

## Planning your club's year

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

Kiwanis staff is here to help you and your club advisors set goals for the 2024-25 year. Mark your calendars with administrator events and encourage advisors to participate in their webinars.

### District administrator webinars:

**October 15, 2024, 7 p.m. ET.** [An administrator's checklist for the year:](#) Review administrator responsibilities and a timeline for helping your clubs start and finish the year strong.

**February 18, 2025, 7 p.m. ET.** [Best practices for administrators:](#) Hear from experienced administrators and Service Leadership Programs staff about effective practices for

starting new clubs, supporting existing clubs, communications and other administrator tasks.

**May 14, 2025, 7 p.m. ET.** [Administrator chat topic to be announced.](#)

#### **Club advisor webinars:**

**October 1, 2024, 7 p.m. ET.** Aktion Club Advisor Chat: [Starting strong: An advisor's checklist.](#)

**May 20, 2025, 7 p.m. ET.** [Advisor chat topic to be announced.](#)



## **7 STEPS TO PLAN THE YEAR**

It's the perfect time to plan for the new service year. Take a few moments to review seven easy steps for developing a sound Aktion Club service plan. All you need is flipchart paper, markers, printed activities and an enthusiastic group of Aktion Club members! Before you know it, the beginnings of the perfect plan will be in place.

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## GET OFFICERS READY TO LEAD

As filmmaker Steven Spielberg once said, “The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.” For Aktion Club advisors, empowering club officers to lead sometimes means stepping back so they can step forward. We’re providing some strategies for you to help officers find their voice and develop self-confidence as leaders.

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## PUT MEMBERS' TALENTS INTO ACTION

Looking for ways to get members to think about ways they can use their talents? Here's a quick activity:

1. Give each member a piece of paper and a pen.
2. Ask them to write their name and a short list of talents they have.
3. Ask them to list the different ways they use those talents in their lives and in club activities.
4. Allow time for advisors and officers to review members' lists.
5. Figure out what talents upcoming service projects require, such as organizing supplies or donations, creating posters, greeting people, etc.
6. Create a list of tasks and match them with members with related talents.

For members, it's a fun way to recognize all the skills they have. For the club, it's a great way to benefit from all that talent!



## TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Now is a great time to start planning for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Aktion Club is raising money for Start Strong: Zambia — Key Club's signature project supporting UNICEF's early childhood development work in the African nation of Zambia.

It's easy to participate:

- Use our resources to teach members about issues facing children in Zambia and how Key Club's project is making a difference.
- Plan a club fundraiser, such as hosting a movie night or costume party.
- At a meeting, members can compile their money and count how much they raised. Even US\$20 can provide four children with toys and other items for early learning.
- Turn in the money to the [Kiwaniis Children's Fund online](#) or by mailing in this [downloadable gift form](#).
- Celebrate!

More information and resources are [available online](#).

**CLUB RAISES US\$27,000 TO  
HELP FEED SENIORS**

Members of the Anacortes Aktion Club in Washington, U.S., are being celebrated! The club raised US\$27,000 for the local Meals on Wheels during their community's annual March for Meals campaign. Since the club was founded 13 years ago, members have raised over US\$182,000 for Meals on Wheels, ensuring that fewer seniors feel isolated and hungry. The club celebrated with a pizza party and bingo night!

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We're growing our family one club at a time! Here are the newly chartered Aktion Clubs and the Kiwanis districts where they're located.

- Quest-Avalon Park, Orlando, Florida, U.S., Florida District.
- Lewis-Clark Valley, Lewiston, Idaho, U.S., Utah-Idaho District.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

 **OCTOBER**



**1:** Kiwanis service year begins

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**1:** [Advisor Chat: Starting strong: An advisor's checklist](#)

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**1-31:** [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#)

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**7-11:** [Youth Protection Week](#)

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**14-19:** [Circle K International Week](#)

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 **NOVEMBER**

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**4-8:** [Key Club Week](#)

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