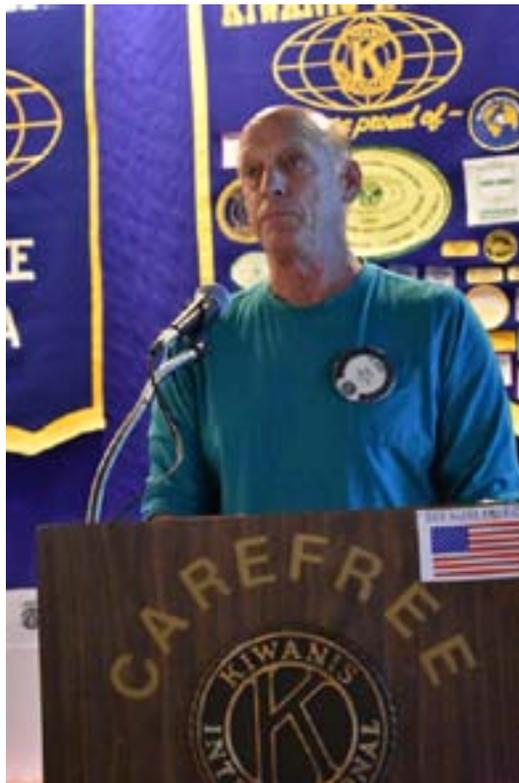


Aktion Club offers leadership opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20 - 12:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting - AZ Equine Rescue

November 27
No Regular Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving

Kathy Haugner and Biff Miller speak to the audience about working with the adults in the Aktion Club and explaining the service projects and field trips that the club partakes in. Photos by Avianna Hoppes

Speakers talk about working with members of the Aktion Club

On November 13, Kathy Haugner, who is the president of the Aktion Club, spoke about her time working with the club. The Aktion Club is a service group for adults with disabilities which offers a chance to learn leadership skills by helping their local communities. The club allows members to develop these skills while facilitating their integration into society.

An example of a service project is that members of the club earned over 100 dollars selling water bottles at the recent Kiwanis pancake breakfast.

Adults with disabilities do not often have many

opportunities to work in the general population.

“I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to work with these students,” said Haugner.

The club was founded ten years ago to help people with disabilities. Kiwanis of Carefree is currently the only Kiwanis Club in District 13 to have an Aktion Club.

Biff Miller, who often leads the Aktion Club meetings, was also introduced to talk about the service projects and field trips that the Aktion club goes on.

Kiwanis Club of Carefree

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About the Kiwanis Club of Carefree

“Serving the Children of the World” is the mission of Carefree Kiwanis, a 501 (c) (3) service organization, and the larger Kiwanis International. Locally we demonstrate our passion for helping children recognize and develop their full potential by giving scholarship and merit awards, sponsoring Key Club, “Bringing Up Grades” (BUGs), summer art programs, and mentoring to establish a thriving and supportive community in the Desert Foothills area.

Visit www.kiwaniscarefree.org to learn more.

War Heroes Speak About Their Time Fighting In Vietnam



Oran Brown discussing the type of plane he flew in. Photo by Logan McDade

On November 6th, Oran Brown and Mike Bell presented to the club about their experiences in Vietnam in the Navy. The presentation covered a lot of information about the different roles they had in both protecting the aircraft carrier they were based on, and scouting the enemy territory. They shared a video about a dogfight they were involved in which resulted with them both receiving a Silver Star Medal.

A dog fight is an aerial battle between fighter aircraft, conducted at close range. The dogfight they were in took place on May 18th, 1972.

“Most of the fight took place over their base,” said Brown.

On that day, they were flying over Hai Phong to stem

the constant invasions by the North on the South. During a routine fly-over, all of a sudden, they were confronted by two North Vietnamese MiG-19 enemy aircrafts.

After an intense chase down, both Brown and Bell’s planes shot down the enemy’s planes.

Because of this, they were awarded the Silver Star. The Silver Star Medal is the United States Armed Force’s third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat. It is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

Both men served in the Navy and had two tours in Vietnam.