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Here's a look at what's "springing" up at headquarters this month. Check it out!

Your Chance to Win a FREE Convention Registration

Get ready for a very exciting opportunity to win a FREE registration package to this year's international convention, just for sharing the Cosmopolitan opportunity with others!

The first member of each club to sponsor five new members from April 1 through May 31 will win a FREE registration package to the 2015 International Convention in Omaha, July 23 through 25, 2015.

The Omaha convention is shaping up to be a special time, and the international board wants to reward a member from each club with a free package to attend this year's convention. If you know someone who would make a great Cosmo but you haven't yet asked, now is the time for you to reach out! In addition to receiving a free convention registration package, winners will receive special recognition at convention and will be featured in an upcoming edition of COSMOTopics. Please contact Vice President of Membership and New Clubs Ed Ficenecc at edficenecc@chastainotis.com or 402-680-7597 with any questions.

Remember ... if a Cosmo is a friend, make a friend a Cosmo!

Strategic Planning Session with George Mongon

As Cosmos know, the Board received and reviewed a proposal for a professional relationship submitted by George Mongon of G.J. Mongon & Company whose area of expertise is in maximizing not-for-profit organizational performance. The board discussed George's proposal during the March board meeting and, after much thoughtful and careful consideration, voted unanimously to enter into a four-month professional relationship with George beginning April 1 and concluding July 31, 2015. George will work with us in the areas of membership, marketing, communication, leadership development, and fundraising.

The next step is for George and key CI leaders to develop a detailed plan for 2015-2016 that encompasses all of the areas mentioned above. After this plan is developed, there will be a tremendous amount of work to be accomplished before the end of the current fiscal year. ED Tracy will provide an accounting of George's work on a monthly basis via upcoming newsletters.

CALENDAR

FEDERATION CONVENTIONS AND CI REP

4/24: MoKan, Wichita, KS (Ed Ficenecc)

4/24-25: Cornbelt, Omaha, NE (Richard Gordon)

5/1-3: North Central, Deadwood SD (John Hubert)

5/15-16: Capital, Lancaster, PA (Richard Gordon)

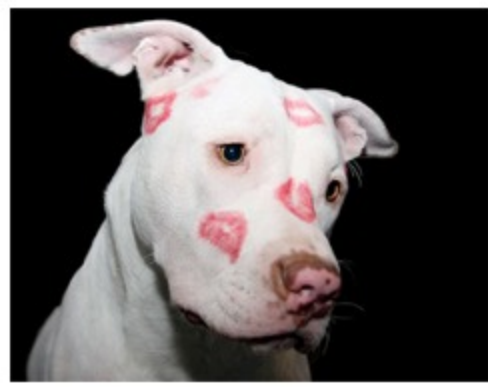
5/16: Midstates, Elgin, IL (John Krysak)

5/22-24: Western Canada, Winnipeg, SK (Tracy Miller)

7/23-25

International Convention
Ramada Plaza, Omaha, NE

Are You Ready to Smooch the Pooch



The Diabetic Alert Dog committee continues to work on the details of this international project. The "Smooch the Pooch" campaign is scheduled to kick off June 1, 2015, and will run through October 31, 2015. Cosmopolitan clubs - as well as the general public - will be encouraged to kiss their favorite dog and make a contribution to the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation (CDF). Funds received for this purpose then will be used to offset the costs for individuals or families who wish to purchase a diabetic alert dog. Club participation in the project is entirely voluntary, and clubs are not required to provide any specific contribution amount.

Here are some ideas for how your club can get involved:

- Hold a guest event in a member's backyard. Have everyone bring their dogs for smooches!
- Visit an animal shelter and ask permission to gather some dogs for much-needed smooches.
- With permission, take your dog to work or wherever you volunteer and have co-workers and fellow volunteers smooch your pooch.
- Take your pooch along to a summer family reunion and get lots of family smooches.
- Visit your neighbors with your pooch and ask for smooches from everyone.
- If you board your pooch when you go on vacation this summer, ask for a smooch and a donation from the staff at the boarding facility. They certainly love pooches!

Whatever you decide to do, take lots of pictures and submit them to ED Tracy for publication in an upcoming COSMOTopics.

As you are having friends and family smooch the pooch, follow up with their donations either via check or online. The CI website soon will be ready to accept online donations, and checks should be payable to the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation and mailed to 420 Financial Court, Suite 124, Rockford, IL 61107. Please note on the check that the donation is for Smooch the Pooch. Please contact project chairman Richard Gordon at scissorsork@aol.com with any questions.

International Executive Board Elections

The 2015-2016 year is almost upon us, and Cosmopolitan International is looking for members who are interested in serving as leaders on the Executive Committee. The positions for President-Elect, Vice President for Marketing, and Vice President for Membership currently are available. Additionally, the new position of Vice President for Fundraising was approved at the March 2015 board meeting and will be presented to delegates for approval at international convention. If approved, this position also will be available. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Past International President Sheila Anderson at Sheila.anderson@rascompanies.com, Work (605) 362-5677, or Cell (605) 310-7166.

International President's Award Announced

International President Jim Preston has announced the criteria for the **Allons Y Faire** award. A bannerette will be awarded at the 2015 International Convention for the clubs who achieve the following from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

1. Net increase in club membership.
 2. Hold at least one community service project.
 3. Hold at least one fundraiser in which money is raised for diabetes-related causes.
 4. Report amount of all funds raised (diabetes and other) to Diabetes Committee Chairman when requested.
 5. Complete and submit the Allons Y Faire award form available on CI website (Member Center > CI Resources > scroll to Awards)
- Best wishes to all clubs!

"If you do not sow in the Spring, you will not reap in the Autumn."
- Irish Proverb



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