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As the fiercest Winter many of us can ever remember slowly creeps toward Spring, lots of things are blooming at Cosmopolitan. **CHECK IT OUT!**

What's New on the Website?

Many new resources and informational documents have been placed on the website for members' use. Visit www.cosmopolitan.org where you will find the following documents and resources. From the homepage, click on the **Member Center** tab and scroll down to **CI Resources**, click on that. You will now be in **Member Resources**. Scroll down to find the document you would like and simply click on it to open it.



- **Financial Statement.** Scroll to **Financials**, then click on **Budget Versus Actual** through January 2014. Here you will find a complete accounting of income and expenditures through the end of January. This information will be updated on the website quarterly, so feel free to follow where our organization is financially each quarter.
- **Action Plan.** Scroll to **Miscellaneous**, then click on **Action Plan**. As many members know, a strategic plan was adopted several years ago and from that strategic plan, the action plan was composed. This action plan consists of a thorough listing of all projects currently undertaken or being considered for the future, along with the officer responsible for overseeing the project, and a priority number.
- **Inventory of Merchandise.** Scroll to **Miscellaneous**, then click on **Inventory for Website**. This document shows you what Cosmopolitan merchandise is available, the cost associated with each item, and the quantity we currently have in stock. Please contact Executive Director Tracy if you would like more information or to order any merchandise.
- **New Club Building Manual.** Scroll to **Membership** and click on **New Club Building Manual**. This is a detailed reference tool for clubs to use when launching a new club. We currently have several new clubs in the very early stages of formation, so parent clubs will want to pay special attention to this document so that they can support the new clubs in the best way possible. The information and suggestions in this document are proven effective!
- **Guest Speaker Certificate.** Scroll to **Miscellaneous** and click on **Guest Speaker Certificate**. Other service clubs such as Rotary International offer a certificate to individuals who speak at club meetings. This is entirely optional for clubs but is available for any club who would like to present such a certificate. The certificate is customizable for each club and speaker.

Look for More Diabetes Related Info on our Facebook Page

Robert Hanson of the Omaha/Cornhusker Club has graciously offered to post diabetes-related news on our Facebook page. This will be a great enhancement to our page and will be an extra source of information not only for clubs and federations, but also for any non-Cosmo visitors to our page. As we strive to end to diabetes in our lifetime, it is important for us to know where research is headed and what the latest developments show. Thanks to Robert for his time and talent in keeping us updated!

As you can see, we are striving to provide more and more tools and information on the website which you may find useful to yourself and your club.

Headquarters Building Update

As of the week of February 24, our real estate agent is working with two very promising potential tenants of our headquarters building. He anticipates having a letter of intent from one of those prospects in the very near future. Of course, we will keep you updated as soon as a definite tenant has been identified.

On Tuesday, February 25, the remaining contents of the building were loaded and are being transported to Executive Director Tracy in Pennsylvania. The only items remaining in the building at this time are a few pieces of office furniture, which may be sold or donated when a new tenant is identified. The Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation also has retrieved their files from the building and is storing them off site.

Kudos!

Cosmopolitan owes a huge debt of thanks to the following people this month:



Gary Bartlett, Chair of the Building Committee

Gary has gone above and beyond many, many times in preparing our building for a new occupant. He has invested countless hours organizing, packing, communicating, conducting tours, and attending to the many details involved with transitioning the building. He and the entire Building Committee deserve our most sincere thanks!



John Keeley, Capital Federation Governor

When he learned that we were seeking a reasonable method of transporting the building contents to Pennsylvania, John contacted a client transportation company who submitted an extremely reasonable bid on the move. Thanks to John, Cosmopolitan engaged John's client company and was able to realize a substantial savings over other bids. Thank you, John!

Congratulations!

The Council Bluffs Cosmopolitan Club achieved the Big C award for 2012-2013 but, unfortunately, was not recognized for this milestone achievement at the 2013 international convention. Cosmopolitan sincerely apologizes for this oversight and congratulates Council Bluffs for reaching the Big C and for their membership event held last year as well. Well done!

Spring Board Meeting Announced

Cosmopolitan International and the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation will hold board meetings March 21 and 22 in Kansas City. During this time, important Cosmopolitan business will be discussed, including the 2014-2015 budget, governor-elect training, future conventions, and the Executive Director evaluation. Minutes will be available on the website for all Cosmopolitans to review as soon as possible.

Federation Conventions Save the Date

Our Federation Conventions are just around the corner. The dates and locations are:

Capital Federation	May 17	Fredricksburg, VA
Cornbelt Federation	April 25-26	Omaha, NE
Midstates Federation	May 17	Location TBD
Mo-Kan Federation	April 25-26	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
North Central Federation	April 25-26	Sioux Falls, SD
Southwestern Federation	April 25-26	Alexandria, LA
Western Canada Federation	May 9-11	Prince Albert, SK

Good News Anyone?

Many wonderful life events are happening within our Cosmopolitan family, and we would love to hear your stories. If your family is celebrating the birth of a child, a wedding, a graduation, or any other significant life event about which you are excited, we want to celebrate with you! Send your stories to Executive Director Tracy and we will publish your good news in upcoming newsletters.

Why Cosmopolitan?

This month's reason to belong to our international organization is that of credibility. "Credibility goes a long way when local clubs present a project or a fundraiser," says Richard Greer, 2010-2011 International President. "Couple the international mandate of Cosmopolitan with the hard working local Cosmopolitan clubs, and you have a recipe for a very successful group."

And if you don't believe that, remember:

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." - Helen Keller

Stay warm! Spring is ushered in March 20!



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