

THE AKTION CONNECTION



NEWS FROM AKTION CLUB

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Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference

Save the date! The inaugural Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference will be hosted in Indianapolis at the Kiwanis International Office September 9-11, 2011. This event will be the first of its kind in Aktion Club history! More details coming soon!

The scoop on disability

Are you up to date on the latest news in the disability world? Well, if not, there is a fabulous resource available to you on line that is free! It is called. "Disability Scoop: The premier source for Developmental Disability News." You can sign up to receive e-mail news on their site: www.disabilityscoop.com. Enjoy!

Featured club

Fremont Aktion member boasts Aktion benefits

Matt Roberts, Fremont, Nebraska, Aktion Club member and board member, found out that it pays to advertise. Matt and his parents, Joyce and Kevin Roberts, were waiting to board a plane for home at the Albuquerque, New Mexico, airport in January. A gentleman inquired about Matt's recently purchased Aktion Club sweatshirt. As it turned out, the man was a Kiwanian who had recently moved from Minnesota. His former club asked him to start an Aktion Club, but he was, unfortunately, not successful in doing so.



Matt and his mom answered several questions concerning the Fremont Aktion Club. How and when did it get started (chartered September, 2010), how many members (46), how often do they meet (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month), and what is it that Matt and the other members get out of Aktion Club. Matt told him about several club projects, including his club's first fundraiser (scheduled for February 23rd), the speakers and programs the club has experienced so far. He also mentioned how neat it is to meet new people, have fun, share with friends and be able to help others. Matt's mom shared that it's so nice for the members to have the opportunity to do what people without disabilities are able to do to help their communities. Matt quickly agreed with Mom's comment. Matt is shown here holding tickets for the fundraiser that he and his mom are about to go out and sell. Matt wears his sweatshirt with a great deal of pride. Mom says that it is sometimes hard to get him to take it off. A true and proud Aktion Club member!

Submitted by Jim Holtam, Aktion Club advisor, Fremont Aktion Club

Technology

Apple puts spotlight on disability offerings in App Store

Apple is highlighting a number of apps catering to individuals with special needs, as well as a featured special education section in its App Store.

The section titled “Special Education” launched last fall and includes 72 applications for the iPhone and 13 applications for the iPad in 10 categories ranging from communication to emotional development and life skills.

Apps have become increasingly popular in the special needs community in recent years, serving as everything from assistive technology devices to organizational tools and teaching aids. Apps can be used on Apple’s iPhone, iPad or iPod devices,

There are many [similar stories](#) on how Apple’s products are helpful to individuals with special needs.



Suspended clubs

Has your club paid your annual dues yet? If not, your club is considered “suspended.” To rectify this problem, go to our [Membership Update Center](#) to update your roster, make status changes and pay your dues.

To have your club featured in this newsletter, send information to: kgriffin@kiwanis.org.



Team up for Kiwanis One Day

[Kiwanis One Day](#)

Think you won't make a difference? Think again. Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. In 2011, Kiwanis One Day is April 2. There will be 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 today!

A service club for adults with disabilities.



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