



COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

THE CLUB THAT FIGHTS DIABETES

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2016 International Convention



The 2016 International Convention online registration opens any day! Full registration information along with the convention agenda will be published on the Cosmopolitan website as well as in the Spring edition of COSMOTopics. Be sure to register early and contact ED Tracy with any questions you may have. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Norfolk, July 28 through 30!

Where in the World is the Cosmo Cruiser?



International President Richard Gordon and First Lady Marjean Gordon are gearing up to hit the road with the Cosmo Cruiser again this Spring.

After visiting the Mo-Kan federation, Richard and Marjean will set out for Rapid City, South Dakota for a visit May 18 through 24. Stay tuned for more Cosmo Cruiser updates!

What is Ellen Up To?



Ellen Arnold, the professional with whom we have contracted to advise us in the area of strategic planning and fundraising, has been busy! During the month of April, Ellen reviewed the Recruitment and Retention membership plan along with the Smooch A Pooch fundraising slides and will provide her input on both.

She also provided ED Tracy with sample job descriptions for executive officers and shared numerous resources from Kiwanis that will assist the Cosmopolitan board to perform at its best.

Marketing Corner; John Hubert, VP for Marketing Cosmopolitan International



Did you know that several PSAs are available on the Cosmo website? Check them out by going to Member Center > CI Resources, and scroll to Market Basket. There, you have the ability to download the PSAs. Vice President of Marketing John Hubert encourages Cosmos to take the PSAs to your local radio stations to ask them to play the PSAs. If you have an upcoming membership event, the timing would be perfect to play these prior to your event. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get the Cosmo word out there!

New This Month: Cosmo Spotlight



Beginning this month, the newsletter will feature one of our own members highlighting his or her membership as a Cosmopolitan, what you like about our organization, or just about anything you would like to talk about! If you would like to be featured in the Spotlight, please email your biography and brief story to jhubert@jobpoint.org.

In the Spotlight this month: What Cosmo Means to Me - by Judy Weitkemper



I was invited to become a Cosmo member by CeCe Benton and was excited to join as, after having watched diabetes totally destroy my mother, I already had a passion for fighting this disease. At first I didn't get too involved, so consequently I didn't get too much out of it. I was then asked to serve on the Board of my club, where I became active and soon learned that the more I put into it, the more I got out of it. I love being a Cosmo and often say I don't know anywhere else that I could work so hard, have so much fun, and feel so good about what I am doing, all at the same time. Over the past 17 years, Cosmo has become many things to me.

Cosmo members come from all walks of life and have varied perspectives, experiences, and diverse backgrounds. Some of the benefits of belonging to the Club are the networking, enthusiasm, creativity, skills, growth, development, opportunities, fun, and the friendships it offers. But what I have found to be most valuable to me are the friendships I have made along the way.

Everyone has a variety of friends throughout life, but when sharing a passion, working toward a common goal with someone, that friendship bond is strengthened and becomes something very special. These is the kind of friendships I have found in Cosmo, lifetime friends. This really came home to me this past summer when I lost a grandchild, a pain that I hope none of my friends ever feel. It was my Cosmo friends that were there for me. I didn't have to ask for a thing; they knew me, knew what I needed or would need, and just showed up with it. I have a great passion for Cosmo and its cause and thoroughly enjoy the work we do. I am proud of our accomplishments but will forever be grateful for the wonderful, caring, lifetime friends Cosmo has given me.

Judy Weitkemper is a member of the Columbia Show Me Club and has lived in Columbia, MO, since 1975. She recently retired from a career in banking and finance and shares six children and 14 grandchildren with her husband, Bill. Judy enjoys spending time with her family and close friends, singing, and taking long walks. Judy is the 2016-2017 Mo-Kan Federation Governor.

And Finally...



How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will be all of these. -- George Washington Carver.

If you have any questions about anything mentioned above, please contact Cosmopolitan headquarters at headquarters@cosmopolitan.org

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