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## COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

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November, 2014

#### **Building and Brick Update**

As you know, our former headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas, has been leased by a local business owner who has indicated interest in purchasing the building. Delegates to the 2014 International Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, approved moving forward with the sale of the building, and current plans are to close on the sale December 15. Proceeds from the building will be placed in a restricted account and will not be spent without delegate approval.

Bricks from the former headquarters building courtyard soon will be taken up and eventually will be placed at Cosmo Park in Columbia, Missouri. Cosmos who may have purchased a brick in the past and would like to have the brick returned to them rather than having it placed at Cosmo Park should notify their club president, who will then provide a list to Executive Director Tracy. Tracy will see that bricks are returned to the club presidents' attention, and shipping will be billed to the club with the quarterly dues. If you would like to have your brick returned to you, please notify your president as soon as possible. Club presidents are asked to notify Tracy of bricks to be returned no later than November 12.

#### CALENDAR

2014

11/12

Deadline to Notify HG of any Brick Return

11/14

WORLD DIABETES DAY

2015

3/6 - 3/8

Winter CI Board Meeting, Omaha,

7/23 - 7/25

International Convention, Ramada Plaza, Omaha, NE



## **Executive Committee Retreat**

Last year, the Executive Committee began holding an annual retreat soon after convention to discuss priorities, brainstorm ideas, and hold informal discussions about the state of the organization. This year's retreat was held October 24 and 25 in Omaha. At the top of the list for discussion was retaining and growing membership, and the committee agreed to move forward with numerous concepts presented. Be sure to check future newsletters as well as COSMOTopics for details about these initiatives.



## Show Your Cosmo Spirit!

Why not show your Cosmo spirit with a new tee-shirt? The front reads: What's a Cosmo? The back reads: /N/ (1) A person with a passion to raise awareness for diabetes. (2) An organization that has given \$5 million+ towards a cure. (3) A Cosmo is a friend! The tee shirts that were available at the 2014 International Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, have been replenished and now are available for purchase. We have in stock a variety of Sports Grey and Black tee shirts in sizes Small through 3XL. Tees are \$15 each, and checks should be made payable to Cosmopolitan International and mailed to PO Box 7351, Lancaster, PA 17604. Please contact Executive Director Tracy at headquarters@cosmopolitan.org or 800-648-4331 or 717-295-7142 to order yours today.

This tee was a popular seller at this year's convention, and we don't expect supplies to last long. ORDER NOW!

## Let Us Give Thanks

While our Canadian friends celebrated Thanksgiving a few weeks ago, the U.S. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching later this month. We hear much this time of year about being thankful for our blessings, but at Cosmopolitan, let's take it one step further. As you give thanks, please reach out to someone who is struggling, especially another Cosmo. Not all of us enjoy good health and an intact family. Some of us have lost loved ones this year, some under tragic circumstances. Consider who in your club is alone, who would appreciate an invitation to dinner, or who might appreciate a few hours of respite care. Your gesture may be the only kindness your fellow Cosmo receives. And remember that those who are hard to love need love the most. Thanksgiving blessings to all Cosmos everywhere.



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