

THE AKTION CONNECTION



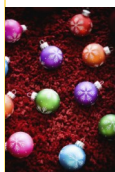
NEWS FROM AKTION CLUB

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Happy Holidays from Kiwanis International! We hope you are enjoying this wonderful time of year! Be sure to check out our "featured club" to see what one Aktion Club is doing this season to raise funds for their upcoming service projects. What is your club doing this season to serve the community? Be safe and have a wonderful holiday!

Featured club

Club makes a big splash with Aktion ornaments!



The Shelbyville VC (Indiana) Aktion Club needed a good fundraising project to provide money for the service projects club members wanted to support. The club was chartered in September 2009 and Holly Forville, a club advisor, thought of making and selling Christmas ornaments. Holly is experienced in working with ceramics so she decided to create a few sample designs from which club members could select. They chose eight designs and Holly began the process of cutting and shaping the clay for the first firing in her kiln.



Once she finished this process, the Aktion Club members painted each ornament. The excess paint was removed and the members helped glaze the ornaments and prepared them for the final trip to the kiln.

Following this second firing, the members attached a ribbon to each ornament and placed each one in a 3 ½ inch square-gold gift box and they were ready for sale. The first year more than 300 ornaments were sold and the club netted just over \$1,400.00 for club projects. This year the club is on target to reach a similar income goal. Besides selling the ornaments to friends, family members and co-workers, they are also sold at craft fairs in the Shelbyville area.

The club also raises money by doing car washes and plans to host a chili or spaghetti supper next year. Raising money is vital to successfully fund the service projects the club wishes to support.

Submitted by Don Collins, club advisor

New Aktion Club site

The Aktion Club website has been redesigned over the past several months and is now ready for all to use! Check it out at: www.aktionclub.org.

Does your club have a website? If so, send us the link and we will post it on the Aktion Club site. Does your club have service stories that you are proud of? Share your stories. Most importantly, use the resources on this website to assist you in running a successful club! Send all feedback

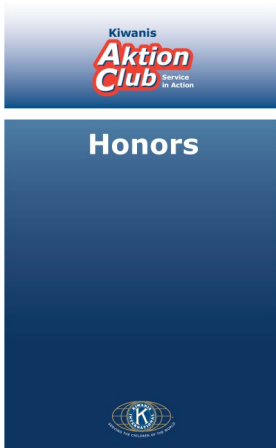


New honors banner coming soon!

Do you need a place to display all of the patches your club has earned?

We will have an honors banner (right) available in January for purchase.

Banners will be approximately \$85. Order yours from the [Kiwanis Store](#) soon!



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Great websites for gift ideas

Choosing gifts for people with disabilities can be a challenge at times. There are many websites that specialize in this area. Some of them are a bit medical and others are focused on kids, but you may find just what you are looking for if you are stumped on present ideas. Check out [Café Express](#), [Special Needs Toys](#). If you are looking for some catalogs to browse through, check out this website that has many [catalogs for disabled](#). Sites that are focused on kids, but may have adult items as well include: [AblePlay's](#) and [Toys"R"Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids](#). In addition, [The National Lekotek Center](#) provides a list of the [Top Ten Things to Consider When Buying Toys for Children with Disabilities](#).

Club dues: Has your club paid dues for the new year beginning in October? If not, do it [here](#) right now and check it off your list!

Aktion Club, the Arc and 'Glee'

What do these three groups have in common? They all support individuals with disabilities! In November, the Arc honored two actresses with Down syndrome who appear in recurring roles on Fox's "Glee" for positively portraying individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Arc presented Lauren Potter and Robin Trocki with the group's first-ever Inclusion and Image Award during the advocacy organization's annual convention in Orlando, Florida.

Representatives from Aktion Club were in attendance exhibiting at the conference. This year, consider making a connection with your local [Arc](#). Many of our Aktion Club members/potential members are associated with this wonderful organization.

Did you know that Aktion Club is on Facebook?

Join us on our Aktion Club [Facebook page](#)! Be a fan, post a comment, and get your club members on there, too! Does your club have a Facebook page? If so, share it and we will fan your page. Let's share all that we do to make our communities a better place to live through Aktion Club!

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