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Calling All Cosmos!

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"Growth is never mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

- James Cash Penney

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John Krysak, President’s Report – April 14, 2026

Theme of the Month: Commitment and Purpose

It is with great sadness that I announce to you all, if you have not heard already, that Past International President and current CI Board Secretary, Kurt Kopp has passed away. It was only a week ago that he was messaging me with draft minutes from the December 9th meeting and a draft agenda for this month’s meeting. I did not know him long but did enjoy my time working with him. He remained committed to being a Cosmopolitan as long as he could. May he rest easy now.

It is the middle of tax season where I live and nearing the end of tax season for our treasurer. Please take it easy on him for the next week or so until he figures out who he is and where he is. We will get updated once Randy has a moment to catch up.

I have been trying to keep up with various tasks such as:

- Making sure the awards judging process is ready to go. I have appointed Vice President Art to head up this area.
- I have been trying to keep up with the happenings of the Regina Cosmopolitan Club as they have lost a few more members and may be on the brink of collapse.
- Following up with the movement of funds from one bank to the other.
- Following up on the production of Cosmo Topics.
- Making sure we have attendees for the Federation conventions.
- Trying to communicate with Phil Hanson to ensure our tax filing has been met. Will check on this again after the 15th of April.
- Trying to compile a listing of all Passwords with respect to CI accounts. These need to be maintained with the Judge Advocate.
- Trying to keep up with all the marketing announcements – love this as it keeps us engaged.



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"The secret to change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

– Socrates

***Theme of the Month:
Commitment and
Purpose***

- Reviewed the Draft CI Policies to provide feedback to VP Art Brassard.
- We continue moving forward with the awards applications. It appears there are variations to PDF programs where they do not all talk the same language which has created problems again this year.

We are down to three months remaining, during this time we must:

- Move forward with Convention planning to ensure we are prepared and ready to go.
- Member enhancement training sessions are in the works. Let's all help where we can to provide the best information possible to our members.
- We continue to move forward with office duty function allocations. If you notice a particular activity that you believe should be under your portfolio, let us know. We are still working out the bumps.
- Communication remains key. When we do not hear from one another, we naturally assume that everything is running smoothly. Regular check-ins—even brief updates—help us stay aligned, meet deadlines, and support one another in moving our work forward.
- We must now begin the search and recruitment for vacant positions such as Vice-President and Secretary. If anyone is considering switching positions or withdrawing from a position, please reach out to me or Past President Dick Gorton to let us know.

Together, by staying committed, communicating openly, and supporting one another, we continue to move the organization forward—working together so that we truly can go further.

Yours in Cosmopolitan,

John Krysak

CI President 2025–2026

Dose of Positivity

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings."

—ANN LANDERS



**Calling All Cosmos!
Tim Dollens, Dir of
Communications**

Mark your Calendar!

**FEDERATION
CONVENTIONS:**

**Western Canada – 5/22-5/24 at
Saskatoon
Cornbelt – 5/30 Freemont at the
golf club**

**INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

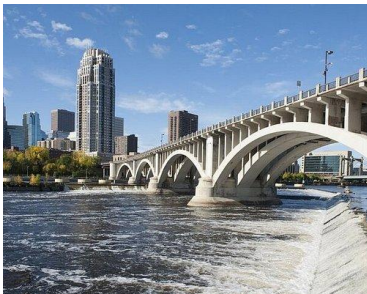
**Join Us in Bloomington, MN for
our
2026 Int'l. Convention on July
23-26, 2026**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION
OPENS SOON!**

**Hilton
Minneapolis/Bloomington
3900 American Boulevard West
Bloomington, MN 55437**

**SPECIAL GROUP
RATE: \$145.00 + tax
Last Day to Book: June 22, 2026**

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Minneapolis River Walk, Self-Guided Audio Tour

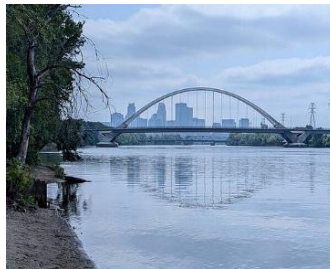
Seven Best Things to See and Do in Minneapolis



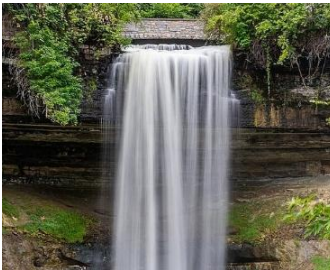
1. **Candlelight Ghost Tour on the Trolley**



2. **Arrated Scenic Tour on the Trolley**



3. **Minneapolis Past & Present Walking Tour**



4. **Minneapolis Falls, Self-Guided Audio Tour**



5. **Minneapolis Skyway Walking Tour**



6. **Minneapolis Local Food Tour**



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**Sheila & Derry at MoKan
Sheila, Jamie, Derry & others**



Bingo Fun



a toast-Phil, Derry, Sheila, Judy, & John



Gov Jamie & Incoming Gov Kelly



**Sheila Anderson, CI Director of Marketing
and this week the CI Representative to Mo-Kan Federation
Convention**

What a fantastic weekend with the MoKan Federation in Columbia, MO!

Friday kicked things off with a tour of NextGen at the University of Missouri, an inspiring look at innovation and what's ahead. That evening, we gathered at the Cosmo Bingo Hall for some great BBQ, plenty of laughs, and of course... bingo! We wrapped up the night keeping an eye on tornado warnings, definitely a memorable twist to the evening!

Saturday brought us together for the Delegates Meeting, followed by a wonderful lunch program featuring Dr. Camila Manrique-Acovedo, Professor of Medicine and Division Director of Endocrinology and Metabolism with the Cosmopolitan International Diabetes & Endocrinology Center. If you attended the 2025 International Convention, you may remember her impactful presentation. She continues to inspire with her work and insights.

The afternoon gave everyone a chance to relax and explore. Some members visited Cosmo Park to see the Cosmo bricks, a meaningful way to connect with our organization's legacy.

We closed out the weekend with the Awards and Installation Banquet, followed by a dance and celebration. A perfect ending to a weekend filled with connection, purpose, and fun.

Thank you to everyone who made it such a special event. Great things are happening across the MoKan Federation!

Sheila Anderson

New Mo-Kan Federation Board



Kelly F, Mary M, Linda G, Trina R., Linda S., Susie B, and Jamie W



Calling All Cosmos!

WE ARE COMMITTED!

Karen Shepherd



Linda Gentry



Candy Gorton



Judy Weitkemper, Director of Education – judyweitk@gmail.com

The Education Committee and I have been working diligently and passionately to elevate leadership experience across all Cosmopolitan Clubs. Our commitment to your growth and success has guided us as we developed innovative and comprehensive educational materials tailored specifically for our dedicated leaders that address every aspect of leadership. These resources will empower you to communicate more effectively, manage teams confidently, and drive meaningful change within your club."

We have completed a brand-new training manual for Federation Governors, a thoughtfully crafted handout for those considering the rewarding journey of becoming a Federation Governor, and a valuable collection of general resources that governors can share with their clubs. These tools are designed not only to inform, but to inspire and empower you to lead with knowledge, confidence, and enthusiasm. These materials can be found on the CI Website under *Resources*

In addition, we have developed dynamic new materials for both club leadership and Federation Board Leadership, ensuring that every leader—no matter their role—has access to best practices, proven strategies, and motivational guidance. Our work doesn't stop there; we are currently finalizing an engaging, step-by-step onboarding program, including innovative approaches to recruitment and retention of members. This program will provide practical tools and actionable insights to help your club grow and thrive. I look forward to sharing the club resources and strategies with you personally during our Club Officer education session, scheduled for Friday, July 24th, at July's International Convention in Minneapolis. This session promises to be interactive and enriching, equipping you with everything you need to make a meaningful impact in your club and throughout the organization. Let's continue striving for excellence together and build a stronger, more vibrant Cosmopolitan community!

Judy Weitkemper



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Cheryl MacKenzie

Diabetic Friendly Recipe

These are creamy, chocolatey, and perfectly portion-controlled—great for a sweet craving without a blood sugar spike.



Ingredients

- 1 cup fresh strawberries (hulled)
- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt (unsweetened, full-fat or 2%)
- 1–2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1–2 tbsp powdered erythritol or monk fruit sweetener (to taste)
- ½ cup dark chocolate (70%+ cocoa)
- 1 tsp coconut oil (optional, helps chocolate melt smoothly)

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Cheryl MacKenzie, Cosmopolitan International

Director of Membership & New Clubs

Cheryl.MacKenzie@Cosmopolitan.org



Join us as we celebrate our Milestone Member Anniversaries:

April 2026

68 YEARS: Richard (Dick) Kahler (Rapid City Cosmos)

62 YEARS: Raymond Mayhew (Headquarters)

61 YEARS: Walter Coziahr (Council Bluffs Cosmopolitan Club)

50 YEARS: Lewis Verner (Freemont 100 Cosmos), G. Goodsell (Rapid City Cosmos)

30 YEARS: William Keck (Rapid City Cosmos)

25 YEARS: Janet Feltham (Heartland Santa Fe Trail Cosmos), Don Feltham (Heartland Santa Fe Trail Cosmos), Hayden Newby (Heartland Santa Fe Trail Cosmos)

20 YEARS: Jeffrey Myers (Sioux City Cosmos), Angela McFalls (Edmonton Cosmopolitan Club)

15 YEARS: Daniel Miller (Rapid City Cosmos), Michelle Evans (Rapid City Cosmos)

5 YEARS: Becky Kerr (Rapid City Cosmos), Cleon Diers (Rapid City Cosmos)

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

John Krysak, President
Cosmopolitan International

Cheryl MacKenzie, Dir. Membership
Cosmopolitan International



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Instructions

1. **Prep strawberries:** Pat dry after washing.
2. **Make yogurt dip:** Mix Greek yogurt, vanilla, and sweetener.
3. **Dip & freeze:**
 - Dip each strawberry into the yogurt mixture
 - Place on a parchment-lined tray
 - Freeze for 1–2 hours until firm
4. **Melt chocolate:** Microwave in short bursts, stirring in between. Add coconut oil if using.
5. **Chocolate coat:** Dip frozen yogurt strawberries into melted chocolate.
6. **Final freeze:** Return to tray and freeze another 15–20 minutes until set.

Why it works for diabetes-friendly eating

- **Low added sugar** (uses sugar-free sweetener)
- **Protein from Greek yogurt** helps stabilize blood sugar
- **Dark chocolate** = lower sugar + antioxidants
- Naturally **portion-controlled**

Make it extra fun

- Sprinkle with crushed nuts or unsweetened coconut before chocolate sets
- Drizzle with a little extra melted chocolate for a fancy look
- Turn it into “mini pops” by sticking toothpicks in before freezing

“Cosmos Care in Action” Social Media Campaign in FULL Swing By **Cheryl Mackenzie**, Director – Membership

If you’ve visited the Cosmopolitan International Members Facebook page recently, you may have noticed a steady stream of new content. We’re excited to introduce our “Cosmos Care in Action” campaign, designed to highlight our members, clubs, and the meaningful work happening across our organization throughout the week.



Content is shared across both the private Members page and the public Cosmopolitan International Facebook page, helping us expand our reach and tell our story more broadly. Be sure to check out these posts and share them when appropriate. You’ll find spotlights on members, community impact events, historical and fun facts, as well as ongoing updates related to diabetes awareness and research. Keep an eye out for the campaign’s image tag to easily identify these posts.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS happen on Monday’s.

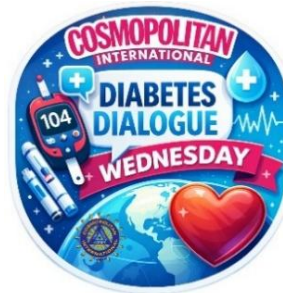


These posts are snapshots of longer questionnaires/ interviews that are being conducted to collect information.

The longer version of the articles are now available to read on the Cosmopolitan International website under **Resources/CI Member Spotlight**

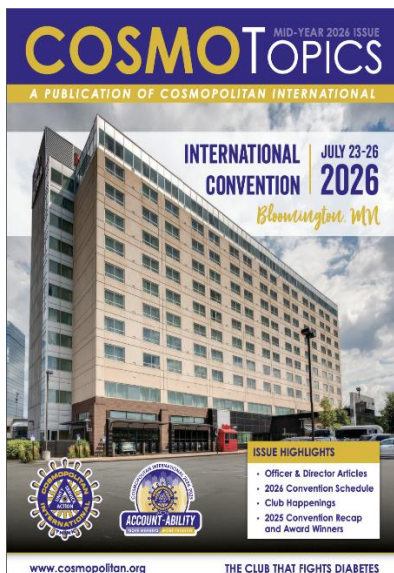
Diabetes Dialogue – Wednesdays

These weekly posts focus on diabetes awareness, including key statistics, personal stories of living with diabetes, and updates on ongoing research and the dedicated researchers behind it. Whenever possible, we will also highlight information and progress related to Cosmopolitan International’s funded projects.





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Current Issue of Cosmo Topics

In your Mailbox and online

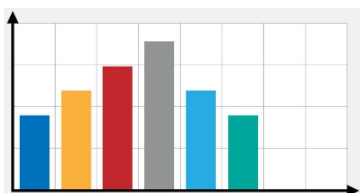
Attend the extraordinary International Convention in Bloomington, MN. You will find a schedule for this 20256 Int'l. Convention in this issue so plan now to join your many friends in conducting the business of our organization and all the fun activities they have arranged for us.

Register online today on ClubRunner - CI Website

www.cosmopolitan.org

scroll down to bottom of home page.

Cheryl MacKenzie, Director Membership



CI MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT

Members: July 1, 2025 – 767

Members

Members: March 31, 2026 – 747 Members

Welcome to New Members in April:

Carroll Highbarger, Columbia Breakfast Club
(Sponsor: Judy Weitkemper)

Liam Yantes, Rapid City Cosmo Club
(Sponsor: Bob White)



Year To Date: Sponsors of 3+ New Members:



Sponsored 5 New Members

*Dan Green

Sponsored 3 New Members

*Ben Foster, Bryan Kuhn, Gord Hendrickson

Year to Date Top Three Clubs in Growth

(Number of New Members)

1. Calgary Cosmo Club – 8 New Members
2. Wichita Air Capital Cosmo Club – 6 New Members
3. Rapid City Cosmo Club – 5 New Members



Year to Date Top Three Federations in Growth

(Number of New Members)

1. Western Canada Federation – 18 New Members
2. MO-KAN Federation – 10 New Members
3. North Central Federation – 6 New Members





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Ideas for Ways to Increase Money Raised in your Fundraisers:

Example: For a **Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser**, highlight the causes such as supporting diabetes research—instead of just selling tickets. Emphasize how contributions will directly aid new research projects or local families, showing the real impact of your fundraising efforts.

Including concrete examples, such as a particular fundraising event or a story about someone affected by diabetes, can make your narrative more relatable and inspiring for donors.

Walkathon

Instead of keeping the story general, describe how your club organized a walkathon that has brought together students and community members, raising both funds and awareness for diabetes research. This can motivate others to get involved.

Emphasizing the results of previous fundraising efforts—such as the amount raised and how it contributed to diabetes research—and showcase the real-world impact of these activities. Mention how the money raised helped fund a new research project or supported local families managing diabetes, illustrating the tangible benefits of the clubs' efforts. Editor, Judy Weitkemper



**Nancy Trautman, CI
Fundraising Director**

Members of Cosmopolitan International all have hearts of gold. We are committed to the Fight against Diabetes. We know that it takes money to help with the Fight. We understand that we need to find ways to raise funds to support the Fight.

Choosing how to earn money for our Cosmos Cause isn't easy. It takes a lot of thought and commitment. There are many possibilities to consider. The following is a list of some possibilities:

Golf Tournament	Food booths at Local Festivals
Garage Sales	Casino Nights
Car Shows	Wine and Cheese Tastings
Football Pools	Art Walks
Produce Sales	Raffles
Working local events for donations	Banquets

There are many other ideas that may work for different clubs. The most recent list of fundraisers is dated. We need to update the list. Some of the information has been gathered, but there is still a great deal to put together.

Please send a brief list of your Club's Fundraising Activities to the Fundraising Committee by June 15, 2026. It should include what the fundraiser is, number of people needed, time of year when it occurs, how long the fundraiser has been used, and the amount of money earned. Send the information to Nancy Trautman at njt751@gmail.com or text to 1-605-484-1316. The goal of gathering this information is to create an updated list that will be available to all Cosmo membership.

Upcoming Articles:

- May – *Determining Fundraising Goal and Project*
- June – *How to Get the Ball Rolling*

Nancy Trautman



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NextGen Precision Health



Inside Precision Health Bldg.

BIG Winners from Mo-Kan Friday Night Bingo



Friday was a Great Start to a Great Weekend of work, fun and Camaraderie with fellow Mo-Kan Cosmo Friends.

Mo-Kan 78th Annual Convention was held in Columbia, MO on February 17th and 18th. and kicked off Friday afternoon with a private tour of the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health building.

Friday afternoon kicked off with a tour of the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health Building. Since their doors opened five years ago, NextGen Precision Health has been tackling the biggest health challenges facing Missourians and beyond.

To support innovation and entrepreneurship, the Roy Blunt NextGen Building in Columbia, MO, serves as a hub for emerging businesses and technology. Here are some key functions of the facility:

- Provides co-working spaces for startups and entrepreneurs.
- Hosts mentorship programs connect businesses with experienced professionals.
- Offers access to advanced technology and research resources.
- Facilitates networking events to foster collaboration among innovators.
- Supports educational workshops and training sessions for skill development.
- Encourages partnerships between businesses and local universities for research initiatives.

We learned how the Roy Blunt Precision Health studies and research are contributing significantly to understanding diabetes by analyzing individual genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors. By leveraging advanced data analytics and personalized medicine approaches, researchers are identifying unique patterns and risk factors associated with diabetes, which helps inform more effective prevention and treatment strategies. This work is paving the way for tailored interventions that could improve outcomes for people living with diabetes.

NextGen Precision Health investigators and their lab teams are dedicated to delivering the next generation of personalized health care solutions. They've been recruited from around the world to align their efforts across disciplines in pursuit of improved health outcomes for Missourians and beyond. They are not just state of the art, they are making art.

Judy Weitkemper

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“NEW BOOSTER CLUB” K. C., K., Cosmopolitan Gives its First Noon Lunch at Grund. STARTS WITH 40 Members. George H. Long is Made Chairman of the Board and James A. Cable President of the Club. 2 x month. A new booster club with business and civic objectives was launched in Kansas City, Kas., today with its first noon luncheon at the Grund hotel. It is called the Cosmopolitan club and while it is patterned in some measures after the fashion of the Rotary it incorporates also such additional fraternal features as are included in the ritual of the B. P. O. E. It carries, according to P. J. Hodgins the founder, the best feature of both orders. **The Cosmopolitan club as an International Federation is two years old and was founded at Oklahoma City by Mr. Hodgins. It has a membership now of about five thousand in such cities as St. Louis, Omaha, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Joseph.**

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Tim Dollens, Director of Communications

Early History of Cosmopolitan International. Part 2,

Compiled by Tim Dollens

It has often been said, “We can’t know where we are going until we know where we’ve been!” That being said, I hope to keep submitting articles or information I have located about the early founding of Cosmopolitan International by founder Patrick Joseph Hodgins with the hope that we will all get a better sense of who we are, what we’ve become and where the next decade or century can take us!

This installment is about the beginning of three clubs that began in 1918 & 1919. The Independence, Missouri club is no longer with us, but there is still a club in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas! The themes from our founders published in these articles make it worthwhile reading for us Cosmopolitans.

“COSMOPOLITANS ELECT OFFICERS AT MEET TODAY

**J. A. CABLE NAMED PRESIDENT WITH
F. A. CROWLEY AS VICE PRESIDENT**

LONG HEADS EXECUTIVE BOARD

**J. J. BRADY AND J. J. PROSKAUER HIS CO-WORKERS;
WAYNE JENNINGS SECRETARY**

In a blaze of glory the Cosmopolitan Club’s latest chapter—that of Kansas City, Kansas, was ushered in at the Grund hotel this afternoon. The Cosmopolitan Club is a national organization similar to the rotary Club but is broader in its views while just as exclusive.



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The Kansa City, Kas. Club starts out with about forty members. James A. Cable was made president today. Frank A. Crowley, a clothing merchant in Minnesota, was made vice-president. Wayne P. Jenkins, a real estate man on Central Avenue, secretary; David G. Shade of the Riverview State Bank, treasurer; A. G. Ditch, sergeant at arms. The executive committee is composed of George H. Long, chairman; J. H. Brady and Juulien J. Proskauer. Dr. J. W. Hayward is chairman of the membership committee; luncheon committee, Dr. L. J. Wyatt; and entertainment committee, W. S. Johnston. Noon luncheons will be held every two weeks. The national headquarters have been moved from Oklahoma City to Kansas City. In short, it might be said that the Cosmopolitan club was founded in the west on "the Spirit of the West." Its purpose is stated as patriotism, publicity progress, charity aid and benevolence. *"The Kansas City Kansan*, Kansas City, Kansas; Wednesday, August 14, 1918, page 1.

P. J. Hodgins, international organizer, has been working in Kansas City, Kansas, for about a month and forty different men, leaders in their respective business, have signed up. At the meeting today at the Grund about 30 were present.

The meeting today was preceded by a luncheon at which the views of the Cosmopolitan Club were stated by Mr. Hodgins. "The club," said he, "is to further better business relations in the city. It is to bind the leaders of the city's business world in a chain whose influence will be felt all through the country."

Officers selected were: J. A. Cable, president; F. A. Crowley, vice president; Wayne P. Jenkins, secretary; D. G. Shade of the Riverview State bank, treasurer; sergeant at arms, A. G. Ditsch; executive committee, Geo. H. Long, chairman, J. J. Proskauer and J. H. Brady; membership committee, Dr. J. W. Hayward, chairman; luncheon committee, Dr. L. J. Wythe, chairman, and the entertainment committee, W. S. Johnston, chairman.

The next meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club will be Thursday, August 29th, by which time it was said at least 75 new members will be in attendance."

The Kansas City Globe, Kansas City, Kansas Wednesday, August 14, 1918, page 1, column 4.

"A BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

The Cosmopolitan Club, a New Civic Institution Organized Last Night at Moose Club Rooms.

The Cosmopolitan Club was organized at the Moose Hall on Wednesday evening, February 19, 1919. The following officers were elected:

President, Ernest E. Kerr.
 Vice-president, Walter Shimfessel.
 Secretary, Ray Johnson.
 Treasurer, George W. Corey.
 Executive Committee, Walter Shimfessel, J. W. Totty, Edgar L. Cook.
 Chairman of Publicity Committee, Ed. L. Ayres.



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**Grund Hotel Kansas City,
Kansas**

On the corner of 6th & Ann St

*Formed for social,
fraternal, civic and
industrial purposes.*

MOVIE TICKETS FOR TIN CANS.
**Independence Club Will Reward Boys
and Girls.**
Independence will undertake to get its tin cans cleaned up by offering a free ticket to a motion picture show to every boy or girl taking a half dozen of the empty cans. The suggestion was made at a meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club by the Rev. S. F. Riepma, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and promptly accepted. A committee, consisting of Jesse L. Martin, R. Kaufman and the Rev. James E. Wolfe, was appointed to make necessary arrangements.

Every indication is for a big club in Independence. The membership committee will be busy until next Wednesday evening after which date the charter will be closed and the "grand special offer" will be withdrawn. Mr. P. J. Hodgins, Director General of the Inter-National Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs was present and gave the club some pointers on the work of completing the organization.

The Cosmopolitan Club is only about 2 years old, have been first organized in Oklahoma City; but the general headquarters have since been moved to Kansas City, Mo. It is a strictly Western institution and is characteristic of the "Spirit of the West" and appeals to the red-blooded business man with a compelling force. Many clubs have been organized in several states; a few of them having already organized State Federations.

The Club will take an active interest in all civic and social problems, which affect the welfare of Independence and every business man as well as every public-spirited citizen should take this opportunity to identify himself with a movement to make Independence a better place to live in."

The Jackson Examiner, Independence, Missouri; Friday February 21, 1919, page 1.

"GETTING CLUB STARTED

P. J. Hodgins Explained Purposes of Cosmopolitan Club for Civic Duty.

The charter of the new Cosmopolitan Club, which is being organized in Independence, will be held open another week in order to allow a larger number of the business men to enroll before the initiation fee goes into effect. This was decided at a meeting of the club last night at the Moose Hall.

P. J. Hodgins, international organizer, spoke concerning the plans and purposes of the club saying that it was formed for social, fraternal, civic and industrial purposes. He spoke of things that have been accomplished by Cosmopolitan Clubs in other cities and towns, such as the securing of Carnegie libraries, instituting and endorsing movement for community welfare, etc.



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*Enough members
had been gained
for the club*

*In order to get the
club well started in
Independence, the
national
headquarters has
withdrawn the
initiation fee of \$10
for a few weeks,
making the cost of
membership only \$1
a month*

Stay tuned

GETTING CLUB STARTED (cont'd.)

T. L. Brown, a member of the Kansas City Club, was also present and spoke. Dr. E. E. Kerr, the president was chairman of the meeting.

In order to get the club well started in Independence, the national headquarters has withdrawn the initiation fee of \$10 for a few weeks, making the cost of membership only \$1 a month, the regular dues. The charter will close next Wednesday night, after which the initiation fee will go into effect. Thirty business men have already enrolled.”

The Examiner, Independence, Missouri, Thursday, February 27, 1919, page 1.

“FIFTY LOCAL MEN FORM COSMOPOLITAN CLUB HERE

A charter will be granted to fifty local men at a banquet Thursday evening at the Lassen Hotel to form a Cosmopolitan Club in this city. Honorable P. J. Hodgins will present the charter. He is director general of the Cosmopolitan Club, National Director Buxton has been in Wichita organizing the club here, and made the statement yesterday that enough members had been gained for the club, President McDowell, of the international offices in Kansas City, will be here to attend the banquet.

At present there are similar clubs in Coffeyville, Hutchinson, Salina and Topeka. In January members of the club will go east to organize similar organizations there, as the club now is just a Missouri Valley affair.”

The Wichita Beacon, Wichita, Kansas; Wednesday, September 24, 1919, page 10.

Stay tuned for the next installment of our organization’s long and rich history of service to our communities! As always, “It’s A Great Day to be a Cosmos!

Tim Dollens

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Kurt Warner Kopp

February 16, 1949 – April 13, 2026

Visitation

Saturday, May 2

11a.m.-12 p.m.

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 2

12 p.m.

Parker-Millard

Funeral Services

12 East Ash Street

Columbia, MO 65201

A full reflection of life will be posted once available

Calling All Cosmos!

We are coming into the last few months of our first year with the new CI Board of Directors and we are just three months from our Annual Convention/ Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota. If you want to know more about that event, feel free to go to our website or read more in this issue of our monthly newsletter/ bulletin.

Many of the Federations are beginning to have their Annual Conventions and Award Ceremonies. Now is the time for your Federation officers to send their photos and list of officers or minutes to myself or Judy Weitkemper so we can publish them in the coming monthly publications. This is our way of connecting with ALL the MEMBERS of our clubs as the Cosmo Topics will become a twice a year or possibly a once-a-year publication.

In this issue I will continue to tell the story of our early years as an international organization as well as fill in the holes of the life of our founder Patrick J. Hodgins. I think you will find fascinating.

As a REMINDER, this is your NEWSLETTER. If you are reading this, please send an article about something from your CLUB or FEDERATION. This is an ALL-EXCLUSIVE publication that is not just from the top down. It's also from the Ground Up! You could interview one of your hard-working members as a spotlight. You could also send information about one of your FUNdraisers! How much did you raise? Did you give any of it to a charity? What is your club doing for Diabetes Awareness? It's not too late to be thinking about a special event in November 2026 to promote International Diabetes Awareness Week or Month!

Finally, we have lost one of our Cosmopolitan International Board Members. Kurt Warner Kopp was a longtime member of Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club and more recently Cosmopolitan Breakfast Club. He was a tireless worker and member for over 39 years as being a Cosmo! Besides being a MoKan Federation Governor, he was also a Cosmopolitan International President. He was active in Cosmopolitan from the day he began. In his early days, he wrote a WEEKLY newsletter for the Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club as it met every week. In the last decade I've worked with him he served as treasurer, board member, President Elect, MoKan Chair, and received the Hall of Fame Award from our Luncheon Club. He planned this year's MoKan Federation Convention. In late December, he became ill again and eventually passed away at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday April 13, 2026. He and his wife were both attendees of many of the International Conventions and were both dedicated Beacons. His wife Pat Kopp, a long-time Cosmo, can be reached at: Mrs. Kurt W. Kopp (Patricia), 379 Crown Pt., Columbia, MO 65203.

Spring has sprung and if we all just wrote a half page of anything your club has done since the International Convention last July, we will be glad to consider publishing it in this newsletter/ bulletin. So please do so!

Tim Dollens