



# KIWANIS KAPERS

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*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time*

## Club election May 15

The Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills will have its annual general meeting and election on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

The slate of proposed board of directors for the 2014-15 Kiwanis year will be announced at the Thursday meeting on May 1.

If you wish to nominate someone, with their permission, this will be your last opportunity as the nominations will close at Thursday's meeting once club President Mike Scharnow announces the slate.

If you have a nomination and cannot attend Thursday's meeting, please submit to President-Elect Alan Roselieb.

As stated, the election will be held May 15.

A couple of major problems remain, however, as both the president-elect and vice president positions do not have any candidates as of this writing.

Ken Kubischta, who agreed to become club vice president earlier this year, has stepped down from the position, creating a vacancy on the board.

It is imperative that at least two of our members step up and agree to take a leadership role on the board so that training and guidance can be given to continue the wonderful efforts given by this club for years to come.

## Aktion Club

### Wild celebration at Charter Night Banquet

What a wild Mexican fiesta!

The Noon Kiwanis Club and Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services teamed up April 23 to throw a wild charter night banquet on behalf of the Aktion Club of STARS.

Sixteen charter Aktion Club members were recognized and the four officers were installed. Several other STARS participants were in attendance along with family members and guardians.

"There was a lot of whooping and hollering as the Aktion Club members were introduced," said Noon Kiwanis President Mike Scharnow. "It truly was an inspiring and motivating evening. What a delight to see these adults learn about community service and fulfill the objects of Kiwanis and the Aktion Club."

The motto of Aktion Club is "Where development has no disability."

"There sure didn't seem to be any disabilities in the room that evening," Scharnow continued. "From the opening National Anthem to the closing Aktion Club Pledge, it was a fun celebration. We're hoping these participants and their families will have these memories for the rest of their lives."

"We are truly blessed to be a part of something like this. I would encourage more of our members to check out STARS and our Aktion Club. It is a fun and fulfilling experience that will make you feel good all over."



Susie Segneri, center, is the Aktion Club president.



Southwest District Gov. Windy Mortensen congratulates Kevin Harden on being elected club secretary.



Heather Heathcock is all proud of her certificate and the fact that she is the Aktion Club vice president.



## A WORD FROM PRESIDENT MIKE SCHARNOW

# Putting Kiwanis into Aktion

### Fellow Kiwanians:

Some of the most vital and important components initiated by Kiwanis International over the years are the “service leadership programs” that are offered to young students up through college and into adulthood for special needs adults. Kiwanis is the only service organization in the world that offers these SLPs for young elementary students (K-Kids), middle school students (Builders), high schoolers (Key Club), college students (CKI) and those adults living with disabilities (Aktion Club) — the entire spectrum of one’s life.

These programs offer young people the opportunity to learn about community service, grow in their leadership skills, increase their social abilities and reach out beyond themselves to fellow human beings. These young leaders are the future of Kiwanis, and it is our responsibility to do what we can to nurture and grow these individuals. If a young teenager, for example, starts performing service projects as a freshman in high school, what are the chances that boy or girl will mature into a young adult and eventually join a Kiwanis club such as ours? I’d say the chances are much better than if that person had never been exposed to Builders or Key Club.

We are fortunate in Noon Kiwanis to have someone such as Phyllis Horan, who this past school year has undertaken the responsibility of serving as advisor to both a K-Kids group along with a Builders Club at FHMS. Phyllis is a long-time Kiwanian who is truly devoted to the organization and its ideals. Thank you, Phyllis, for training up young students and teaching them about servant leadership and helping others. This is such an important part of Kiwanis.

We are also fortunate to have recently chartered our very own Aktion Club. There are only about a dozen Aktion clubs in the Southwest District, and our charter banquet held April 23 at Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) was a tremendous success. Southwest District Governor Windy Mortensen, Division 12 Lt. Governor Alan Potter and Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee Ron Smith all participated in the ceremony.

What was most significant, however, and the most inspiring was the enthusiasm and participation of the Aktion Club members themselves. As each member was called by name and inducted, their fellow members yelled and cheered wildly. The excitement was contagious — giving us all a welcomed reminder on what Kiwanis is all about and how good it can feel to perform community service and be a part of an organization that cares for others and reaches out into the world. Our club has done a tremendous service by starting this Aktion Club. Heartfelt thanks to Charlie Fox, our Aktion Club advisor, and to Rick Hopwood, case manager at STARS who helps run the Aktion Club. Thanks also to the many Noon Kiwanians who have attended events or meetings at STARS, and thanks for coming out to the charter banquet. A special thanks as well to Jon Geller, who has attended all the events, befriended many of the Aktion Club members and, of course, always has his trusty camera with him. Let’s keep up the enthusiasm and please consider getting involved — you won’t regret it.



*The Aktion Club of STARS banner.*



# Serving up hope

Chalk up another successful service project as the Noon Kiwanis Club once again traveled to the Roanoke Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix in early April.

Participating were Phyllis Horan, Jo Nelson, Pat Costa, Mike Scharnow, Paul Appeldorn, Charlie Fox and Jon Geller.

The best part, as always, was connecting with the members who came by to enjoy dinner. It is heartwarming to hear the stories from these hurting families and relieve some of the burden, at least temporarily. They always enjoy our good food and great conversation. Our next visit is set for June 22. The Southwest District Kiwanis room will be fully renovated by then, thanks for Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee Ron Smith.



*Lining up for some awesome service just prior to dishing out dinner.*



*At left, Pat Costa was all smiles as she connected with a family who was staying at the Phoenix facility.*



*Phyllis Horan has a fun visit with family members staying at the Ronald McDonald House.*



# One Day, One Project

## Noon, Sunset, Aktion clubs work together at STARS

For the third straight year, the Noon and Sunset Kiwanis clubs of Fountain Hills worked together on a service project in recognition of Kiwanis One Day.

The annual event, celebrated by Kiwanis International, urges Kiwanis clubs to get together in their communities, along with their service leadership programs (Builders, Key Club, Aktion, etc.), to work on a joint service project.

New this year was the addition of our Aktion Club, which consists of participants from the Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services. (STARS).

Five Sunset Kiwanis members along with about half of the Aktion Club joined alongside the Noon club to work on three raised planter beds along with four giant concrete planters. Each raised bed had a different theme — flowers, vegetables and cactus/succulents — while plenty of spring color was added to the giant pots.

In addition, the classroom to house a start-up company at STARS — Tandem Documents — was painted the company colors to spruce up the interior.

"This service project was the perfect embodiment of what Kiwanis is all about," said club President Mike Scharnow. "We worked side by side for a common cause. We thank Sunset Kiwanis for helping out and providing the fruit, snacks and refreshments. And we thank the Aktion Club for all their hard work. They were able to witness what community service was all about.

"We all had a blast and so did they. I especially want to thank Charlie Fox, our Aktion Club advisor, for his contributions of some plants and soil, along with *The Fountain Hills Times* for donating the paint and all the painting supplies. Our club purchased the rest of the plants."



Alan Roselieb and J.W. Clarkson work on the painting project at STARS.



Stan Ziefert of Sunset and Charlie Fox of Noon work with an Aktion Club member at a flower box.



Jerry Comeau, above, and Mike Scharnow, right, paints alongside Fred Widom of the Sunset Kiwanis Club during One Day.





## More Aktion shots from Kiwanis One Day project



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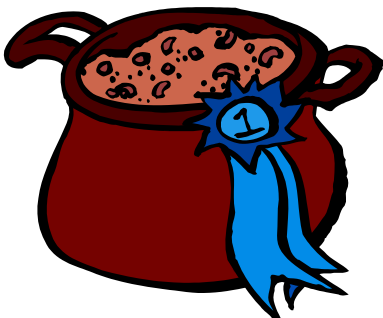
# Serving up some mean chili dishes



Everybody was a winner at the April 17 chili tasting event, since the fierce competition was dialed down a notch this year. Thanks to Paul Appeldorn, Al Roselieb, Charlie Fox, John Schwab, Nate McGuire, Tom Campbell and Mike Scharnow for supplying the chili dishes.



At left, a visitor from the Phoenix Kiwanis Club talks to Paul Appeldorn about his secret ingredients.



Who was Number One? Well, everybody was a winner at the chili tasting — the chili makers and all those who were able to enjoy the delicious dishes.





# Kiwanis Kodak moments



Presenting a \$500 check to Dena Kidd of Junior Achievement.



Al Roselieb gets the first article of clothing for Nogales, Mexico.



Falcon Leaders from FHMS for April were Chloe Duxbury and Peter Bogdan. FHMS Assistant Principal Tony Galletti was on hand to make the monthly presentation.



Any time McDowell Mountain Regional Park Ranger Amy Burnett shows up at a meeting, you know there is going to be plenty of education, entertainment and likely a few desert critters. Here, Betty Pantuso gets up close and personal with a snake



Fountain Hills High School Pacesetters Valerie Zakirov and Alex Mirabella were honored during April by FHHS Principal Tom Brennan and Noon Kiwanis President Mike Scharnow.



Division 12 Lt. Governor Alan Potter addressed our club at a recent meeting, emphasizing his focus on helping foster children throughout the state of Arizona.



# Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b>May 1</b>	Luncheon meeting; Harold Payne of Ft. McDowell Farm
<b>May 1</b>	Serve hot dogs at Day of Prayer event
<b>May 2-4</b>	Kamp Kiwanis work weekend
<b>May 6</b>	Aktion Club meeting at STARS
<b>May 8</b>	Luncheon meeting; Terrific Kids presentation
<b>May 15</b>	Luncheon meeting; election; ACC investor education talk
<b>May 20</b>	Aktion Club meeting at STARS
<b>May 22</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>May 30</b>	Serve lunch at Phoenix Rescue Mission; deliver water

## Kollecting Kans

Paul "The Kan Man" Appeldorn is still collecting Kiwanis Kans for the benefit of poor families in Nogales, Mexico as part of our annual Kiwanis Across the Border project.

The Kan Man will be away from July 1 through August 15, so you can either drink everything now or plan to save the kans between those dates.

## Adopt-A-Street

So that you can plan ahead, the next street cleaning opportunities are on May 20, then again on Friday, June 27 (a different day than usual) and finally on August 19.

The start time on May 20 will be the normal 7:30 a.m. at Malta and Saguro.

Talk to Paul Appeldorn if interested. Another great community service project! Help keep our streets clean.



## Welcome new member Rick!

*Rick Hopwood, center, case manager at Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services, is the latest member to join our Noon Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills. Rick was inducted into the club at the recent Aktion Club charter night banquet held at STARS. Performing the honors were club President Mike Scharnow and board member Charlie Fox, who also is club advisor for our Aktion Club. Rick has been to one of our meetings and worked our food booth at the February Great Fair. He helps coordinate service projects and other activities for the Aktion Club. Welcome Rick!*

