

Happy 10th anniversary Aktion Club.

On Oct. 1, 2000, Aktion Club officially became a Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International.

The very first Aktion Club was started in Florida by George Swartout, the 1988-89 Kiwanis Governor. Today the Aktion Club concept has spread throughout the world. Currently, there are 467 clubs and 9,425 members worldwide.

Our New York District Aktion club has provided many hours of community service as part of the estimated 92,484 hours of service documented each year by Kiwanis International. We have adopted soldiers, given out flags for Memorial Day, collected happy quarters for the new "Eliminate

<p>Aktion Clubs</p> <hr/> <p>Debra Rothman</p>	
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Project", volunteered at Ronald McDonald House, helped out with food drives and assisted many of the Kiwanis Clubs with their projects.

Sleeping Children Around the World is Aktion Club's service initiative. The New York District has collected over \$1,000 in the past four years. It has kept our members focused on fund raising efforts for this most valuable

charity by providing thousands of bed kits to children in underprivileged countries around the world.

Congratulation and thanks to all who have been involved including the members, the advisors, the sponsoring clubs and the agencies that support individuals with disabilities. Thank you for your dedication, leadership and countless hours of service. The New York District has doubled the number of Aktion Clubs in the past four years and would not be where it is today without the efforts of our members in this great district. If your club does not currently sponsor an Aktion club, and you are interested, please contact me.

Here's to many more anniversaries Aktion club!

Before we start our new Kiwanis year, I would like to thank the Franklin Square Kiwanis Club from the LISC Division for starting a new K-Kids club.

The most important news that I have is that our International Vice President Tom DeJulio went to New Zealand and was successful in getting them to start a K-Kids. Folks, that is absolutely awesome! Many thanks and kudos to Franklin Square and Kiwanis International VP Tom!

As we begin a new year under the leadership of Governor Mike Malark, we are encouraging you to consider starting a K-Kids in your community. Remember, it can be in a library, house

<p>K-Kids</p> <hr/> <p>Mickie Leamey</p>	
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of worship or a school. This of course is one tool to get Kiwanians involved and also motivate new members.

Thanks to our sponsored youth, our Tony Palangi Fellowship program has been very successful.

I would like to remind Kiwanians to

consider honoring someone in your club, division or for that matter a community person through this program. It only costs \$400 and you receive a banner patch, lapel pin and a beautiful certificate.

This award not only recognizes a well deserving person but it also helps the Foundation and reminds us of a Past Governor who not only gave of himself but was proud to be a Kiwanian and devoted twenty-three years to our sponsored youth.

So, please let us keep this program going.

Let's have a positive attitude and a great new service year.


<p>2010-11 Events</p> <p>Nov. 12-13, 2010: Key Leader, Silver Bay</p> <p>Nov. 19-21, 2010: Tri-K, Albany</p> <p>Feb. 24-27, 2011: Mid-Year Conference, Albany</p> <p>March 18-20, 2011: Circle K Convention</p> <p>July 7-10, 2011: International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Aug. 10-14, 2011: District Convention, Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown</p>
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How do ticks spread disease? Ticks transmit pathogens that cause disease through the process of feeding. Depending on the tick species and its stage of life, preparing to feed can take from 10 minutes to 2 hours. When the tick finds a feeding spot, it grasps the skin and cuts into the surface. The tick then inserts its feeding tube. Many species also secrete a cement-like substance that keeps them firmly attached during the meal. The feeding tube can have barbs which help the keep the tick in place.

Ticks also can secrete small amounts of saliva with anesthetic properties so that the animal or person can't feel that the tick has attached itself. If the tick is in a sheltered spot, it can go unnoticed.

A tick will suck the blood slowly for several days. If the host animal has a blood borne infection, the tick will ingest the pathogens with the blood. Small amounts of saliva from the tick may also enter the skin of the host animal during the feeding process. If the tick contains a pathogen, the organism may be transmitted to the host animal in this way.

Please note that, after feeding, most ticks will drop off and prepare for the next life stage. At its next feeding, it can

<p>Pediatric Lyme Disease</p> <hr/> <p>DPG John Gridley</p>	
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then transmit an acquired disease to the new host.

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