

# Kiwanis Michigan District **AKTION CLUB**

## **Come One, Come All!**

*by J. Gordon Schleicher*

It's coming! The Aktion Club Convention is coming Friday-Saturday September 16-17. We hope your whole club will attend. Send as many as you can, even if it's just one member. Every Aktion Club in Michigan should be represented. And every Kiwanis and Aktion Club advisor, because advisors meet together and learn what Aktion Clubs can be.

Consider what you get for the low registration fee of \$35: leadership training, talent show, keynote speaker, outdoor fun and games, campfire and dance, awards, and the election of an Aktion Club Governor representing all members in Michigan.

Take meeting time this summer to review the contest guidelines (see page 6) and assemble your entries, even if no one will be able to attend the state convention. At convention we judge all the entries submitted online from our state. Michigan District Awards will be given out, and the best entries will be designated for judging at the international level.

## **Calling All Aktion Club Servant Leaders!**

*by Sue Devon, Convention Chair*

The Annual Aktion Club Convention is back. Please plan ahead to get your registration in by August 21. Space will be limited—we will register clubs based on a first come/first served basis. Our theme this year will be a fun filled Western/Pink Flamingo styled event. Make sure your members plan to dress for the theme dance, if they so desire.

We are planning interesting key note speakers, the annual District Aktion Club Governor's election, a fun service project, games with a Western twist, and so much more. Your club members will enjoy participating in the various contests (see page 6). District winners will be designated for judging at the Kiwanis International level.

We are here to answer and questions you may have. You can contact me (convention chair) via email: [susancdevon@gmail.com](mailto:susancdevon@gmail.com).

**For district and convention info, go to:**  
**MIKIWANIS.ORG** and select **MI KIWANIS FAMILY > AKTION CLUB**  
(<https://k12.site.kiwanis.org/aktion/>)



## District Newsletter **SUMMER 2022**

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# CONVENTION

Friday and Saturday,  
**September 16-17**

Rock Lake Christian  
Assembly Camp  
7389 Vestaburg Road  
Vestaburg MI 48891



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Friday Morning:**  
Registration, Activities

**Friday Afternoon:**  
Speakers  
Western Games  
Club Officer Training  
Group Photos

**Friday Evening:**  
Campfire with S'mores  
Dance  
Advisor Meeting

**Saturday Morning:**  
Service Project  
Governor Election  
Talent Show

**Saturday Afternoon:**  
Award Ceremony  
6-Foot-Long Ice  
Cream Sundae!

## Introducing Our Convention Keynote Speaker

*by Kierin Kerbawy*

Hello, my name is: Kierin Kerbawy, I am 30 years old and I have Down Syndrome. I live in East Lansing, Michigan with my mom: Marybeth and our 2 dogs.

The reason why I joined the Aktion Club was that from the bottom of my heart I wanted to do something good in my community. I have served as President of the Forster Woods Adult Day Center's Aktion Club in Williamston, Michigan. Our big Aktion Club service project was assembling Weekend Survival Kits. Survival kits contained meals for elementary kids who did not have meals in their schools on the weekend. We made sure that we packaged healthy breakfast and lunch meals for those kids who attended the Williamston Schools.

I work at the Eagle Eye Country Club and Golf Course in Bath, Michigan: I help by setting



up tables for fancy events. I advocate for persons with disabilities who do not have a voice to speak up for themselves. I am a golfer with the Area 8 Special Olympics and I love traveling up north and going to camps. For fun, I spend time with my girlfriend: Emily.

## Friday Night Dance DJ: Robert!

*by J. Gordon Schleicher*

Robert Thompson will be our DJ at the Aktion Club Convention Friday night, September 16. Robert has been a member of the Tri-Cities Aktion Club for five years. In that time he has given the club leadership as secretary, vice-president and president. Robert loves to bowl and volunteer in the community garden. Having fun as a DJ allows him to share the joy and fun of music and dancing with others.





# Convention Registration Form

### Aktion Club Info:

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwaniis Club of \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendee Info:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  Male  Female

Lower Bunk Accommodation  Yes  No

T-shirt size (unisex adult sizes)

Small  Medium  Large  XL  2X  3X  4X  5X

Are you interested in running for  
Aktion Club Michigan Governor-Elect?  Yes  No

List any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any physical limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Information Form:

is included. (Thank you!)  will be sent separately.



Rock Lake Christian  
Assembly Camp  
Vestaburg, MI

**September 16-17**

**REGISTRATION DUE  
AUGUST 31**

**Registration Fee:**  
**\$35 per attendee**  
*Includes lodging,  
meals, shirt*

**Mail all forms with  
payment included to:**

Susan Devon  
16793 Printemp Drive  
East Lansing MI 48823

**Make checks  
payable to:**  
Michigan District  
of Kiwanis

**Please write on  
memo line:**  
2022 Aktion Club  
Convention

# 2022 Convention Medical Information



**A medical information form is required for participants attending the Michigan District Aktion Club 2020 Convention. Please complete this medical information form and make two (2) copies; send one in with the registrations and keep one with you or your guardian at all times during the conference.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Registrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following that applies to you:

- I am my own guardian.       I have a legal guardian, named below.

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach a copy of health insurance cards here:*

Please list health concerns that need to be monitored:

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List physical limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** I hereby certify that the information given above is correct. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the person(s) designated above. In the event that the aforementioned contact person(s) cannot be reached or time does not permit, I hereby give permission to a licensed physician to provide proper treatment, including hospitalization, immunization or injection, anesthesia, and surgery.

*Guardian's signature is required if Registrant is not own guardian.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# CONTESTS

## AWARD THEMES

### Speech:

What is your favorite service project & why?

### Poster:

Draw a picture that includes all the things you like best about Aktion Club.

### Service:

With fellow club members, tell about a service project conducted this year.

### Scrapbook:

Create a scrapbook of all the amazing things your club did this year.

### Video:

Record a promotional video that is 2 to 4 minutes showing how Aktion Club helps the community.

**See complete rules and judging criteria and submit entries:**

[www.aktionclub.org/awards-and-recognition/](http://www.aktionclub.org/awards-and-recognition/)



## Make Your Club's Contest Entry a Summer Project

by Amy Urick, Contest Coordinator

**Kiwanis International has provided an online platform to submit contest entries and to facilitate judging within Districts and Internationally.** Go to the Awards and Recognition website shown at left (or scan the QR code with your phone camera) to access all the information and entry forms.

Contest coordinator for the Michigan District: Amy Urick  
amy.urick@gmail.com, 616-644-5715  
13843 Lincoln Street, Grand Haven MI 49417

### Submission deadline: September 15

All contest entries must be submitted using the online submission form by September 15. Email a copy of your entry (including all the same information required by the online form) to Amy Urick to ensure that your entry will be included in our Michigan District judging and display at the Convention.

If your club does not have a Vimeo or YouTube account, **or if you need any help at all**, please contact Amy Urick. Assistance is available for creating, formatting or uploading your entries.

If you have a scrapbook or poster in hardcopy form only, please contact Amy Urick for help. **Hard copies can be mailed to Amy, but they MUST be received BEFORE September 1st**, and there is no guarantee that you can receive your original back. It's better if you digitize it, and it's easy! Contact Amy if you need help.

Electronic submission links are shared with district administrators for district judging. After display and judging at our Convention, Amy will email a list of district award winners to Kiwanis International by September 30.

Award winners will be posted on the website, shared on social media and announced in the the advisor and district administrator e-newsletters in Mid-November, 2022. Electronic recognition is emailed to club advisors of award recipients in Mid-January, 2023.

### Honoring Advisors, Clubs and Members:

Often the work of club advisors and individual members goes unnoticed. **The Awards and Recognition website includes several certificates you can use to honor their outstanding work.**

Identify your club's successes throughout the year, and gain the opportunity to earn either an "Honored Club" or "Distinguished Club" electronic badge along with social media graphics which can be posted online in recognition of the club's accomplishments. **The Annual Achievement Report is at the bottom of the Award and Recognition website and must be completed by October 15, 2022 to be considered for recognition.**

## Midland Aktion Club and Signature Service Project

*Kathy Allen, advisor*

All is well with the Midland Aktion Club. We continue to recruit new members and enjoy being together in-person again. We try to have a guest speaker one of the two meetings we have per month. One activity we did was adding dye to homemade play dough balls and giving them to special needs children at their school. Some of our fun activities scheduled for this summer include kayaking, a baseball game (we have a triple A team here) and a picnic (pizza is always a big hit).

We had the director of Aarons Gifts From Home speak to our club. Below are photos of Midland Aktion Club members assembling care packages for soldiers serving abroad. Aarons Gifts From Home will send these care packages to soldiers in all the services. Care packages included food, snacks, personal hygiene items and entertainment, for example books, toys, DVDs, CDs as well as other items, which include batteries, socks, scarfs, hats, blankets, pillows, and hand warmers to any and all currently deployed military personnel on a year round basis. Simply, to improve the morale of American Troops serving abroad by sending care packages to deployed troops. Care packages have been to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Korea, Japan, Cuba, Africa and ships at sea, wherever soldiers are on deployment.

This nonprofit Aarons Gifts From Home was begun by the parents of Aaron Ullom who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in July 2011. The nonprofit sends care packages to soldiers serving abroad. Get more information, request a care package for a soldier you know or donate by using the website [aarongiftsfromhome.com](http://aarongiftsfromhome.com)



*Midland Aktion Club advisor Kathy Allen is Executive Director of PAO (Personal Assistance Options) in Midland. PAO's mission is to provide support to individuals with differing abilities and mental illness based on their personal needs and goals. Kathy is also president-elect of the Kiwassee Kiwanis Club and currently filling in as club president.*

## LEADERSHIP



**Virtual Key Leader is a self-guided program** intended for high school students but appropriate for anyone 13 and older. Aktion Club advisors can offer the six lessons with videos and interactive slides during meetings, at no cost. The Key Leader lessons are designed to spark discussion and keep members engaged.

**Download the full program PDF by clicking this link or scanning this code with your phone:**



# MEETING KITS

Now more than ever, the world needs Aktion Club members. Our meetings may look different now. These meeting kits include agendas with links to materials so you can keep meeting safely, growing, learning and leading.

## Available Kits:

- Community Needs
- Project Review
- Civic Engagement
- Anti-bullying
- Hunger & Food Insecurity

The meeting kit website also includes tips on using Zoom and links to youth protection resources.

## LEARN MORE:

[www.aktionclub.org/virtual-meeting-kits/](http://www.aktionclub.org/virtual-meeting-kits/)

## History and Activity of Aktion Club in Detroit

*Jeanette Harris, Kiwanian and Aktion Club advisor*

The Detroit Helping-Out Aktion Club was chartered on September 19, 2011. Starting an Aktion Club was one of the goals as president of the Detroit Number One Kiwanis Club. I approached Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass Community Social Services for help. Cass Community Social Services operated a day program with adults from foster care homes and others who had been labeled “developmentally disabled.” I knew that Aktion Club would enrich the day program for these special needs people.

In early 2011, through a process of self-selection, 21 people signed up to join the club. The club members selected the club name because they saw their purpose as “helping out”. Members select all the activities. Our service activities began with picking up trash in the neighborhood. At Christmas, we carol at the Methodist retirement Home in Downtown Detroit and each Memorial Day, the group sings at the John Dingell Veterans Hospital.

A favorite activity was collecting returnable bottles and cans for the Kiwanis Eliminate (maternal neonatal tetanus) Project. And we labeled books for the Kiwanis signature project. We also sent cards to hospitalized veterans. And our dance group entertained at the Kiwanis 100th anniversary party.



*Singing for nursing home residents*



*Labeling books for the Kiwanis District Project*



*Members receiving award at the 2018 convention*