

# Kiwanis Michigan District AKTION CLUB

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### Summer time is for CONTEST ENTRIES!

Summer is the time to make your Speech, Poster, Service Project presentation, Scrapbook and Video! All contest entries must be submitted using the online award submission form by September 15.

**If your club waits to bring physical objects to our convention, it will be too late to enter them in the competition!**



<https://www.aktionclub.org/awards-and-recognition/>

Electronic submission links are shared with district administrators for district judging by November 2, and winners go on to be judged by Kiwanis International. **If you need help creating or uploading your contest entries, please contact Amy U.**

#### 2022-23 Award Theme: Kindness

**Speech:** Share how kindness was spread by your Aktion Club throughout the year and what the positive impact was for those receiving the act of kindness and for you as a club member sharing an act of kindness.

**Poster** (Digital and Non-Digital): Draw or create a picture that shares how Aktion Club members shared acts of kindness throughout the year.

**Single Service:** With fellow club members, share information about a service project conducted this year that focused on spreading kindness.

**Scrapbook** (Digital and Non-Digital): With fellow club members, create a scrapbook sharing club events and service projects conducted within the current year. Incorporate the theme of 'Kindness' by either including a service project that focused on kindness or by incorporating the 'Kindness' theme throughout the scrapbook in a creative way.

**Club Video:** Record a promotional video that is 2 to 4 minutes showing how Aktion Club members made an impact within the community by sharing acts of kindness.

Remember to check specific guidelines for each award category in the [Award Recognition Guide](https://www.aktionclub.org/resources/award-recognition-guide/) [https://www.aktionclub.org/resources/award-recognition-guide/].

**For district info, go to:**

**MIKIWANIS.ORG** and select **MIKIWANIS FAMILY > AKTION CLUB**  
(<https://k12.site.kiwanis.org/aktion/>)

# ACTIVE CLUBS

**These clubs have paid their 2022-23 dues & are on Active Status:**

Charlevoix

Eaton County Sunshine Crew (Charlotte)

Forster Woods (Williamston)

Grand Traverse Industries (Mancelona)

Hope In Action (Grand Rapids)

Jackson

Kalamazoo

Lansing: Peckham Helping Hands

Lapeer

Monroe

Noorthoek Academy (Grand Rapids)

St. Louis Center (Chelsea)

Straits Area Services (Cheboygan)

Tri-Cities (Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg)

West Branch

**If your club is not listed, contact Amy Urick, District Administrator, at 616-644-5715**

## St. Louis Center Aktion Club Makes Donation

*By Gordon Schleicher, Chelsea Kiwanis Aktion Club Advisor*

St. Louis Center Aktion Club president Lisa presents a check for \$500 to Sarah Shugart, Executive Director of Faith In Action in Chelsea, Michigan. Sarah shared with the 20-member Aktion Club how their monetary gift would help provide FIA services. FIA provides a food pantry, clothing, and household goods free of charge. Plus, grants to help people make rent/mortgage, car, and utility payments. FIA also distributes Thanksgiving family food baskets and backpacks filled with school supplies to Chelsea school children. The Aktion Club raised \$1,321 through their handmade Christmas card sales.



## Join the District All-Club Meeting!

On the advice of our co-governors, the Tri-Cities Aktion Club will host the first District Meeting!

**Thursday, June 29 from 5:30-6pm.**

**Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/yzsxfm2v>**

Info will be sent to all club advisors in advance.



If your club would like to host a meeting, please contact Amy U.

## Advisor Newsletters

The E-newsletter is a monthly publication written for Aktion Club advisors. Contact [aktionclub@kiwanis.org](mailto:aktionclub@kiwanis.org) if you are not currently on the Kiwanis distribution list.

See January's Newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/59wwzwm2>

See all archived newsletters: [aktionclub.org/advisor-e-newsletter](https://aktionclub.org/advisor-e-newsletter)



## Michigan District Aktion Club Convention:

**September 29-30th — stay tuned for more info!**

<https://k12.site.kiwanis.org/aktion-club-district-convention/>

## Michigan District Co-Governors Report



Sarah and Rex encourage everyone to **send in your Convention Theme ideas**. Here's what we have so far:



- Shooting for the Moon, and Finding Your Star!
- Serving our Country (patriotic theme)
- Sports
- Wise Owls
- Garden Gnomes

Rex and Sarah will pick the top three, and our convention advisors will pick the winning theme. Send your theme ideas to Amy U.!

In other news, our co-governors will soon record a video to be presented at the 2023 Great Lakes Conference for the Kiwanis Michigan District.

## Jackson Aktion Club Bowl-a-Thon

The 2023 Bowl-a-Thon was held April 22 at University Lanes in Albion Michigan. The Jackson Aktion Club sponsored the fundraiser along with the St. Louis Center Aktion Club from Chelsea. There were 38 total bowlers and 35 of them were members, all 20 lanes were used. Enough was raised to purchase five bedkits for needy children through SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World).

