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New Member Packets

New Member Packet

Previously, we shared that new member packets now would be mailed directly to new members instead of being mailed to club secretaries. Soon after, we heard from several clubs that this process does not allow the club to welcome the new member in a ceremonious fashion. Therefore, unless your club specifically has requested that packets to go directly to members, we will revert back to sending packets to club secretaries. Headquarters always wants and values your input, so please continue to speak up on matters that matter to you!

Membership Contest



At the Winter Board Meeting held March 4 and 5 in Omaha, the CI board voted unanimously to hold a membership contest on an ongoing basis. Effective April 1, 2016, any Cosmopolitan member who sponsors three new members per quarter (January through March; April through June; July through September; and October through December) will receive a \$100 VISA gift card! Those are big bucks in your hands! Watch for new membership recruitment and retention plans to be unveiled soon.

International Project

Smooch

A Pooch

The Diabetic Alert Dog International Project, otherwise known as Smooch A Pooch, is led by International Vice President for Fundraising, Rick Swansbro. Rick currently is in the process of revamping the business plan for the project and anticipates rolling it out soon. In the meantime, many clubs are sponsoring their own Diabetic Alert Dog project, which is wonderful! Keep up the great job, and watch for more information on the International Project soon.

Board Meeting Minutes



Did you know that all Board Meeting minutes are posted on the Cosmopolitan website and are available for your review anytime? Visit www.cosmopolitan.org and click Member Center, click CI Resources, and scroll to Board Minutes. Minutes are typically posted within thirty (30) days of a board meeting. Did you also know that Cosmopolitan's financial information is posted on the website for your information? Click Member Center, click CI Resources, and scroll to Financials. Financial information is updated at the conclusion of each quarter.

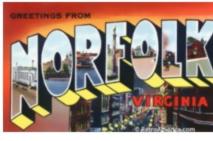
Federation Convention Representatives



The following executive officers will serve as official representatives at upcoming federation conventions:

- Capital Federation, May 13-14, 2016, Norfolk, VA David House
- Cornbelt Federation, April 15-16, 2016, Fremont, NE Rick Swansbro Midstates Federation, May 20-21, 2016, Aurora, IL - John Hubert
- Mo-Kan Federation, April 15-17, 2016, Jefferson City, MO Richard Gordon North Central Federation, April 22-23, 2016, Sioux Falls, SD - David House
- Western Canada Federation, May 27-29, 2016, Calgary, AB John Keeley

2016 International Convention



The 2016 International Convention committee hopes you are enjoying the informational emails that are being sent to Cosmopolitan members in advance of the convention. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar now for July 28 through 30 in Norfolk, Virginia! You will want to arrive no later than the afternoon of July 27 to take part in the pre-convention activities that evening. You also will want to stay through the wrap-up breakfast scheduled for Sunday, July 31. Registration opens very soon, so look for information on the Cosmopolitan website and in the Spring edition of COSMOTopics.

Calling All Leaders



Thinking of serving Cosmopolitan as an executive officer for the 2016-2017 year? If you wish to be considered in the election of officers to be held at the 2016 International Convention, please contact PIP Jim Preston at dpreston@mt-rushmore.net.

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

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