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OCTOBER MONTHLY UPDATE

District Administrator Check-in sessions

Save the date for the next District Administrator Check-in! Join us on January 11 at 7 p.m. ET. Visit the [Aktion Club District Administrator](#) webpage to register.

Aktion Club contests update

This year, the software used for Aktion Club contest submissions has been updated for better security. As a result, the judging process will work a little differently: A file downloaded with the district's contest submissions will be provided to the district administrator along with a spreadsheet listing the entries. The district administrator will be asked to review the downloaded contest submissions. After selecting first, second and third place winners, the district administrator will note their selections on the corresponding spreadsheet. Watch your email for more information about contest judging!

Aktion Club district conferences

Did your district hold a virtual Aktion Club conference this year? If

you did, we encourage you to share information about the conference so we can post educational sessions online for members in districts that didn't have this opportunity. If you have a virtual conference coming up and wouldn't mind welcoming Aktion Club members from outside your district, send links so we can help promote it! To share information, contact [Lisa Pyron](#).



MEET THE 2022-23 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

As the 2022-23 Kiwanis year begins, check out the Kiwanis magazine profile of 2022-23 Kiwanis International President Bert West. Get some insight into his vision and goals for the organization and the Kiwanis family.

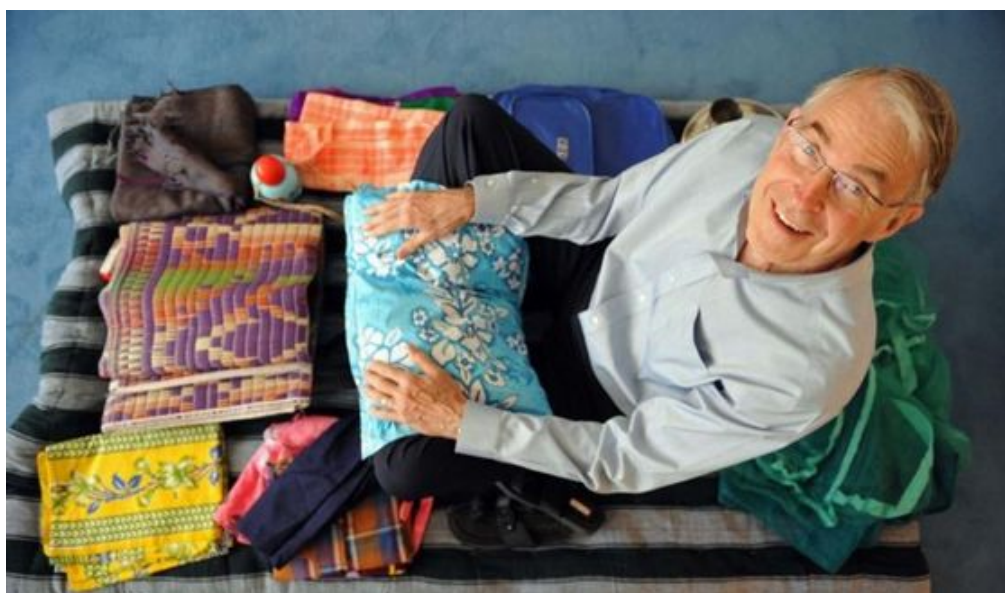
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WAYS TO MAKE MEETINGS ENGAGING

Making meetings engaging doesn't have to be difficult. Review and share the digital [Kiwanis Club Playbook](#) with Aktion Club members to see what resources interest them. The playbook includes [Recipes for Success](#), [Kiwanis Partners](#), [Create a Club Vision Statement](#), [Member Outreach](#) and many other helpful resources.

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FAREWELL, DAVE DRYDEN

Dave Dryden, a longtime friend to Kiwanis International and Aktion

Club, passed away on October 4. The chief executive officer of Sleeping Children Around the World, Aktion Club's international service initiative partner, Dave served as a keynote speaker at many Kiwanis family conventions, conferences and events. Sleeping Children Around the World is a past recipient of the Kiwanis World Service Medal, which was accepted by Dave and his father, Kiwanis member Murray Dryden.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Do your Aktion Club members plan to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF this month? If so, check out [fundraising and event ideas](#) and have club members [download this printable wrapper](#) to create UNICEF-branded collection containers. Funds raised through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will support [Start Strong: Zambia](#), which is Key Club International's signature project with UNICEF. Your club's participation will help create community solutions that improve children's lives and lift entire communities.

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CELEBRATE AND SHARE DISABILITY AWARENESS

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the United States. It's a great opportunity to honor America's workers who have disabilities while highlighting inclusive employment policies and practices. Resources offered by [Lifeworks](#) — including guides, videos and more — can help you celebrate and spread awareness. Another organization that educates youth and adults about the inclusion of people with disabilities is the [Nora Project](#). Learn more about the Nora Project's education for community partners and watch a recording of its [Disability Inclusion 101](#) webinar.

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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 1-31: [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#)
- 1-31: [World Bullying Prevention Month](#)
- 31: [Key Club Week starts](#)

NOVEMBER

- 1-4: [Key Club Week continues](#)
- 1: Pay Aktion Club fees early and earn an Early Bird banner patch
- 13: [World Kindness Day](#)
- 16: [International Day for Tolerance](#)
- 20: [World Children's Day \(UNICEF\)](#)

DECEMBER

- 1: Aktion Club fees due
- 3: [International Day of People with Disabilities](#)
- 10: [Human Rights Day](#)
- 24 – January 1: Kiwanis International Office closed

2023

- January 16: [MLK Day of Service](#)

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