



# COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

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### 2014 International Convention

The Cosmopolitan International 2014 Convention was held July 24 through 26 in Rapid City, South Dakota, and was an overwhelming success! With a total of 220 Cosmos and guests in attendance, the convention was filled with friendships old and new, education and recommitment to our mission, and important business matters. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Convention delegates unanimously approved the Cosmopolitan International board to move forward with the sale of the headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Convention delegates also unanimously approved moving forward with the proposed international project involving diabetic alert dogs. Updates will be forthcoming from the International Project committee in future newsletters.
- Congratulations to all 2014 International Convention Award winners! They are:
  - BEST WEBSITE DESIGN - Omaha/Cornhusker
  - TOP YEARBOOK - Lawrence River City
  - TOP BULLETIN - Capital Region
  - CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE - Jefferson City
  - REBUILDING FRIENDSHIPS - Calgary, Columbia Breakfast, Omaha West, Regina, Wascana, Wichita Air Capital, and Winnipeg
  - BIG C - Council Bluffs, Fremont 100, Roanoke, Rockford, Sioux City, Rapid City
  - ALL IN! INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Roanoke, Bellevue-Big Elk, Sioux City, Aurora, Columbia Breakfast, Columbia Show-Me, Jefferson City, Santa Fe Trail, Wichita Air Capital, Rapid City, Sioux Falls Evening, Prince Albert, and Wascana
  - PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR - Keith Shepherd, Wascana
  - GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR - Ed Ficenc, Cornbelt Federation
  - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - Rick Lockyer, Wascana
  - MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE - Kyler Nelson, Fremont 100
  - COSMO OF THE YEAR - Tom Grimes, Rockford
  - PATRICK J. HODGINS AWARD - CeCe Benton, Columbia Show-Me

#### Full coverage of the 2014 International Convention will appear in the Fall edition of COSMOTopics.

- Cosmo Convention Links**
- [2014-2015 President Goals](#)
  - [2014 Delegate Manual](#)
  - [Approved 2014-2015 Budget](#)
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### Headquarters Building Update

As of July 31, 2014, the former headquarters building in Overland Park, Kansas, has been leased to the Monogram Shop, which previously leased space nearby the headquarters building in Overland Park. Since delegates to the 2014 International Convention voted to pursue the sale of the building, our new tenant has been given a right of first refusal, which means that the tenant has the option to purchase the building for a pre-determined price prior to it being available for purchase by any other party. We understand from the tenant that she does, indeed, plan to purchase the building, and we anticipate closing on the sale in approximately December or January.



With regard to the bricks, Executive Director Tracy is in discussion with Cosmo Park in Columbia, Missouri, about transferring the bricks to that location. Delegates to the 2014 International Convention were shown an artist's rendering of one possible area where the bricks may be placed. The bricks will be taken up from the former headquarters property in the coming weeks and will be stored by Cosmopolitan until a plan is worked out for their permanent placement. We anticipate that the buy-a-brick program will resume in the future, although specific details of the program also are being worked out currently. As an alternative to having bricks placed at Cosmo Park, Cosmos who purchased bricks in the past will be given the opportunity to have their brick(s) mailed back to them at their cost if they choose not to have their brick(s) placed at Cosmo Park. More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.



### In Memory

As Cosmopolitan members may know, former Mid-States Federation Governor Linda Feiden-Stefanich passed away last May. The Aurora Cosmopolitan Club has established the Linda Feiden-Stefanich Camp Scholarship for camp funds in Linda's memory. To donate, make checks payable and mail to Aurora Cosmopolitan Club, c/o LaVonne Hawking, 1028 Rainwood Drive, Aurora, IL 60506.

### Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation

To send mail to the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation, please make sure you use this address:  
Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation  
420 Financial Ct, Ste 124  
Rockford, IL 61107

And from American poet Maya Angelou, to whom we also said goodbye this past May, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

