



Aktion Clubs

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Although the calendar says it's September, the weather here is starting to look more like fall, and that tells me that we are going into a "new" Kiwanis year. This same time, two years ago, DPG David and I had the opportunity to visit the Lewiston Kiwanis Club, the hosts for the Niagara County Peach Festival. So it is befitting that this year as Aktion Club Administrator, I am ending with a return visit to Lewiston and the Peach Festival. Yes, I enjoyed marching in the parade a second time, yes I enjoyed ladling peaches into the paper boats for the Peach Shortcake, (last time I did whipped cream) and yes, I even enjoyed the Elvis impersonator. The difference though this time was the addition of the new Niagara County Aktion Club. The club proudly walked in the parade and posed for pictures with me.

This addition brings the total number of Aktion Clubs to fourteen. We have successfully added to our family three downstate clubs. Points of information, we downstaters consider anything below Westchester as downstate. Both the Niagara County Aktion Club and the Elmira Aktion Club will be hosting their charter nights in October.

I thank each and every one of you who has invited me to talk about Aktion Clubs and their service initiative, "SCAW". During Gov. Elect Don's term I will be continuing on as the Administrator and I will make every effort to visit those clubs that are interested in sponsoring Aktion Clubs. We are in the process of looking into an Aktion Club Conference for next year, possibly September 2008. Anyone interested in helping out please email me at blueyes1255@aol.com. Remember....Aktion is my passion; make it your passion too.

North Shore Welcomes Aktion Club

The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH SHORE**, Long Island North Division – Kiwanis International is a worldwide community-service organization dedicated to helping others who are in need. Among its innumerable branches of services, nationally and internationally, there has emerged the Aktion (with a "k" for Kiwanis) Club which is a community-service group for adult citizens living with disabilities.

The Aktion Club's mission is to provide adults, with disabilities, an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership, to serve their community, to be integrated into society, and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities. Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

Some of the community services they perform are park beautification, food drives, nursing home visitations, environmental projects, distributing food baskets during the holidays to families in need, providing yard maintenance for elderly citizens, and assisting Kiwanis Clubs with their projects.

At the high school level, members are known as Aktion Key Clubbers.

These special young citizens have few chances to interact socially and sometimes little opportunity to function in society. Some individuals often have many talents but little opportunity to develop or apply them. SCAW



Pictured left to right: West Hempstead Aktion Key Club Advisor Dianne Forquignon, New York District Aktion Club Chair Debbie Fuchs, North Shore Kiwanis President Herb Schierhorst, Long Island North DPLG Rich Hall and New York District Distinguished Past Governor David Rothman.

(Sleeping Children Around the World) a most important project for Aktion Key Club members, assists children around the world who are homeless. An adult Kiwanis member serves as Advisor to the Aktion Key Clubbers and guides them with every project they undertake to completion.

These efforts engender a win-win situation where the needy are served and where the challenged members have the opportunity to help others, thus fostering a feeling of accomplishment within themselves. For more information, go to www.aktionclub.org, email: aktionclub@kiwanis.org

Niagara County Aktion Club



Aktion Club Service Initiative

Help us provide bed kits to children around the globe!



Sleeping Children Around the World, or SCAW, is a nonprofit organization that accepts donations to provide bed kits to children struggling to survive in underdeveloped and developing countries.



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Aktion Club and SCAW – partnering to improve the lives of children worldwide.

East Aurora Aktion Club

