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**“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.”**

– Henry Ford

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Columbia Breakfast & Luncheon Clubs

**Greetings** to all Cosmopolitans and Happy 2026! A new year is here, and we are halfway through our first year of the restructuring of Cosmopolitan International. We hope you had a nice holiday season and if you made any resolutions in the new year, we hope it is to be more active in the fight for a cure for diabetes.

One way you can be more active to benefit the whole organization is to submit an article for this bulletin, “Calling All Cosmos!” It can be about anything from a fundraiser you did, a membership drive that was successful, a need you provided to your community, or it could even be a bio on “Why Am I a Cosmo?” All of these topics and more could fill this bulletin every month and you could read about yourself or your club. Because the bulletin/ newsletter is online, we don’t have to worry about the length. This is your format to share with all of the clubs and federations that make up Cosmopolitan International!

In the future issues we will always have a work from our International President John Kryszak as well as from many of the other International Board members. In this issue we will be introducing you to some of them and why they are a part of this organization. We will also include the names of new members who join us so we can welcome them. We will also have a condensed version of the monthly minutes of the Board of Directors that take place the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Reports from other committees and Directors will also be included.

Hopefully next month we will have the Cosmo Topics published with all the news about last year’s Annual Convention. It will include information about the restructuring, winners of the annual awards, highlights of the giving to the various groups such as the Beacons and Diabetes Research Centers in Canada and Florida.

So, for now, please feel free to send your news items, event items, why you are a Cosmo to me or Judy Weitkemper at: [timdollens@gmail.com](mailto:timdollens@gmail.com). We will definitely let you know if we can publish your information and especially your photos! This is your newsletter/ bulletin. Let’s make it the best it can be and the source you look forward to every month.

Tim Dollens, Director of Communications  
Cosmopolitan International  
**As Always, it’s a Great Day to be a Cosmo!**



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### DOSE OF POSITIVITY!

**"Start each day with a  
positive thought and a  
grateful heart."**

—ROY T. BENNETT, *The Light in  
the Heart*

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Please share your club  
activities with your Federation  
Governor and include pictures  
for our next issue of "Calling  
All Cosmos!" or email to Judy  
Weitkemper and Tim Dollens  
to reach us by the 20<sup>th</sup>



## President's Report – January 13, 2026

### Greetings to you all and Happy New Year.

As we begin the year, I would like to thank you all for your contributions thus far. We are now into the second half of our term for 2025-2026. We must keep the momentum moving with the introduction of the new board and related tasks.

- During the last month: I have made one club visit with the Calgary Club to induct 8 new members. It was a success as they doubled the club's size. I have also heard that they signed up another new member. This is awesome. We need to promote this to other clubs as there is always hope with a little effort.
- I reviewed the CI Board Policies and provided some feedback to Vice-President Art Brassard.
- I attend virtually two Finance committee meetings to review our standings with respect to finances, procedures and banking. Will need motion to move UBS investments to US Bank.
- I attended virtually a 2026 Convention committee mtg – Given the situation on Minneapolis, Headquarters has been receiving concerns about the location of the convention. We must prepare for lower attendance.
- I have been communicating via email to other board positions to follow up on activities in progress.
- I contacted Past President Phil Hanson regarding the status of CI's tax-exempt status. We are just waiting for one acknowledgement from the IRS to indicate all clubs have retroactively been reinstated. Our tax return is ready to go but due to filing for an extension Phil is attempting to wait for the letter prior to filing the return. Members will be updated shortly.
- I followed up with Winter Board meeting attendees.
- I completed an NGO Form and submitted it to US Bank.

Yours in Cosmopolitan,

*John Kryszak*, CI President 2025-2026



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### Upcoming Cosmo Events!

**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY JANUARY 11  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
178 Burlington | Columbia Mo.  
\$10 per ticket, kids 8 and under eat free  
Catered by [unreadable]  
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!  
For tickets or more information, please contact:

Omaha 180 Cosmopolitan Club  
Mark your calendar for our Annual Casino Night on March 6th 2026!!!  
**CASINO NIGHT**  
Casino Gaming • Raffle • Silent Auction  
Proceeds Benefit Nebraska Kids Diabetic Camps and the Cornbelt Diabetic Connection Mobile Unit  
Friday March 6th, 2026  
Millard Social Hall  
1099 South 14th Street  
Omaha NE 68128  
Stocks, Beer, Soda, Casino Gaming  
3:00pm - 9:00pm  
Full Cash Bar All Evening  
For more information contact:  
[unreadable]

### Federation Conventions

**Mo-Kan - 4/17-4/19, 2026 at Columbia, MO**

**North Central – 4/24-4/26 at Rapid City**

**Western Canada – 5/22-5/24 at Saskatoon**



**Sheila Anderson**

CI Director Marketing

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Sioux Falls Evening Cosmo Club

### Why Belong to Cosmopolitan International

Being part of **Cosmopolitan International** means your local club's efforts are amplified far beyond what any single club could accomplish alone. As an International organization, we carry greater credibility and influence, allowing us to partner with leading diabetes research institutes and create meaningful, lasting impact. Membership connects clubs to a trusted global brand, shared resources, leadership development, and a powerful network of fellow Cosmopolitans who share ideas, fellowship, and purpose. Together, International doesn't replace local impact—it strengthens it, ensuring every club is part of something bigger, more visible, and more enduring.

### What International Does for You as a Local Club

Local clubs are the heart of Cosmopolitan International. But together, under one International organization, we multiply our strength, credibility, and impact. Here's what International does that no local club can do alone:

#### 1. Credibility & Influence

- International gives us the *power of scale*.
- As one voice, we can partner with national and international diabetes research institutes, healthcare organizations, and sponsors that would never consider a single club on its own.
- Our collective reputation opens doors that make local clubs more relevant in their own communities.

#### 2. Shared Brand & Recognition

- The Cosmopolitan name carries nearly a century of service and history.
- Belonging to a global brand sets your club apart from “just another local service group.”



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### Club Holiday Parties

#### Columbia Show-Me



## Sheila Anderson, Why Belong to International (Cont'd.)

- It's easier to attract new members, donors, and sponsors when you can point to the broader movement, you're part of.

### 3. Collective Impact

- Your club's fundraising, service, and membership growth contribute to something *bigger than local*.
- Together, Cosmopolitan clubs are funding groundbreaking diabetes research, raising awareness, and changing lives in ways that no club could achieve on its own.
- Every dollar, every event, and every new member becomes part of a global legacy.

### 4. Resources & Support

- International develops ready-to-use marketing materials, recruitment campaigns, and fundraising initiatives to save clubs time, energy, and money.
- Leadership training, convention programming, and digital tools are provided to help clubs grow and thrive.
- Instead of reinventing the wheel, clubs benefit from shared resources that work.

### 5. Networking & Fellowship Beyond Borders

- International connects you to a global network of passionate, service-minded people.
- Members gain lifelong friendships, professional connections, and opportunities to share ideas with other clubs.
- The fellowship extends beyond your community — and that sense of belonging matters.

### 6. Leadership & Legacy

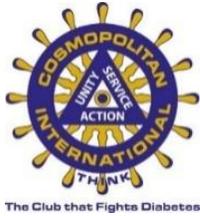
- International offers opportunities to serve on boards, committees, and international projects — giving members leadership experience beyond the local level.
- Those experiences strengthen personal growth, build resumes, and deepen members' pride in leaving a legacy that spans communities and generations.

#### Bottom Line:

International **multiplies your local impact**. It gives your club credibility, resources, and connections that make your work easier, more powerful, and more meaningful.

**Together, we're not just serving our communities — we're shaping the future of diabetes research and building a legacy that lasts.**

*Sheila Anderson*



## Calling All Cosmos!

### Club Holiday Parties Cont'd.

#### Columbia Breakfast



## Cheryl MacKenzie, Director Membership

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Edmonton Cosmo Club

### NEW: The “Why I’m In” Series

Starting in FEBRUARY, we will be launching a “Why I’m In” Series our monthly bulletin. We are often surprised at how much we have in common with fellow Cosmos, when we have the opportunity to learn. When we take the time, we often find we have more things that bring us together than keep us apart.

We would like to hear your stories and your “Why I’m In”. We are asking each Club to submit the “Why I’m In “ story of at least one of their members. Please submit your stories and the member’s photo to [Cheryl.MacKenzie@Cosmopolitan.org](mailto:Cheryl.MacKenzie@Cosmopolitan.org) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month and keep an eye out for our next “Why I’m In” Series.

### My “Why I’m In” — and Why Asking Matters: Cheryl MacKenzie

I officially joined the Edmonton Cosmopolitan Club in January 2018, but my connection to Cosmopolitan began years earlier. In 2012, I started volunteering with Rock’n August in St. Albert, working alongside members from both the St. Albert and Edmonton Cosmopolitan Clubs to help raise funds for diabetes research. As someone newly diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, this cause was deeply personal and meaningful to me.



For many years, I worked shoulder to shoulder with Cosmo members through Rock’n August. Interestingly, no one ever spoke to me about CI or invited me to attend a meeting. This wasn’t intentional or anyone’s fault — we were focused on the work at hand, and joining simply wasn’t top of mind. This experience, as I’ve since learned, is not uncommon.

In January 2018, I was finally asked to join — and I said yes.

Since then, I’ve had the privilege of serving at the Federation and International levels. My “why” is not unique: I’m a Cosmo because I want to make a difference in my community and support diabetes research. I chose to take on greater roles because I wanted to increase my impact.

There’s an important lesson in my story. We need to remember to *ask* the people around us to join our organization. Asking can feel uncomfortable, but it’s essential. When we don’t ask, we may avoid hearing “no,” but we also remove the opportunity for someone to say “yes.” My “why” is to help grow this organization by simply asking the question — and I encourage each of you to do the same.



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#### Club Holiday Parties Cont'd.

#### Canada



#### TAKE NOTE: STAY UP TO DATE



### COSMO INTERNATIONAL - Member Site

Private group

This exclusive, locked group is available only to current members of Cosmopolitan International. It's a space where we connect and share stories from across the CI community — including individual and club highlights, event recaps, diabetes-related news, and important announcements.

It's a great way to stay informed, inspired, and connected with Cosmopolitans across the Federations.

To stay up to date on what's happening across CI, simply request access to the page at:

[COSMO INTERNATIONAL - Member Site | Facebook](#)

#### MOVERS AND SHAKERS



Each month we will recognize clubs for their new membership growth.

Top Club year-to-date - Top Club month

*Here are the monthly movers and shakers through the first six months of 2025-26*

**JULY: WICHITA AIR CAPITAL COSMO CLUB, President Rob Powers (2):**

Welcome Jason & Mike as they became members of the club!

**AUGUST: RAPID CITY COSMO CLUB, President Becky Kerr (2):** Welcome

Dennis & Ella as they became members of the club!

**SEPTEMBER: CALGARY COSMO CLUB, President Dan Green (5):**

Welcome Chantal, Don, Leonard, Lorraine and Mervin as they became members of the club!

**OCTOBER: There is a tie.... SIOUX CITY COSMO CLUB, President Paul**

**Crandell (2):** Welcome Gregg and Kevin as they became members of the club! **AND CALGARY COSMO CLUB, President Dan Green (2):** Welcome Cathy and Glenn as they became members of the club!



## Calling All Cosmos!

### Columbia Luncheon Club

### Check Presentation of Community Donations



Club President John Hubert Presenting a check for \$25,000 to our local Humane Society naming rights of the new council room.



John presenting a \$15,000 check to Job Point.



Linda Woolley presenting a \$3,000 check to CASA for Christmas gifts for local Foster Children

## Cheryl MacKenzie - Movers and Shakers Cont'd.

**NOVEMBER: ST ALBERT COSMO CLUB President Ben Foster (3):** Welcome Alex, Rich and Steve as they became members of the club!

**DECEMBER: WICHITA AIR CAPITAL COSMO CLUB, President Rob Powers (2):** Welcome Jack V & Scott K as they became members of the club! Welcome to the family Jack & Scott.

### YEAR TO DATE MOVER & SHAKER:

The **CALGARY COSMO CLUB** is leading the charge in growth in 2025-26. Congratulations to President Dan Green and his team as they work to grow Cosmos in Calgary. The club has added 8 new members in our current year.



**Melvina Newman, Director Website IT**

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### FOR 2026!

Hope everyone had a wonderful and exciting New Year! Did you make Your New Year Resolution? As we enter the new year, we want to be sure to make 2026 a great year for Cosmopolitan. Hope you are included in your resolutions to make 2026 a great Cosmo Year.

Just a couple items to have on your calendar: The in-person Cosmopolitan International Board meeting will be held on February 27 and 28, 2026. Everyone is welcome to attend board meetings so if you would like to attend, please let me know and I will provide the information. Reservations are due soon.

The other important date for you to put on your calendar and include in your Cosmo resolution is to attend the Cosmopolitan International Convention. **Save the dates now for July 22-26, 2026, in Minneapolis/Bloomington. The official convention starts off on Thursday, July 23, 2026.**

You are welcome to come early and socialize with other Cosmos on Wednesday, July 22. The first Board meeting will start Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m. with a welcome party at 6:00 p.m.

Friday will be a day of Education Sessions, The Beacons Lunch with a great speaker and some free time. Then you will not want to miss the dinner and entertainment on Friday evening as the entertainment will be well worth attending the convention. More to come on this evening.

Saturday will be the delegates meeting, Installation Luncheon and the 2nd CI Board meeting along with the CDF Board meeting. The day will conclude with the President's banquet, the award presentations and MORE Entertainment!!

Make your plans now - be in Minneapolis July 22-26. You do not want to miss the excitement!! A lot more information will be sent out over the next few months, and registration will also be coming. **MINNEAPOLIS - DON'T MISS IT!**  
*Melvina Newman*



**Calling All Cosmos!**

**Socializing before the festivities**



**Can you imagine welcoming eight new members?**

That's exactly what the Calgary Cosmopolitan Club accomplished in December! I made a quick afternoon flight to Calgary and was fortunate to attend their Christmas celebration, where I had the pleasure of inducting these eight members and presenting them with their membership packets and pins.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship – getting to know our newest members while sharing an excellent meal at the local Greek restaurant. The trip wrapped up with a late evening trip back to the airport only to arrive back at home in the wee hours of the morning, but it was well worth it to celebrate such an exciting milestone for the club.

Congratulations to the members working hard to achieve this goal and welcome to the new members.

If your club has exciting news to share, just let me or one of the directors know.

*John Krysak*, CI President 2025-2026

**The Whole Crew in attendance & Presentations of Packets & Pins**





### Calling All Cosmos!

An **Education Committee** plays a crucial role in ensuring the effectiveness and consistency of leadership across our organization. By creating clear instructions for leaders, we support best practices and a shared understanding that ensure our mission and values are upheld across all locations. These written guidelines will help new and existing leaders understand their roles, responsibilities, and expectations, reducing confusion and ensuring smoother transitions when leadership changes occur.

Furthermore, standardized instructions will support continuity and cohesion among clubs, regardless of regional differences. Leaders benefit from having access to the same resources, which fosters a sense of unity and collective purpose. This is particularly important for our organization as it helps bridge gaps in communication and practice, ensuring that all clubs are aligned with the Board's vision and operational standards.

Finally, leaders can revisit these materials as needed, enabling them to address challenges confidently and make informed decisions. This proactive approach not only strengthens individual clubs but also contributes to the overall success and reputation of the organization across the U.S. and Canada.

### John Krysak's Presentations of Packets & Pins Cont'd.



**Judy Weitkemper, Director of Education**  
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It is a privilege to work with the CI Board and the Education Committee.

The Committee is actively engaged in developing educational materials for Federation Governors & Boards, as well as Club Presidents & Boards, with the objective of finalizing these resources prior to the Winter Board meeting scheduled for late February. Committee Members Karen Shepherd, Linda Gentry, Candace Gorton, and I are committed to achieving this deadline.

After the Winter Board Meeting, Cheryl MacKenzie will upload the materials to Club Runner for accessible leader training.

My primary objective is to deliver comprehensive and effective training for all leadership positions by introducing new frameworks and strategies. Feedback and recommendations regarding improvements to existing training or the creation of new sessions are highly encouraged.

Individuals interested in joining the Education Committee are invited to contact me.

*Judy Weitkemper*



### Calling All Cosmos!

**Welcome the Following New Members to our clubs:**

**Cornbelt Federation:**

Norman Springer Jason  
Fiscus,  
Richard Storm

**Mo-Kan Federation:**

Dalton Meyer  
Dylan Kuhn  
Lindsey Valuner  
Lynn Eaton  
Sammi Gregory  
Jack Van Riper  
Scott Kubick  
Jason Laub  
Mike Moore  
Rebecca Roesslet

**North Central Federation**

AmyThompson  
Ray Thompson  
Dennis Wagner  
Ella Bordewyk  
Dan Schuver

**Western Canada:**

Alex Morison,  
Jared Power  
Myles Everest  
Rich Whitehouse  
Steve Whitehouse  
Rich Whitehouse

**Calgary:**

Chantal Beliveau  
Don Achtemichuk  
Leonard Yurko  
Lorraine Yurko  
Mervin Wallawein

**Edmonton:**

Kery Samadzija,  
Leslie Borin

**Winnipeg:** Henry Shorr

*Cheryl MacKenzie*



**Wade Frink,**

**Director of Conventions,** [Keepontask@yahoo.com](mailto:Keepontask@yahoo.com) Freemont 100 Club

### **Activity Report on 2026 International Convention**

We had our first zoom meeting on 1-7-26. If there is anyone who I missed or would like to be included in the next zoom meeting, please let me know.

We discussed the different committees and each committee's responsibilities. There was discussion about having any activities that would leave the hotel. There was concern shared about leaving the hotel, due to what is going on in Minneapolis. Safety for our members and guests is a high priority. I am working on getting a list put together of places that are close by, for anyone that is not involved in meetings. They can contact Uber on their own and go see sites or go shopping or whatever they feel safe doing.

I have been working on committees:

- Logistics – Melvina - Wade
- Registration Table – Susie B - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Awards – Donna C. (?) - \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitality – Kathy K. – Jim J.
- Meeting Room Clean/Prep – Carol F.- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Breaker Activities – Kathy K. – Carol F. - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I have been in touch with Bloomington Travel & Tourism. We are working on some places for non-Cosmos to do while Cosmos are in meetings.

They are working on some packages as well as discounts for places in the area.

Thank you,

*Wade*



**Calling All Cosmos!**

*Every small act of service  
plants a seed that can grow  
into a forest of hope*

**The CI Board meets via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Central except for the Winter Board meeting which will be in person in Minneapolis in February, Governor-Elects should be in attendance for Governor Training, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Education Committee meets via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm Central.**



"THAT'S A GREAT IDEA... LET'S RUN WITH IT."

**"A board meeting should be less about filling the agenda and more about fueling the vision."**



**Jamie Wilson**

Governor MOKAN Federation  
[jnordwald@gmail.com](mailto:jnordwald@gmail.com)  
 Jefferson City Cosmo Club

I am working on a winter newsletter to be sent out after Winter Board meeting! Kelly Figge (Gov elect), Don Gentry (CDF Rep), Judy Weitkemper (Dir. Of Education), Tim Dollens (Director of Communication), Kurt Kopp (CI Secretary), and I will be headed to Minneapolis for that at the end of February. If you have any needs or concerns for the CI Board, please forward them before then! Say a prayer or send your positive vibes for safe travels and productive time together for the CI Board.

We had a virtual CI Board Meeting this week and John Krysak presented a discussion on alignment between CI and Clubs and what club priorities/needs from CI are at this time.

If you have any information for the CI Newsletter or Cosmo Topics, please forward to me or Tim Dollens, Sheila Anderson, or Melvina Newman, ASAP so that they can get it into production.

For those that don't know Gary Bartlett recently passed away. Please keep Susie, Gaylene and families in your thoughts. Gary will be greatly missed and has left a legacy in our MO-KAN family. Continue to also keep Judy, CeCe, and Brett in your hearts following the losses of Bill and Larry.

It has been a difficult few months for our clubs, please remember to be kind to one another and respectful of everyone's service to our clubs and communities. We are all in this together with our own individual 'why's' and it takes each one of us to continue to work together to increase awareness to our cause and big picture goals. This is not about any one individual but moving forward together as a whole to find a cure for diabetes and support our communities.

Mark your calendars!! MO-KAN will be April 17-19 in Columbia. Sunday the 19th will just be check out day with no scheduled activities. More information to come!

Thank you ALL for your continued service and commitment to Cosmos. If you need anything let me know...and if you have any upcoming spring events let me know so I can try to make some visits!





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### North Central Board Members

Governor, Charles Reuwsaat  
 Governor Elect, Ludene McLeod  
 Lt. Governor, Bruce McCollister  
 Treasurer, Chris Bauer  
 Secretary, Rhonda Reuwsaat  
 Judge Advocate, Larry Sheehan  
 Immediate Past Gov-Deb Peterson

#### PRESIDENTS:

Jim Clark - Sioux Falls Noon Club  
 Becky Kerr - Rapid City Club  
 Deb Peterson - Sioux Falls Evening Club

#### Save the Date:

**North Central Federation Convention**

**April 24-26, 2026 in Rapid City.**

#### International Convention

**July 24-26<sup>th</sup>: 2026 at the Hilton Hotel in Bloomington, Mn**

## CI NEWS



#### International Convention:

Planning for the 2026 Convention is well underway. Information will be sent out in a few months.



Charles Reuwsaat, Governor

North Central Federation c.reuwsaat@rap.midco.net  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR”

I'm sure we can all reflect on 2025 and recall so many things we have been a part of that we have achieved personally, professionally and as a club within Cosmopolitan International. So many lives have been impacted in a positive way due to our many hours of volunteering with our prospective fundraising we work long hours at each month throughout our year. Give yourselves a well deserved kuddos for that!

We are well into January 2026 and the time just keeps moving faster. We may not be experiencing real winter weather conditions however we feel the changes of the season.

Thinking of the season of Winter, we sometimes deal with the wintertime blues as our days of light are less and the temperatures are cold. The good news is we are gaining a couple minutes of light to each day. Below are a few suggestions I searched out regarding battling the wintertime blues.

#### Enjoy...

- **Get MOVING** a minimum of 20 minutes a day 4 times a week.
- **Work on maintaining sleep** 7 to 9 hours a night. Yes- I know that is difficult for many!
- **Enjoy Laughter!** 😊
- **Stay Social** with family and friends. Dinner, Drinks, Games, Movies, Bingo etc.
- **Consider :Light Therapy-** We have more lights on in our home during the darkest days of winter so our atmosphere is brighter. It does help.

#### North Central Club Information:

**Rapid City-** Monday Meetings at lunchtime weekly at Thirsty's Restaurant

President- Becky Kerr - The Rapid City Club enjoyed our annual Christmas Party held at the Monument Event Center on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 55 members/guests attend. Santa & Mrs. Claus joined our party. Attendees enjoyed taking photos with them for keepsakes. All attendees went home with a gift from our drawings of cash and gift cards. Member, Dick Dittman entertained attendees during our social hour with Christmas Tunes on his Trumpet. Our entertainment program was the Central High School Freshman Choir. We continue to be very busy with Hockey season- scanning tickets and working in the ice arena, concerts and theatre. We are preparing for ticket scanning during the upcoming Stock Show & Rodeo at the end of January and beginning of February. The Sports Expo will be February 13-15<sup>th</sup>. It takes several members, spouses and friends to cover all the needs during the Sports Expo. We are very busy and love to raise money for our annual funds distribution in the summer.

