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## Meet our newest award winners!

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# LEADERSHIP CORNER

[Register now](#) for the Aktion Club District Administration Chat: Advisor Panel Q&A on February 18, 2026, 7-8 p.m. ET. Hear about club life from Aktion Club advisors. What experiences are most meaningful for members? What types of support do advisors and their clubs need? How can administrators help? Get ready for the chat — and bring questions!



# SINGLE SERVICE PROJECT AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all Aktion Clubs that completed outstanding service projects and received 2024-25 Single Service Project Awards! Here's a glimpse at how these clubs served wide-ranging causes and made a difference in their communities:

**ARC Fresno Aktion Club** in California, U.S., supported the Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch with a day of volunteering. Joined by members and volunteers from the Charis Aktion Club, the ARC club sanded and painted the horses' corral. They also toured the ranch and learned the importance of therapy for the children it serves.

**Highlands County Aktion Club** in Florida, U.S., knew that learning how to serve food safely would allow the club to do more food-related service projects, so 15 members and three volunteers participated in a four-hour course to earn food handler certification. Afterward, members were able to fulfill a request from Nu-Hope Elder Care Services to serve food at its 50th anniversary celebration.

**Aktion Club of Lady Lake** in Florida, U.S., was inspired by a

presentation made by two high school students about Active Minds, a program that focuses on improving mental health. For children at Orlando's Ronald McDonald House, the club made bright and cheery paper flowers and bookmarks — and added snacks to Easter baskets.

**Aktion Club of Licking County** in Ohio, U.S., educated people about the threat to bee habitats from pesticides and climate change as it distributed pollinator seed packets and seed bombs to the public. Members also contributed pollinator plants to a Kiwanis Club Pollinator Garden. Kiwanians helped the club purchase materials and secure seed donations from a company.

**Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)**

**Aktion Club** in Illinois, U.S., held a drive to collect children's books. The club gathered about 500 books and delivered them to Bernie's Book Bank, an organization that collects and distributes books to children in need in the Chicago area.

**Sunshine Aktion Club** in Ohio, U.S., raised an inspiring US\$1,650 by selling custom-designed T-shirts. Members then purchased school supplies and filled backpacks, delivering them to local schools and to organizations for students in need.

**Westminster Aktion Club** in Maryland, U.S., successfully applied for a parks program initiative, which will give members responsibility for cleanliness and trail maintenance at one of the city parks. The club's officers take the lead by holding a board meeting at the park once a month and then doing cleanup with members in attendance.

Learn more about each project by reading the full descriptions linked in the [2024-25 Aktion Club Award and Contest Recipients](#) list.



## CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S WINNING SCRAPBOOKS

We're proud to thank and congratulate the winners of this year's Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest. [The first-place award for nondigital scrapbooks was won by the Astacadero Aktion Club in California, U.S.](#) This brightly decorated scrapbook focused on the strengths and interests of its members and how they work as a team. Throughout the year they honored local heroes with handcrafted valentines, organized and donated pounds of food to Astacadero ALF Food Pantry and celebrated veterans in their community.

[The digital first-place winner was the Hanson Aktion Club in Massachusetts, U.S.](#) This beautifully organized scrapbook highlights a busy club life of group celebrations, food-focused gatherings and gratitude practices. Service happens year-round and includes brightening the holidays for children in need, remembering seniors at an assisted living facility on Valentine's Day and helping the Pembroke Recreation Department prepare for its annual town egg hunt.

Our thanks to all contest entrants! When you participate

in the Aktion Club Scrapbook Contest (digital or nondigital), you share the story of a year in the life of an Aktion Club.



## A SPEECH TO REMEMBER

Aktion Club encourages a sense of belonging by offering a place where members feel welcome as a part of a team. With "belonging" as this year's theme for the Aktion Club Speech Contest, members and officers submitted speeches sharing how Aktion Club has impacted their lives. All the entries were amazing, but one stood out. In [the first-place speech, Brianna Davis of the Highlands County Aktion Club in Florida](#), U.S., said: "By having cerebral palsy, I never felt like I fit in anywhere, and people made fun of me. That all changed when I joined Aktion Club."

Watch the speech



## **HONORING ADVISORS AND MEMBERS**

Behind every successful service event, fundraiser and club gathering are people who made it happen. Honoring them is a way of celebrating the club and its positive impact on the community. On our blog, discover ideas and tools for implementing a recognition program that boosts morale, strengthens member relationships, encourages involvement and much more!

[Learn more](#)

## **COMPETING FOR A CAUSE**

Last summer, the Aktion Club of Highlands County in Florida, U.S., hosted a swimming competition for people

with disabilities. All levels of children and adult swimmers participated and took home medals!

[Read more](#)



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.

- Okaloosa's Emerald Coast, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, U.S., Florida District
- St. Bernard, Chalmette, Louisiana, U.S., Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District
- Butler County, Hamilton, Ohio, U.S., Ohio District
- Clarion County, Clarion, Pennsylvania, U.S., Pennsylvania District
- Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, Texas, U.S., Texas-Oklahoma District



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

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**9-13:** [K-Kids Week.](#)

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**18:** [Aktion Club District Administrator Chat: Advisor Panel Q & A, 7-8 p.m. ET.](#)

**23-27:** [Builders Club Week.](#)

## MARCH

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**2-6:** [Aktion Club Week.](#)

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