



# COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

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Summer is upon us! With snow shovels and boots a welcomed distant memory, work at Cosmopolitan is in full swing as we prepare for International Convention.

### It's ALMOST HERE!

#### 2014 International Convention

It's almost here! The 2014 Cosmopolitan International Convention is right around the corner -July 24-26 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Have you registered and made your hotel reservation? If not, time is seriously running out so don't delay!

To register for Convention, visit [www.cosmopolitan.org](http://www.cosmopolitan.org). After you log in, hover your mouse over the gold Convention tab close to the top of the page. From there, you will be able to register as well as see the schedule of events. If you need assistance registering online, call Executive Director Tracy at (800) 648-4331 or email [headquarters@Cosmopolitan.org](mailto:headquarters@Cosmopolitan.org). If you prefer to complete a paper registration, a form is available in the Early Spring Edition of COSMOTopics, or you can contact Tracy for a form. **Register by July 1 for the \$250 early bird rate.** The registration cost climbs to \$275 until the deadline of July 18.

For those who have not yet made their hotel reservations, the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, our host hotel, expects to sell out. While our room block was guaranteed through June 21, rooms may still be reserved at the Convention rate **if they are available**. Contact the Ramkota at (605) 343-8550 and mention Cosmopolitan International to check availability.



**In the event the Ramkota is SOLD OUT, here is a list of other area hotels that may have availability. All are within walking distance or a short drive to the Ramkota:**

- Country Inn Suites - (605) 394-0017
- Super 8 - (605) 348-8070
- Econo Lodge - (605) 342-6400
- Holiday Inn Express - (605) 355-9090
- Hilton Garden Inn - (605) 791-9000

#### Headquarters Building Update



Four parties indicated interest in leasing our headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas. Each of these parties also indicated interest in eventual ownership of the building but understand that the building cannot be sold until delegates at International Convention may vote to do so. Of the proposals received, all were similar in scope. Our real estate agent then solicited "best offers" from those parties. We received four "best offer" responses and now are working with our real estate agent on logistics. We will keep Cosmopolitan membership updated as this matter unfolds.



L to R: John Kryszak (VP of Finance), Braydon Kryszak, and Kathy Kryszak (Western Canada Governor)

#### New Member Spotlight

The Wascana Club has a new member! Braydon Kryszak, son of Western Canada Federation Governor Kathy Kryszak and Cosmopolitan International Vice President of Finance, John Kryszak, joined Cosmopolitan in April 2014. You ask what is different about Braydon, as the children of many Cosmopolitans have become members themselves. The Wascana Club was chartered nineteen ago when John and Kathy were expecting their bundle of joy. Kathy actually missed the charter meeting to deliver Braydon. And now, nineteen years later, Braydon has joined the Wascana Cosmopolitan Club. Before he was a member, Braydon attended many functions and helped out with the club's fundraising events. The Wascana Club thanks Braydon for becoming a member of our great organization. Wascana also has another new member, Dana Lockyer, daughter of club members Rick and Linda Lockyer. **A warm Cosmo welcome to the next generation of Cosmos!**

#### REMINDER! International Executive Board Elections

With the new fiscal year upon us, Cosmopolitan International is looking for individuals to step up and become part of the Executive Board. The positions for the Executive Board are President-Elect, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Marketing, and Vice President for Membership and New Clubs. Please consider allowing your name to stand for one of these positions with elections to be held at the next International Convention in Rapid City in July.

If you would like to submit your name for one of these positions or if you have any questions regarding qualifications, **please contact Past International President Brian Duckett at [duckettb@sasktel.net](mailto:duckettb@sasktel.net).**



#### Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation Grants Deadline Approaching

The deadline for submission of grant requests to the CDF is July 1. Any organization that can show evidence that its funds remain dedicated to charitable, educational, or scientific purposes is eligible to apply. All grant requests must be for diabetes related purposes. Grant submissions should be directed to Melvina Newman, CDF Chair, 1401 South Coates Rd., Sioux Falls, SD 57105. For questions, contact Melvina at [melvinanew@aol.com](mailto:melvinanew@aol.com).

#### What's Tracy Up To?

Our Executive Director believes in transparency, and that extends to members knowing where Tracy's time is spent. Having just returned from visiting the Omaha/Cornhusker Club, the Fremont 100 Club, and the newly-chartered Lincoln Cosmopolitan Club, Tracy currently is heavily involved in Convention planning, assisting members with Convention registrations, monitoring Convention hotel reservations, and working with clubs on year-end logistics.

She also is reviewing and renewing our liability insurance policy, continuing to assist the newly chartered Lincoln Club, writing and editing for the late summer edition of COSMOTopics, and handling negotiations for our headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas.

Tracy also will be processing the next dues billing in early July, and planning for the 2016 International Convention has just gotten underway. And, of course, Tracy spends a considerable amount of time each day talking with club members about their ideas, concerns, and questions.

Cosmos should always feel free to reach out to Tracy at (800) 648-4331 or email at [headquarters@cosmopolitan.org](mailto:headquarters@cosmopolitan.org).

**And to that end . . . .**

*"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."* - Thomas Jefferson



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