

# THE AKTION CONNECTION



NEWS FROM AKTION CLUB

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## Think you won't make a difference? Think again.

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. **In 2012, Kiwanis One Day is April 21.** It's a global effort, but it's made of personal commitments. After all, Kiwanis One Day consists of the involvement of Kiwanis club members around the world. It begins with your club's participation. It extends to the impact you have on your community. And it results in an international spirit of service that inspires people worldwide.

There is no limit to what you can do—and no boundaries on your spirit of fellowship. In fact, your efforts will be echoed by clubs in communities all over the globe.

**Start planning for Kiwanis One Day today!**

## Raccoon Valley Aktion Club supports The Eliminate Project

The Raccoon Valley Aktion Club of Jefferson, Iowa, sent 12 members to the 2011 Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis district convention. It was there they first heard of The Eliminate Project.

On the way home, they decided to be a part of this exciting way to give back.

And so they did, first hosting a Halloween dance and donating all proceeds to The Eliminate Project. Attendees were asked to donate at least US\$2 to enter—but many US\$5, US\$10 and US\$20 bills filled the donation jar. Past club president Matt Bradley greeted attendees and let them know how the proceeds would help save or protect women and children around the world. Club members showed up in costume with their guests to enjoy an afternoon of dancing and friendship.

The club raised US\$1,072 from tickets and donations, but this is not the only fundraising and service project this club has done. Last year they sold popcorn at the community farmer's market, participated in the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk and their local Relay for Life, and assisted with Feed the Children.

After supplementing the money they raised from the Halloween dance with their other fundraisers, the club had enough funds to earn a Walter Zeller Award from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

They challenge other clubs to match this initial gift. If all Aktion Clubs each raised US\$1,000, there would be more than US\$1,000,000 to help fulfill The Eliminate Project's goal of US\$110 million.



To have your club featured in this newsletter, send information to:  
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# TRAINING & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## New Orleans

Registration is now officially open! We are hoping to have a big turnout in New Orleans to participate in the 2012 Training and Leadership Conference and enjoy the Kiwanis and CKI Conventions, as well! Highlights will include: a service fair in conjunction with Kiwanis and CKI, where members can highlight their greatest service projects and fundraisers; workshops, entertainment, speakers, a dance and much more! We will start off our conference with an ice cream social on Wednesday prior to the Welcome Reception in the exhibit hall. On Thursday morning, plan on volunteering for The Eliminate Project walk. All Aktion Club volunteers get free t-shirts! We will be doing a service project with the Alumni Association on Friday afternoon to help the local community, before the big dance on Friday evening. There will be plenty of opportunity to mingle with people in your district and get to know more of the Kiwanis Family.

Here are the registration details:

### Registration Fees

\$95 from now until May 1; \$125 May 2- June 1; \$150 after June 1 (onsite registration only)

**Dates: June 27–July 1, 2012**

Check out the [schedule](#) on the Aktion Club [website](#) for more information! We look forward to seeing you there!

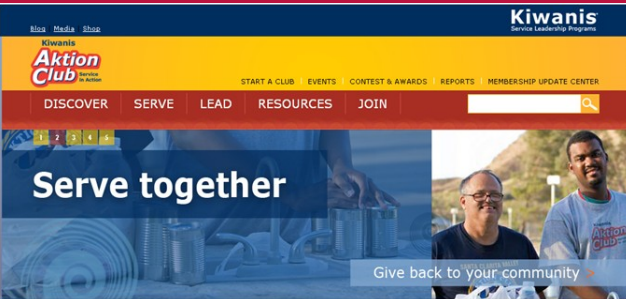
There are plenty of sites to see in NOLA and we have some ideas for you! There are many [tours](#) to take, as well as wonderful places



to dine and shop. Aktion Club members are encouraged to stay in the [same hotel as their districts](#). As we all know, the budget for entertainment might be small, so what can you do fun in New Orleans that won't bust the budget? Here are [25 things that you can do for free!](#) Some other low cost suggestions can be found [here](#). If you are in to architecture, there are [seven sights](#) that are a must see!

Let us help you with [complete details](#) on planning your trip! It will be worth it!

## Activity Reports



The Aktion Club [website](#) has a wealth of information for advisors. One resource that can be found on the there is the Activity Report. Currently, clubs should complete this report each quarter and mail to their district administrator. This report documents all of the projects, fundraising events and fellowship that is taking place in the clubs. ([Find a copy of this report on the website](#)). In the future, this report will come to you via e-mail and you will be able to complete and submit it electronically. There will be no more hassle of printing the form and mailing it to your district administrator. Hopefully, this will help encourage all advisors to

complete this in a timely manner. The data from these reports will assist Kiwanis International when applying for grants or soliciting sponsorships for our program. Please do your best each quarter to keep track of your activities and events and reporting each quarter will be simple!

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