



COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

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I began this year with “Welcome to a New Journey”. We had just elected the new board of directors along with a completely new structure.

My **goals** were simple: 1) Hold consistent monthly board meetings; 2) Maintain steady Progress; 3) Strengthen Communication and Alignment; 4) Achieve a 10% increase in Membership; and 5) Sustain and Promote the International Project. With the exception to the membership increase I believe **WE** have met these goals.

WE were able to hold a meeting every month along with the winter board meeting in February. Some longer than others but in the end, I feel they were **always productive and informative**.

Progress has been made in multiple areas such as **WE** now receive monthly financial reports, **WE** have dealt with the IRS and are now up to date with our filings and have received a letter indicating reinstatement of our 501 C4 status. **WE** have moved our banking and investments to US Bank allowing us more flexibility with reporting and transactions. Our bylaws and policies have been updated and now form the basis for which we will move forward.

WE continue to move forward with communications by issuing “**Calling All Cosmos**” monthly newsletter, we were able to get out our mid-year version of **Cosmo Topics**. **WE** continue to try to improve communications between directors and their committees, between governors and the club presidents and membership with the board. The website is continuously updated with new documents, resources and reports being added all the time. Our social media presence has expanded greatly with the introduction of Milestone Recognitions; Fun Fact Friday; Diabetes Dialogue Wednesdays; Cosmo Service Stories; and Member Spotlight and Throwback Thursdays on our Cosmo International – Member Site.

The continuation of the International Project included having Past International President / Director of Special Projects, Dick Gorton, do in person visitation to clubs to present and promote the project. All reports are that the visits went well.

Along with the good came a little bad news with the passing of the current secretary (Past International President) Kurt Kopp. I remember being on a meeting and his will to serve was so great he attended the meeting from the hospital. It was a short time later that I was informed of his passing. I want to thank Candace (Candy) Gorton for stepping up as acting secretary filling in until the international convention.

We continue to try and move forward with the awards program. Although we did produce forms in a fillable PDF format, we learnt that they do not work with all PDF editor programs. Back to the drawing board we go but we will get this figured out. We continue to move forward with the allocation of past executive director duties to volunteer directors and committees.

Serving alongside such a devoted group of leaders has been both an honor and a privilege. Their willingness to volunteer their time, share their expertise, and step forward whenever needed has made a tremendous difference to our organization. Together, I believe **WE** have positioned Cosmopolitan International on a strong path toward continued success.

Respectfully, *John H Krysak*, CI President 2025-2026