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Another Cosmopolitan year is upon us, and many exciting projects are in the works. Check it out!

News from 2015 International Convention

Highlights from the 2015 International Convention, held July 23 through 25 in Omaha, include:

- Election of the following international officers:
 - o **President-Elect: David House** , Corbelt Federation
 - o **Vice President for Membership and New Clubs: John Keeley** , Capital Federation
 - o **Vice President for Marketing: John Hubert** , Mo-Kan Federation
 - o **Vice President for Finance: John Krysak** , Western Canada Federation
 - o **Vice President for Fundraising: Rick Swansbro** , Midstates Federation
 - o **Judge Advocate: Jim McVay** , Corbelt Federation
- Approval of the 2015-2016 budget, which appears on the Cosmopolitan website.
- Approval of the 2015-2016 Operating Plan, which also appears on the Cosmopolitan website.
- Approval of proposed bylaw amendments as follows:
 - o For International President Elect position, candidates must have previously held an International Vice President position or have served as Federation Governor; and
 - o For International Vice President positions, candidates must have previously held the position of club president.
 - o New Vice President of Fundraising position.
- Election of Richard Gordon as 2015-2016 International President!

If you missed this year's convention, you missed all the action including a fun (and hilarious!) talent show. Congratulations to Kevin and the Harmonics on their first-place win!



We have a Winner!

Ed Ficene, Vice President of Membership for 2014-2015, is pleased to announce that there is a winner of the 2015 Spring Membership contest. **Edna Beatty of the Emerald City Cosmopolitan Club sponsored five (5) new members** during the contest period and received her convention package free of charge! Congratulations, Edna! Let's follow Edna's lead going into the new year and build our membership!

International President's Goals

International President Richard Gordon has announced the requirements for the 2016 "Step Up to the Plate and Swing Away!" president's award.

The requirements for each club are:

- Donate to the Diabetic Alert Dog International Project;
- Achieve the Big C award;
- Submit three (3) nominations for awards on the federation and international levels;
- Register five (5) club members for 2016 International Convention; and
- Have a net membership increase of at least five (5) new members from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Clubs achieving these goals will receive the bannerette at International Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. Now is the time to "Step Up!"



Big Sign Brings Big Thanks

The large exterior Cosmopolitan sign that sat outside our former headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas, recently was dismantled and removed from the property. Members of the Heartland Club rolled up their sleeves and did the heavy lifting involved in moving the sign. Big thanks to the Heartland members!

On a Sad Note

Many Cosmopolitans by now are aware that our consultant, friend, and fellow Cosmopolitan George Mongon died suddenly Tuesday, July 28. To honor George's memory, a fund has been established with the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation. Donations may be directed to: **Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation, 420 Financial Court, Suite 124, Rockford, IL 61107.** Please indicate "George Mongon Memorial" on your check. Watch for more information on this remarkable man in the Fall edition of COSMOTopics.



In closing, following is a joke George shared with us back in February, when he barely knew us. It shows his easy personality and sense of humor. As the presidential election and football season both begin full swing, enjoy this sweet humor from our friend.

Only Nebraskans will truly understand the humor here.

The year is 2024 and the United States has just elected the first woman as President of the United States. A few days after the election, the president-elect calls her father in Omaha and says, "So, Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration."

"I don't think so," her father replied. "It's a long drive, your mother isn't as young as she used to be, we'll have the dog with us, and my arthritis is acting up in my knee."

"Don't worry about it, Dad. "I'll send Air Force One or another support aircraft to pick you up and take you home, and a limousine will pick you up at your door," she said.

"I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would your mother wear?"

"Oh, Dad," she replied, "I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by one of the best designers in New York."

"Honey," her dad complained, "You know we can't eat those rich foods you and your friends like to eat."

The President-elect responded, "Don't worry, Dad. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in D.C., and I'll ensure your meals are salt-free. Dad, I really want you to come."

So her parents reluctantly agreed, and on January 20, 2024, they arrived to see their daughter sworn in as President of the United States.

The parents of the new President are seated in the front row. The President's dad sees that a senator is sitting next to him and leans over and whispers, "You see that woman up there with her hand on the Bible, becoming President of the United States?"

The Senator whispered in reply, "Yes, sir. I sure do."

Her Dad says proudly, "Her brother played football at Nebraska."

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