



The Club that Fights Diabetes

Calling All Cosmos

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The new CI Board will be

installed at the Cosmopolitan Int'l.

Convention this month.



John Krysak

Int'l. President

2025-2026

Hands On! Wascana Cosmopolitan Club Helps Make the First Motorcycle Rally Poker Run a Success



There is something special about a service club that is willing to roll up its sleeves and help wherever needed. That spirit was on full display when members of the Wascana Cosmopolitan Club volunteered at the

Cosmopolitan Learning Centre's inaugural Motorcycle Rally Poker Run in Regina.

The Poker Run brought together motorcycle enthusiasts, community supporters, volunteers, and families for a day that celebrated fellowship while supporting an important local organization. As the first event of its kind organized by the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre, the rally was a tremendous opportunity to raise awareness, build

community partnerships, and create lasting memories.

From the moment participants began arriving, Wascana Cosmopolitan Club members were ready to lend a hand. Volunteers assisted with participant registration, ensuring riders were welcomed and prepared for the day's activities. Others sold raffle tickets throughout the event, helping generate additional funds to support the Learning Centre's programs and services.

As the afternoon unfolded, another team of volunteers took over one of the day's most popular attractions—the barbecue. Armed with spatulas and plenty of enthusiasm, several club members became expert burger flippers, serving delicious meals to hungry riders, volunteers, and guests. The barbecue quickly became a gathering place where stories were shared, friendships were strengthened, and everyone enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere.

Events such as the Motorcycle Rally Poker Run are about much more than motorcycles. They provide an opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together in support of a common cause. Every registration processed, every raffle ticket sold, and every burger served contributed to making the day a success.

Of course, no successful community event is complete without a few moments of laughter. One of the day's highlights came when CI President John Krysak jokingly admired a police motorcycle a little too enthusiastically. Rumour has it he nearly got himself arrested for trying to “borrow” the officer's bike! Thankfully, everyone—including the officer—shared a laugh, making it one of those memorable stories that volunteers will be talking about for years to come.

The light-hearted moment perfectly reflected the atmosphere of the event. While everyone worked hard throughout the day, there was also plenty of time for smiles, good conversation, and enjoying the camaraderie that develops whenever volunteers come together with a shared purpose.

The Wascana Cosmopolitan Club has long believed that service begins with action. Whether supporting fundraising events, assisting community organizations, or simply helping where



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Hands On! Wascana (cont'd.)

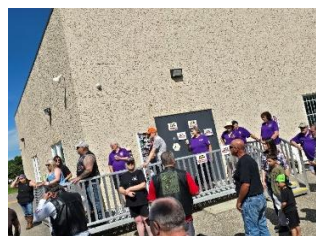
extra hands are needed, members continue to demonstrate the value of volunteerism in our community.

The Club is proud to have partnered with the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre for its inaugural Motorcycle Rally Poker Run and congratulates everyone involved in organizing such a successful first event. Special thanks go to the many volunteers, riders, sponsors, donors, and community supporters whose generosity made the day possible.

The success of this inaugural Poker Run provides an excellent foundation for future events. With strong community support and dedicated volunteers, there is every reason to believe this rally will become an annual tradition that continues to grow while supporting the valuable work of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre.

As service organizations know well, meaningful community impact is created one act of service at a time. Whether greeting participants, selling raffle tickets, preparing meals, or simply sharing a smile, every volunteer made a difference.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the first Motorcycle Rally Poker Run such an enjoyable and successful day. The Wascana Cosmopolitan Club was proud to be part of the event and looks forward to supporting many more community initiatives in the years ahead.





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Cheryl MacKenzie

VP of Membership & New Clubs

Learn, Connect, Grow

COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

CHATGPT: YOUR AI ASSISTANT

*Work Smarter. Save Time.
Do More.*

Discover how ChatGPT can help you simplify tasks, spark ideas, and stay connected in today's digital world.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

10:15 AM

CONVENTION SESSION ROOM

YOU'LL LEARN:

- What ChatGPT is and how it works
- How to ask better questions
- Practical ways to use it every day
- Tips for safe and confident use

MODERATED BY

CHERYL MacKENZIE
Director of Membership
Cosmopolitan International

DAN GREEN
President
Calgary Cosmopolitan Club

LEARN • CONNECT • GROW *See you there!*

THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS... Invite Someone to Join!

1. IT STARTS WITH YOU!
I LOVE BEING A COSMOPOLITAN! YOU SHOULD CHECK US OUT!
WHAT IS COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL?

2. WE'RE A COMMUNITY WITH PURPOSE!
If Friendship
If Leadership
If Service
If Diabetes Awareness
If Community Impact
WE MAKE FRIENDS, DEVELOP LEADERS, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE—LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY!

3. WE NEED NEW VOICES, NEW IDEAS, AND NEW ENERGY!
YOUNG OR YOUNG AT HEART... THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU HERE!
BRING YOUR TALENTS
SHARE YOUR PASSIONS
CREATE REAL CHANGE

4. ONE INVITATION CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!
THIS SOUNDS AMAZING! I LOVE TO GET INVOLVED!
WELCOME TO THE COSMO FAMILY!

5. TOGETHER, WE DO MORE!
UNITED IN SERVICE. DRIVEN BY ACTION. STRONGER TOGETHER.

6. BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!
INVITE SOMEONE TODAY! THE FUTURE OF COSMOPOLITAN IS BRIGHT!
A BETTER WORLD STARTS HERE!

INVITE. INSPIRE. IMPACT. *The next member could be the next leader!* **COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL**
UNITY • SERVICE • ACTION

COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Learn. Connect. Inspire. Make a Difference.

TOGETHER, WE CAN

Change Lives!

Help fund Diabetes Research!

Learn how our project makes a real impact.

The Cosmopolitan International Project to FUND DIABETES RESEARCH

A SPECIAL SESSION DEDICATED TO OUR COMMITMENT TO FINDING A CURE AND IMPROVING LIVES.

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH

11:00 AM

CONVENTION TRAINING ROOM

YOU'LL DISCOVER:

- The mission behind our International Project
- How your clubs are making a difference
- The latest progress in diabetes research
- Easy ways you can get involved and help

MODERATED BY:

Dick Gorton
Director of Special Projects
Cosmopolitan International
Past International President (PIP)

Your support today helps fund the research that leads to tomorrow's breakthroughs.

FUNDING RESEARCH BRINGING HOPE

Every contribution. Every dollar. Every life.

UNITY • SERVICE • ACTION • THINK

The future is brighter when we work together.

"Every milestone is a steppingstone on the path to greatness." Emily Johnson



Join us as we celebrate our
Milestone Member Anniversaries

JULY 2026

56 YEARS: Mike O'Bruhim (Wichita Air Capital Club)

35 YEARS: Jeanne Nielsen (Freemont 100 Club); Greg Shields (Jefferson City Club)

20 YEARS: Bruce McCollister (Sioux Falls Club)

10 YEARS: Ludene McLeod (Sioux Falls Club)

5 YEARS: Tom Stark (Wichita Air Capital Club)

Thank you to our Milestone Members and to all of those celebrating an Anniversary in June. We are who we are because of you.

John Krysak, President
Cosmopolitan International

Cheryl MacKenzie, Director Membership
Cosmopolitan International

Sioux City Cosmo Club



**Breakfast Meeting Thursday 7:00 AM At
 The Horizon Family Restaurant Last
 Week's Attendance: 17**

THIS WEEK: Our COD this week is Jenna McCabe! Jenna will be introducing Nicki Werner, CEO & Director of Brewing for Jefferson Beer Supply. Nicki will be the work they do with non-profits and their beer processing.

Upcoming Events

July 17th - OU Golf Shootout, Sioux City Country Club, 11:00 Check-in & lunch, Noon Shotgun, Dinner & awards follow golf

July 19th - John Koskovich's 70th Birthday Open House, Whispering Creek Clubhouse, 2 - 6 PM, No Gifts Please

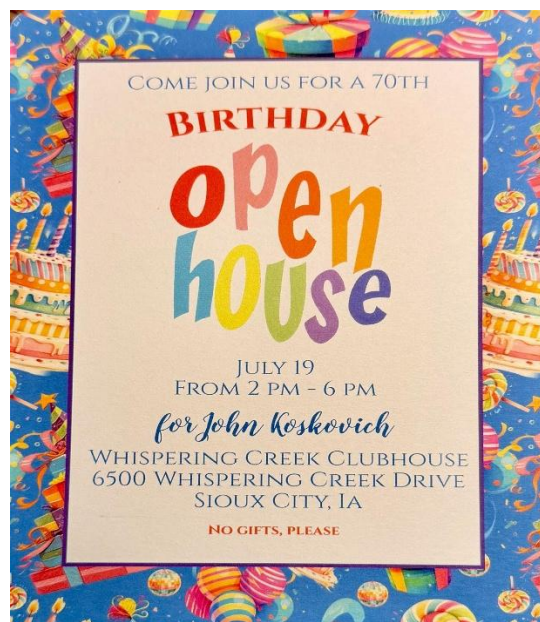
July 23rd - 26th - International Convention, Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, MN

July 31st - "Shoot for a Cure" Golf Fundraiser, Whispering Creek Golf Club, 11:30 lunch & registration, 1:00 Shotgun, Awards follow golf

September 12th - Boys & Girls Clubs Luau

September 18th - 20th - ArtSplash

October 9th - Mid-Step Services Golf Fundraiser, Green Valley, 11:15 Lunch and registration, 12:15 Shotgun start.



July

Birthdays:

7th - Doug VanDerVoort

12th - Bob Derflinger 102nd!

15th - Mike Potash

17th - John Koskovich

31st - tt Chilton

Anniversaries:

7th - Joe & April Bousquet
25 Years!

28th - Richard & Marjean
 Gordon 53 Years!

Upcoming COD List

July 23rd - Nicole Wells

July 30th - Chris Jackson

August 6th - Dick Storm

August 13th - Mike Potash

Bob Derflinger's 102 Birthday visit!





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**Judy Weitkemper,
Director of Education**

A New Year of Cosmopolitan: Growth, Service, and Purpose



There is something energizing about the start of a new year in Cosmopolitan. It is a time to celebrate what we have accomplished, look ahead with fresh enthusiasm, and recommit ourselves to the mission that brings us together. Across our clubs, we have an opportunity to build momentum, welcome new members, serve our communities, and strengthen our shared fight against diabetes.

This year brings real excitement for growth. Every club has a story worth sharing, and every member can play a part in helping more people discover who we are and what we do. Inviting guests to meetings, hosting community events, sharing our impact through local media and social channels, and simply talking with friends, neighbors, and coworkers can help introduce Cosmopolitan to people who are looking for a meaningful way to serve.

Growing our clubs is not only about adding names to a roster. It is about bringing in new energy, new ideas, and new hands to help carry the work forward. New members strengthen our ability to fundraise, volunteer, lead projects, and expand our reach. When we make people feel welcome and show them the difference Cosmopolitan makes, we give them a reason to stay, serve, and grow with us.

Our commitment to community service remains at the heart of that growth. Fundraising events, local partnerships, service projects, and public outreach all help keep Cosmopolitan visible and active in the places we call home. The more present we are in the community, the more people understand our mission and see the value of joining us in it.

Most importantly, we continue to stand together in the fight against diabetes. Our fundraising and awareness efforts support a cause that touches countless families, friends, and neighbors. Each event we plan, each dollar we raise, and each conversation we start helps move that mission forward. It reminds us that our work is not only important, but also personal.

To make this the best year ever, we need members to step forward. Chairing a committee, joining a project team, volunteering for the Board, or simply getting behind our club leadership can make a tremendous difference. Leadership does not always require a title; sometimes it begins with saying yes, offering help, encouraging others, and showing up when the work needs to be done.

As we begin this new year of Cosmopolitan, let us do so with excitement, confidence, and purpose. Let us grow our clubs, lift up our communities, support the fight against diabetes, and encourage one another to lead. Together, we can build stronger clubs, create greater impact, and make this a year we will be proud to remember.

I will be back on the CI Board this new Fiscal Year continuing as Director of Education. I do hope my committee, Karen Shepherd, Candace Gorton, and Linda Gentry, Mo-Kan stay with me this year and I would welcome more if you would like to join my team.

We have written a lot of new material this year to train Cosmo leaders. If there is anything you would like for us to cover, please email me at judyweitk@gmail.com and we will add it to our list of things to work on for this new Fiscal Year.

Judy Weitkemper

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Tim Dollens, Director of
Communications

A 1931 Article from our History

Bracken Speaks

“COSMOPOLITAN CLUB DELEGATES OPEN SESSIONS

Representatives of 52 Units Hold First Convention on Canadian Soil

More than 200 delegates from the United States and from five Canadian cities gathered today at the Fort Garry Hotel for the opening session of the ninth annual convention of the International Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs, the first convention of the organization to be held on Canadian soil.

Delegates here today represent 47 United States clubs, and five Canadian, with a total membership of more than 5,000. Winnipeg was chosen as the site of the first convention to be held in Canada, as Winnipeg was the first Canadian city to organize a Cosmopolitan club.

Delegates Welcomed

The convention opened with the singing of ‘O Canada,’ followed by ‘America.’ Frank S. Wiggins, secretary of the Winnipeg club and chairman of the Winnipeg convention committee, called the meeting to order, and spoke a few words of welcome to the visiting delegates.

E. G. Trick, president of the Winnipeg club, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the local club. Other nations should follow the example of Canada and the United States in international friendship, co-operation and good will, he said. All races and all nations must cooperate in fighting the present depression and bringing the world out of its present ills and back to a condition where it would be a more livable place.

“I welcome you to Manitoba for two reasons,” Premier Bracken told the members, “first for what you are—ambassadors of good will, between man and man, province and province, nation and nation; secondly, for what you stand for—integrity and upright dealings in business and life.”

Manitoba, like most parts of the world, at present is facing difficulties. Canada has expanded and become a great producing nation, producing seven times what she could consume herself. A large part of this is cereal foods. The return of Russia to world markets as an exporting nation has done much to cripple Canada’s trade. Manitoba is not pessimistic, however, and is facing the situation bravely. He believes that the depression can be beaten if the burden is born equitably and not by the farmers and unemployed workers alone.

Tarif Barriers Needed.

“Nations have the right to erect protective barriers,” he said in closing, “but we must all be thankful there is no tariff on friendship or ideas. Regarding our international boundary line, along which peace has been maintained for more than 100 years, let me give you this one message, that so far as we in Canada are concerned, our ambition is to preserve that amity and good will forever.”

P. J. Hodgins, Chicago, director-general and founder of the organization, replied to Premier Bracken, and declared that the two peoples had much in common in language, ideas and a common British ancestry.

Capt. E. Miller, of Grand Forks, N. D. spoke briefly, urging members to remember that business was not the only thing in life. They must think often of the spiritual ideas of human life and citizenship.”

The Winnipeg Tribune, Winnipeg, Canada, Monday, August 24, 1931, page 3, column 4.

[photo of four men on next page]

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***History from Cosmopolitan International From
1931*****"WINNIPEG FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETING*****Western District To Be Formed Here Will Get
Benefits*****WILL HAVE RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION BY
AND THROUGH DISTRICT GOVERNOR;****ONE DELEGATE FOR EACH 25 MEMBERS**

The ninth annual convention of Cosmopolitan International Federation will be held at Winnipeg on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday August 24, 25 and 26. These dates have been approved by the board of international councilors

Under the Cosmopolitan constitution and general laws each local club is entitled to representation on the floor of the convention on the basis of one delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof in good standing in the local club.

In addition to this, each district federation is also entitled to representation by and through the district governor and one district delegate for each thousand members, or major fraction thereof in good standing in the district.

For this reason, the formation of the western Canada district federation which will be discussed here at the convention on Monday is of great importance.

**The Cosmopolitan has the following to say of the
convention:**

"Our international convention has a matter of extreme importance. This convention provides an open forum for discussion of fundamental principles, international objectives, and it brings together in one great family our official delegates and fellow Cosmopolitans from both Canada and the United States. The convention gives us our legislative assembly through which new laws and new methods for improving our service may be considered and adopted. Our international conventions are the means whereby every individual fellow Cosmopolitan and every local club may advance some progressive idea and promulgate some good thought throughout the entire international federation.

"The government of the international federation is representative in form and every local club is urged



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to exercise its franchise and to be represented on the convention floor by delegates. Every member in the entire organization is also invited to attend. Any fellow Cosmopolitans may attend the convention and do everything except vote.

"Here is hoping that every Cosmopolitan and Cosmo Polly will arrange to attend this convention which there is every reason to believe will excel all past conventions both in size and in point of interest. There is a genuine thrill in greeting and meeting your fellow Cosmopolitans from distant parts of the United States and Canada. Many beautiful friendships have originated and sprung up at these international convocations.

"Winnipeg is ideally located for our international meeting. You will make no mistake in taking a vacation during the last week or last two weeks in August and arranging your affairs so that Winnipeg will be included in your itinerary. Special rates on the convention certificate plan will be made on all railroads and those who prefer to drive will find good roads leading to Winnipeg.

"All the Cosmopolitan clubs in Canada are united in spirit and extend a cordial welcome to United States clubs to visit that glorious, progressive and hospitable country. Nothing will be left undone either by the Cosmopolitan Club of Winnipeg or by the international federation to make this convention a great success. This is our first convention outside the jurisdiction of the United States and it will be a memorable one that will long live in our memory."



Chaplin
[photo of Rev. H. A. Alderwood]

REV. H. A. ALDERWOOD chaplain of the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Club who will be a delegate to the district organization convention here June 1. Mr. Alderwood is rector of St. James Anglican Church.

For Merit



For Merit

[pictured the Cosmopolitan Distinguished Service Medal]

The Cosmopolitan Distinguished Service Medal which is conferred upon a citizen in a community who has rendered the greatest good for the industrial, commercial and economic welfare of his community.

It is not a medal awarded for aesthetic purposes, nor specific acts of bravery or because of personal popularity. It is intended to serve as a mark of respect or recognition for that sterling citizen, rich or poor, who has actually contributed an unselfish service to put into motion the wheels of industry, or the forces of economic development, that have brought expansion and progress to the city in which he lives.

It is intended to be a spur to arouse the initiative and the fire of persons in each community who will strive for achievement in the arena of unselfish public service.

It was never intended to be a mere bauble to be handed to some person who forces himself into the limelight, seeking notoriety or vain glory, but rather to be awarded to those men among men who have dared to think and thus go forward and initiate new and progressive ideas in the development and upbuilding of their respective communities.

So carefully is bestowal of this medal guarded by the members of the Cosmopolitan clubs of Canada that only one has been awarded in Canada during the number of years that Cosmopolitan clubs have been in existence in the Dominion.

To Saskatoon belongs the unique honor of having secured this award, it being given to A. S. Wright, J.P., probation officer and secretary of the Children's Aid Society of Saskatoon. Warm tribute to his work for the Children's Aid Society extending over a period of 21 years as well as to his fine personal qualities [was] paid A. S. Wright, secretary of the society, at a banquet arranged in his honor by the Cosmopolitan Club at which he was the recipient of the club's distinguished service medal at Campbell's Palm Room last night. A



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MEETING (cont'd.)**

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**Reproduced from The Star-
Phoenix of March 4, 1930**

large gathering of members, their wives and friends witnessed the presentation made by P. J. Hodgins, director general of the International Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs, following some excellent eulogies to Mr. Wright's services by Dr. W. C. Murray, president of the University of Saskatchewan, one of the committees which selected him for the award.

Pointing out that the medal was awarded the citizen adjudged to have given the greatest public service to Saskatoon during the year, Mr. Early said he thought in the selection of Mr. Wright for the honor that every Cosmopolitan and every citizen would concur.

None of them really appreciated or knew to what extent Mr. Wright had benefited many poor unfortunates of the city Mr. Early stated. He was a man who did not seek any publicity or popularity. He went about his work in a very humble way and did it without any hope of praise or reward.

Although Mr. Wright was a bachelor, Mr. Early stated, he had the largest "family" in Saskatoon.

Dr. W. C. Murray, president of the Saskatchewan University, congratulated Mr. Hodgins and the federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs on what he referred to as the very happy idea of instituting a distinguished service medal. A club that stood for public service as well as good fellowship could do nothing better than put its stamp of approval on citizens who from time to time rendered some meritorious service to the public. The speaker recalled that at Mr. Wright's invitation he went and spoke at a meeting at which the Children's Aid society was formed 21 years ago and said what had been done for the benefit and happiness of the children since then could be traced almost entirely to Mr. Wright.

"Mr. Wright has had no children's aid upon his conscience," Dr. Murray continued. "He has worked for the children's aid morning, noon and night. He devoted a great part of this life to the welfare of little children and there is nothing more admirable, more estimable, in a

human being than his love and devotion for little children."

FEARLESS AND KIND

The speaker referred to the fearlessness with which Mr. Wright went about his work and also his kindness, but said it was not of the sentimental kind. Mr. Wright was not kind because it was the easiest way to treat people but it was kind tempered with justice and they always felt when Mr. Wright reported on a case that what he suggested was the right and proper thing to do.

"Of one thing I am absolutely sure," Dr. Murray said. "There is no person we could find in this city or in the province or this country who could be more devoted in his service to the unfortunates of this city or any other city than Mr. Wright has been."

Mr. Wright's deeds were not known to everyone. Their numbers were known to no one except himself.

Chief Donald, speaking as a member of the Rotary club, said Mr. Wright worked long hours on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon but the reward he got so far as dollars and cents were concerned was not great. He took a great pleasure in his work. At all time of the night his services were available and the chief had yet to hear of an occasion on which Mr. Wright had refused to go to any part of the town when called upon. As probation officer Mr. Wright had to represent the children who were unfortunate enough to be in court. He had to investigate home conditions and present them to the judge and he did it very well.

"There is many a boy and girl, young and old, in this city." Chief Donald stated, "who if they think rightly at all in after years will thank God that we have Mr. Wright in this city."

After conveying greeting of the international federation of Cosmopolitans and of the Cosmopolitan women of the United States to the members in Saskatoon, Mr. Hodgins explained at length the objects of the organization. The three characteristics of the Cosmopolitan, he said, were social, fraternal, and civic, of business and the three underlying principles, *unity, service and action*. The Cosmopolitans' motto was that man's greatest good was to be found in service to his fellow man. The organization also had three Mr. Hodgins stated. Presenting the distinguished service medal to Mr. Wright, the speaker said it exemplified the good work he had done in the city of Saskatoon. He further conferred the honorary membership of the Cosmopolitans on Mr. Wright, saying he understood he

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was an honorary member of the Rotary club and he rather wondered that he had not been an honorary member of all the service clubs in the city.

Expressing his thanks Mr. Wright said anyone who had been engaged in children's work as long as he had would be just as enthusiastic and perhaps more efficient than he was. He thanked the board of directors for the support they had given him although he pointed out that the personnel had changed considerably in 21 years. Not only through the Rotary club, who had made notable contributions to the work of the society, but in other ways the public had rendered great assistance.

The conferring of the medal on him, Mr. Wright said, was one more demonstration of the fact that the child was coming into its own. People were taking more interest in the work, particularly so far as the neglected child was concerned. The speaker claimed that it was the child's divine right to occupy the central position. The Good Book told them that a child was taken and placed in the midst and it has been standing there all these centuries. It was not that it was being acknowledged that the child was coming into its own. The appeal of the child was reaching the hearts of the public."

"Third Vice S. A. EARLY third vice-president of Cosmopolitan International, who will be chairman of the convention to organize the western Canadian district federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs."

[photo and caption of W. B. Caswell below]

"On Board W. B. CASWELL on the management board of the local Cosmopolitan Club who is taking an active part in the organization work in connection with the district organization, convention."

The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, Saskatoon, Canada; Saturday, May 30, 1931, page 17, columns 1-6

At Convention we are offering classes for:

- **1st Timers** (first time to Int'l Convention)
Melvina Newman & Judy Weitkemper
- Club Leadership – Judy Weitkemper
CHATGPT – Cheryl MacKenzie
- **Change Lives** – International Project –
Dick Gorton

I encourage you to attend the educational classes at the International Convention, where you will gain inspiring ideas and practical tools to strengthen your club and your service. These sessions will offer helpful ways to work smarter, not harder, by using your time, talents, and resources more effectively. You will also learn how to lead your club with confidence, encourage teamwork, and motivate members to stay engaged. Most importantly, you will discover how participating in our International Project helps save lives and makes a meaningful difference far beyond our own communities.

Judy Weitkemper

**SIOUX CITY COSMOPOLITAN CLUB HOSTS
30TH ANNUAL SHOOT FOR A CURE**

Diabetes

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 31, 2026 - 4 Person Texas Scramble

11:30 AM LUNCH 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START Whispering Creek Golf Club 6500 Whispering Creek Dr. Sioux City, IA	Pays 3 Flights Pick-A-Putt Silent Auction Proceeds to benefit treatment of Diabetes
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\$110* PER PERSON -
CART & LUNCH INCLUDED
* UNTIL JULY 17. AFTER JULY 17 \$125.00/PERSON

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Call Matt at 712-259-0950

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Sioux City

Jebro Inc.

Cosmopolitan International

Smurfit
Westrock

Ameriprise
Financial

Chick-fil-A
HAMILTON & WESLEY
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

Tyson

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RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

RTI Threads

JIMMY JOHN'S
SANDWICHES



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By Tim Dollens

Columbia Cosmopolitans **Celebrate Legacy, Leadership, and Fellowship** at Three-Club Hall of Fame Banquet and Inaugural Ceremony

It was an evening to remember as fifty-seven Cosmopolitans and family members gathered for a memorable three-club celebration filled with honor, history, and warm fellowship.

Red, white, and blue accents brightened the tables, cake, and cupcakes, adding a festive patriotic touch in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

On Thursday, July 9, the Jerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Center in Columbia, Missouri, became the setting for a truly special occasion as the three Cosmopolitan Clubs joined together for their annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, followed by the inaugural ceremony swearing in each club's new Board of Directors. For the first time, these two cherished traditions were combined into one remarkable evening. It was also the first Hall of Fame ceremony held in our own building, where the plaques of past inductees grace the walls like a proud timeline of service, dedication, and community spirit.

The evening was brought to life through the efforts of a dedicated four-person committee: Judy Weitkemper, Brett Benton, Carroll Highbarger, and Tim Dollens. After several date changes caused by catering conflicts, the celebration finally came together on a warm summer evening in our building, owned by the Luncheon and Breakfast Clubs and used primarily for meetings and Bingo, our leading fundraiser. Jamie Wilson, outgoing Mo-Kan governor from Jefferson City, Missouri, added to the significance of the night by graciously swearing in the new officers.

The heart of the evening belonged to this year's Hall of Fame inductees, each representing the very best of Cosmopolitan commitment:

The Breakfast Club honored Anthony "Tony" Bartel, with Judy Weitkemper presenting a thoughtful biography celebrating his life as a Cosmopolitan. The Luncheon Club honored the late Urban Wussler, a beloved local weatherman whose more than 50 years of perfect attendance reflected extraordinary loyalty and devotion. Urban also helped establish the Cosmopolitan Club in Jefferson City, Missouri, and Phil Hanson offered a meaningful tribute to his life and

lasting contributions to the community. The Show Me Club honored the late Elaine Rehmer, with Brett Benton presenting her biography and highlighting her remarkable service. A charter member of her club, Elaine was deeply involved in encouraging diabetes testing and worked at the local Diabetes and Endocrinology Center that Cosmopolitan International helped build and that continues to thrive today. Eight members of her family attended, making the moment especially moving as they accepted the award in her honor.

Another highlight of the evening was the recognition of Dean Barry of the Columbia Breakfast Club, now almost a 51-year-member, for more than half a century of faithful service. Dean received a 50-Year plaque and pin from Judy Weitkemper on behalf of Cosmopolitan International. He and his wife, Jan Berry, also a longtime Cosmopolitan, were joined by three of their children and three grandchildren, making the tribute a beautiful family moment and one of the night's most memorable honors.

Breakfast Club member Christina Kuhlmann also received well-deserved recognition as she accepted her Cosmopolitan of the Year Award, won at the Mo-Kan convention earlier this year. Jamie Wilson presented the award, adding another proud moment to an already inspiring evening.

From the heartfelt tributes and proud family moments to the display of Hall of Fame honorees lining the walls, the evening offered a wonderful reminder of what makes the Cosmopolitan family so special. Members and guests shared fellowship, celebrated service, and enjoyed delicious local barbecue from Como Smoke and Fire. Those who attended left with full hearts, and those who missed it surely missed a night worth remembering.

Tony Bartel



Urban Wussler



Elaine Rehmer



presented by, Left to right, Judy Weitkemper, Phil Hanson, and Brett Benton



Calling All Cosmos!



Tim Dollens, Director of Communications

It is hard to believe a full year has passed since we gathered in Kansas City, Missouri, and took an important step to strengthen the future of Cosmopolitan Int'l. Serving as your Director of Communications

during this year of transition has been both a responsibility and a privilege. I will be stepping down from this role so I can give more time and attention to my local Cosmopolitan Clubs, the Columbia Luncheon and Columbia Breakfast Clubs, where I serve on both Boards of Directors. These clubs, like so many across our organization, are filled with dedicated people who care deeply about service, fellowship, and the future of Cosmos.

Preparing this publication each month has been rewarding, and at times challenging, but it has always reminded me how much heart lives within our organization. I could not have done this work without the steady help, patience, and guidance of our one and only Judy Weitkemper. Judy has given generously her time and talent to help make each issue look professional, welcoming, and worthy of the stories our members share. After this issue, Judy and I will pass *Calling All Cosmos!* on to new compilers and editors. We hope they find the same joy we have found in bringing members together through this publication, and we hope even more members across the United States and Canada will share photos, articles, memories, and successes from their clubs. This newsletter belongs to all of us. It helps members see the work being done by the

Board, celebrates the good happening in our clubs, and reminds us that every story shared can encourage another club, another member, or another reader.

I will continue transcribing and compiling articles and information about the early years of our organization and will send those materials to the next editor. I have already transcribed 1931 newspaper articles about the first International Conference held in Canada—a milestone that says so much about the vision and courage of those who came before us. I believe our history is more than a record of the past; it is a guide for the future. Nearly 100 years later, our mission remains meaningful and necessary. Unity, Service, and Action are still at the heart of who we are, and they continue to call us to care for one another, strengthen our communities, and keep moving forward together.

To every member and reader, thank you. Thank you for reading, contributing, encouraging, and helping this publication reflect the spirit of Cosmopolitan International. I am grateful for every article, photo, idea, and kind word that has been shared. Most of all, I am grateful to the people of this organization, the members who give their time quietly, serve faithfully, welcome others warmly, and believe that our work still matters. I could not have carried this responsibility through the past year without Judy Weitkemper's support and without the many Cosmopolitan members I have had the pleasure of meeting, hearing from, and working alongside.

My hope is that *Calling All Cosmos!* will continue to be a place where our members feel informed, appreciated, and connected. When we share our stories, we strengthen the ties between our clubs and remind one another that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

As always, it is a great day to be a Cosmo!

Sincerely,

Timothy D. Dollens

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Fundraising 2026-2027

Exciting things are planned for the upcoming Year for Cosmopolitan International. Extra emphasis will be placed on Fundraising. At the CI Convention, there will be training for ChatGPT. Think of what could be created if the Fundraising Committee used this as a prototype, substituted CI information, and began to develop an updated Program to help our membership with fundraising projects.

Connect with me at CI. Share your ideas. Tell me what you think would help your club with fundraising. Bring the thoughts and ideas from the members of your Clubs. Would you be interested in being on a Fundraising Committee this coming Year? There will be a sign-up sheet circulated for you to volunteer.

I look forward to talking with you at CI. If you are not able to be at Convention, please contact me via email (njt751@gmail.com) or by text (605-484-1316).

See you in Minneapolis!

Nancy Trautman

CI Fundraising Director

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What We Can Do—Together.

Every idea has the power to change lives.
LET'S SPARK THE FUTURE.

THINK BIGGER
 Bold ideas today can create lasting change tomorrow.

SHARE IDEAS
 Your perspective could be the spark we need.

ENGAGE MORE
 New approaches.
 New partners.
 Stronger community.

BUILD TOGETHER
 Collaboration turns possibilities into purpose.

GROW IMPACT
 Sustainable funding fuels our mission and multiplies hope.

CHANGE LIVES
 Resources today. Brighter futures for tomorrow.

YOUR IDEAS. OUR MISSION. THEIR FUTURE.
 Let's leave this convention with more than inspiration—
LET'S LEAVE WITH A PLAN TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

WHAT WILL YOU PLANT TODAY THAT CHANGES TOMORROW?

SHARE YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS. BUILD OUR FUTURE.
Together, we can do more.

IDEAS. ACTION. IMPACT. TOGETHER.

INSPIRE • INNOVATE • INVEST • IMPACT
 A stronger mission. A stronger community. A better world.



Calling All Cosmos!

Cheryl MacKenzie, Director of Membership

Turning the Page Together in 2026

There is something special about the close of a Cosmopolitan year.

It isn't simply the end of twelve months of meetings, projects, and events. It is a moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate the countless acts of service that often go unseen—the hours volunteered, the friendships strengthened, the lives touched, and the communities made better because someone wearing a Cosmo badge chose to make a difference.

As we prepare to gather in Minneapolis for our 2026 International Convention, I am reminded that every convention marks more than the passing of the gavel. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in our shared story.

Membership is not measured only by the number of names on a roster. It is measured by the hearts that choose to serve, the hands that reach out to help others, and the willingness of each of us to invite someone new to experience the joy of belonging to something greater than ourselves.

The coming year is filled with possibilities. New leaders will bring fresh ideas. Clubs will discover new ways to serve. Friendships will be renewed, and new ones will be formed. Somewhere, someone will attend their very

first Cosmo event and begin a journey that may last a lifetime—just as many of us once did.

As Director of membership As Director of Membership, my hope is that each of us leaves Minneapolis inspired not only to return home, but to return with purpose.

Let's challenge ourselves to welcome one new member, mentor one emerging leader, encourage one struggling club, and share one story that reminds others why Cosmopolitan matters.



The future of our organization will not be determined by a single decision made during convention. It will be shaped by the thousands of small moments that follow—every invitation extended, every handshake offered, every project completed, and every life changed through service.

As we turn the page together, let us remember that the next chapter of Cosmopolitan International is ours to write. May it be filled with courage, compassion, growth, and the unwavering belief that together, we can accomplish far more than any one of us ever could alone.

I'll see you in Minneapolis. Let's begin the next chapter together.

Cheryl MacKenzie