

# District Newsletter SUMMER 2026

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# Kiwanis Michigan District AKTION CLUB

## Announcing Michigan District AktionCON 2026

Put this on your calendar and make plans to attend!

**September 25-26** at Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan.

Friday, 2pm to 5pm:

Arrival and check in  
Moving into lodges  
Making club posters

Friday Evening:

Dinner, 5:00 – 6:00pm  
Campfire with S'mores  
Dance  
Advisor Meeting

Saturday Morning:

Breakfast, 8:00 – 9:00am  
Leadership Training  
Club Service Project Presentations and Group Photos  
Service Project (with the Key Club Leadership Team!)

Saturday Afternoon:

Lunch, 12:00 – 1:00pm  
Governor Election  
Talent Show  
6-Foot Ice Cream Sundae  
Award Ceremony  
Dismissal, 3:30pm

Cost: \$35 per attendee

**Registration Deadline: September 1**

To register and to learn more: [tinyurl.com/mi-aktioncon](https://tinyurl.com/mi-aktioncon)

**Please turn in Registration Forms as soon as possible.** This helps us plan for your attendance. Registration fees can be sent separately. All attendees must register and submit a medical form, per policies of Camp Henry and Kiwanis International. Follow the link on the Registration Form to fill out your medical form. If you need help, please contact Amy Urick; email [amy.urick@gmail.com](mailto:amy.urick@gmail.com) or call 616-644-5715.

We do everything in our power to ensure all members have the opportunity to participate equally. Contact Amy Urick to discuss your accommodations for physical disabilities and special needs.

**Our convention is not funded by the District or dues. Sponsors make it happen!** Please help us keep our events funded. Get the Sponsor Form on the AktionCON website.



**2025-26 Michigan District  
Aktion Club Governor,  
Violet Wilson**

## **Consider Running for Governor-Elect**

As we are preparing for convention. I want to encourage members to think about becoming governor elected for 2026-2027 year. I remember the day I wanted to become governor elected. I was sitting at convention 2 years ago debating should I or shouldn't I be governor. Or I'm I good enough to lead Michigan aktion club. I wanted a change of pace. Now two years later I'm finishing up my term as governor. I wrote total of 6 articles. Talk to the advisors several times through my governor's time. Would I do governor again probably. I cant wait to see what the governor elected has in store for us. I want to thank my advisors Denny and Jolin for supporting me on this journey. Also want to thank the West Branch Aktion Club that cheer me on.



## **How excited are we for this year's convention?**

### **Why should Aktion Clubs attend?**

- Leadership training.
- Learn that you have friends within the action club family.

### **What do members gain by going to convention?**

- Friendship
- Confidence
- Giving back
- Exploring
- Unlimited

This year's theme is "ohana means family." How did I come up with ohana means family? I started with one word, "family," but I wanted it so mad it needed to jazz it up and ohana means family. I wanted to send a message that no one is left behind or forgotten; that we are involved together as a family.



*We're looking forward to fun  
Hawaiian decorations to support  
our meaningful theme!*

# **BE GOV-ELECT!**

The Governor helps to represent Aktion Clubs in the state by publishing articles in the newsletter and giving speeches to Kiwanis clubs, other groups, and the Michigan Kiwanis Great Lakes Conference. Travel opportunities exist, but are not required. All paid members are eligible.

We vote to select our Governor-Elect at each convention, who will serve under the existing Governor for one year and then step up to serve as Governor at the next convention. To be considered, candidates will give a short presentation (according to their abilities) on why they would like to be chosen.

**If you are interested in running for Governor-Elect, be sure to mark the box on your AktionCON registration form!**

Contact Amy Urick with questions.



# Convention Registration Form

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

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee Info:**

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

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

Officer/Advisor Role? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  Male  Female

Attending on  Friday  Saturday  Not staying overnight

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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Walker user  Wheelchair user  Service animal



**September  
25-26, 2026**

**Camp Henry**  
5575 S Gordon Ave  
Newaygo, MI 49337

**REGISTRATION DUE  
SEPTEMBER 1**

**Registration Fee:  
\$35 per attendee**

**Make checks payable to:  
MDK Foundation**  
Please write on memo line:  
2026 AktionCON

**Email completed forms to:**  
amy.urick@gmail.com

**Mail all forms with  
payment included to:**  
Amy Urick  
13843 Lincoln Street  
Grand Haven MI 49417

All attendees (members, advisors, aids, guests) must register and submit a Medical Form.

**The Medical Form is ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/AktionCON>**

OR contact District Administrator Amy Urick at amy.urick@gmail.com

## West Branch News

The Aktion Club of West Branch gives **Buddy Benches** to Surline Elementary School, St Joseph School and Rose City Elementary School for their playground areas. These benches are where a child can sit if they don't have a friend. Hopefully another child will sit and become a friend.

Pictured below, the West Branch Aktion Club bake sale.



## St. Louis Aktion Club News

St. Louis Center, in Chelsea, MI, once again teamed up with Open Spot Theatre, a theatre program dedicated to people of all abilities, to produce a truly unique showing of "The Wizard of Oz".

The performance took place on Monday, May 11th at the St. Louis Center Gym. The gym's stage was transformed with a beautiful Emerald City backdrop, and the participating residents dazzled the audience through song and dance while wearing their spot on costumes.

The familiar story started in Kansas, with a powerful group performance of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" where the residents used American Sign Language along with the lyrics. Next, a choreographed tornado dance transported the audience to Munchkinland where Dorothy meets the munchkins, Glinda, and the Wicked Witch. Through song, dance, and acting, the show went on while Dorothy and her friends found what they each were searching for and finally made it back home.

In total, 21 St. Louis Center residents performed in the show, along with some of their staff members and two Open Spot instructors. Of the 21 residents, 16 of them are Aktion Club members.

Lisa Roberts, St. Louis Center Aktion Club President, played the role of Glinda the Good Witch. A natural performer, Lisa loves to sing and dance, and steps into the spotlight with ease. Just as impressive offstage, she is a supportive leader among her peers—helping fellow cast members learn their parts and cheering them on every step of the way.

Lisa and her talented peers enjoy every chance they get to put on shows for their supportive family, friends, and community members. St. Louis Center plans to continue the partnership with Open Spot Theatre to produce more shows in the future.



## 2025-26 International Aktion Club Awards and Contests

Contests give members opportunities to use their skills and share club accomplishments. **Everyone can participate!** The deadline for contest entries is Monday, September 15, 2026, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Contests are an opportunity to celebrate club spirit and encourage officers and members to use their skills of writing, public speaking, art, design, organization, and video making. Involve officers and members in deciding which contests your club will participate in this year!

### How to enter:

- Review the Aktion Club Award and Contest Guide information and rules for each award and contest you're interested in.
- Review the online entry forms. Each form explains information you'll need to gather and upload, the topic for the contest, and questions to answer.
- Watch the recording of the Aktion Club Advisor Chat on Awards on May 20, 2026, to learn more about the award and contest application process. ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7BKLa50G3o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7BKLa50G3o))
- You will need a YouTube or Vimeo account where video, speech and scrapbook entries can be published, viewed and shared. The Michigan District can host your entry; contact your District Administrator.
- Complete and submit the online entry by September 15, 2026.

**Get more info, entry forms, and view previous winners online at [www.aktionclub.org/awards-and-recognition/](http://www.aktionclub.org/awards-and-recognition/)**



### Michigan District Contests

To participate at the district level only, bring your contest entries to the convention. Entries will be displayed and/or performed during the convention, and awarded by "bead count" vote. All attendees may vote for their favorite entries by placing a bead in the entry cup.

Winning entries at the convention will *not* be eligible for International Aktion Club Contests unless they are also properly submitted online by the September 15 deadline.

## CONTESTS:

### Single Service:

Create a document explaining your club's project, including how you planned and conducted it this year.

**Speech:** In your speech, share what you have learned about your community through Aktion Club.

**Poster:** Share a poster from a service project your club completed this year that addresses a community need or promotes a cause and explains how people can help.

**Scrapbook** (digital and non-digital): Create a scrapbook with two sections that shows what club life and service look like in your Aktion Club.

**Video:** Create a video that tells the story of your club's favorite service project completed this year.

**Distinguished Club and Honor Club:** Clubs can earn these awards by carrying out enough of the activities listed in the Annual Achievement Report and submitting a completed report.