convention is held which allows Aktion Clubs from all over Ohio to meet each other, participate in an Ohio-wide service project, participate in learning workshops, compete in speech and poster contests, and socialize.

The Tom E. Crawford Award is presented to the club who has the service project with the most impact for the current Aktion Club year.



***With Aktion Club ~
The possibilities are endless!***