

**COSMO CRIER**  
**Aurora Cosmopolitan Club**  
**Aurora, IL**  
**December 18, 2018**

- 1. Recap – Ringing of the Bells at Woodman’s.....Pat Carroll reported we took in \$400 + for our efforts. As surprised as we were not to be at Prisco’s – I think everyone was pleased to be in a large indoor space at Woodman’s. Please keep this in mind for next year – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November for one hour! Mark your calendar so you can participate. Thank you to those that did!**
  
- 2. Our Holiday Party was fun – we had 25 in attendance. Thank you to George Pappas/Oak Street for providing our appetizers. We sang Christmas carols – led by Arlene Hawks – bell ringing – Ann McBride. The club did not do a gift exchange this year – but everyone was asked if they would like to contribute \$10.00 for a donation for a draw to the following: Camp Scholarships, Sci-Tech, Kovler Diabetes Center, Paws Saving Lives and Rush-Copley Diabetic Center – thought I heard we had close to \$400.00 contributed as many did two drawings!**
  
- 3. Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – we will be in on a Town Hall Video call with HQ. All members are encouraged to come to Oak Street to participate. A good time for Q&A. Come to Oak Street for dinner – 5:30 or so – Conference will begin at 7 – although we need to be ready to sign in by 6:45.**
  
- 4. Name badges are in – I have them, please contact me to pick yours up.**
  
- 5. National/Illinois Diabetes Day held on 11/14 at Sci-Tech was low in attendance and thank you to club members that were able to be in attendance. It was an informative evening and this will be an annual event.....goal is to someday have an updated diabetes display!**

## MEMBERS

|                         |                        |                            |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Lisa Babler</b>      | <b>Laurie Jaffee</b>   | <b>Kenlyn Nash-Demeter</b> |
| <b>Mike Baum</b>        | <b>John Jaros</b>      | <b>Chuck Nelson</b>        |
| <b>Joanie Boldan</b>    | <b>Ernie Jones</b>     | <b>George Pappas</b>       |
| <b>Deanna Bush</b>      | <b>Pat Jones</b>       | <b>Helen Pappas</b>        |
| <b>Pat Carroll</b>      | <b>Deanna Karountz</b> | <b>ToMorie Sanders</b>     |
| <b>Gary Christensen</b> | <b>Jackie Klaisner</b> | <b>Karen Scroggins</b>     |
| <b>Stacy Corson</b>     | <b>David Lies</b>      | <b>Theresa Shoemaker</b>   |
| <b>Charles Demeter</b>  | <b>Bella Love</b>      | <b>Paul Smith</b>          |
| <b>Jeff George*</b>     | <b>Jeff Love</b>       | <b>Rita Smith</b>          |
| <b>Marilyn George</b>   | <b>Ann McBride</b>     | <b>Vic Smith</b>           |
| <b>Russ George</b>      | <b>Jenny McCain*</b>   | <b>Richard Stefanich</b>   |
| <b>Peggy Hasenhauer</b> | <b>Matt McCain*</b>    | <b>Dina Weiss</b>          |
| <b>Susan Hasenhauer</b> | <b>John McKenzie</b>   | <b>Marilyn Wittenwyler</b> |
| <b>LaVonne Hawking</b>  | <b>Linda Marquardt</b> |                            |
| <b>Arlene Hawks*</b>    | <b>Ed Means</b>        |                            |
| <b>Richard Hawks*</b>   | <b>Sherrill Means</b>  |                            |

- **Members since July 2018**
- **Let's see more new names! We have two new members who will be installed in January – Donna Carter (sponsor Paul Smith) and Carlos Martinez (sponsor Matt McCain). WELCOME!**

### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S TO:

**David Lies – 12**  
**Laurie Jaffe - 24**

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO:**

**Gary Christensen – wife Donna had knee replacement  
Dick Hawks – ongoing health issues  
John McKenzie Family – Doris, son Tim and daughter Sue  
Rita Smith – ongoing health issues**

**COSMO CALENDAR**

**2019**

**Tuesday, January 15 – Board of Manager's Mtg – KCTCU  
Thursday, January 17 – Business Meeting – Oak Street  
Speaker – Arlene Hawks  
Tuesday, February 19 – Board of Manager's Mtg – KCTCU  
Thursday, February 21 – Business Meeting – Oak Street  
Tuesday, March 19 – Board of Manager's Mtg – KCTCU  
Thursday, March 21 – Business Meeting – Oak Street  
Friday, April 5 – Annual Rummage Sale – Timberlake Clubhouse  
Saturday, April 6 – Annual Rummage Sale – Timberlake Clubhouse  
Tuesday, April 16 – Board of Manager's Mtg – KCTCU  
Thursday, April 18 – Business Meeting – Oak Street  
Friday, April 26 – Annual Wine Fundraiser – Fox Valley Winery  
Tuesday, May 14 – Board of Manager's Mtg – KCTCU  
Thursday, May 16 – Business Meeting – Oak Street  
Saturday, May 18 – Mid-States Federation Meeting**

**Remember Cosmo Business meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please mark your calendar!**

**Keep in mind – as you are straightening/sorting/getting rid of after Christmas – the Rummage Sale.**

**Remember after Christmas bargains – fill your wine event raffle basket!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**LaVonne**

**NOTE:**

**Tonight a “townhall” video conference session was held. Members attending were: International President - Rick Swansbro, Executive Director - David House, Mid-States Governor - Dayton Smith, Rockford Club Sargent at Arms - Brandon Gruner, Rockford Club Treasurer – Tom Grimes (from his hospital bed), Aurora Club President -Russ George, VP – Paul Smith, Treasurer – Jackie Klaisner, Facebook/Website/Club Runner – Ann McBride, Secretary – LaVonne Hawking – Special Guest – 4 month old James Klaisner.....  
Vic/Rita Smith hoped to be in on the video – but technical challenged LaVonne didn’t get the communication right – Sorry.....**

**On the following page will be the recap from Rick Swansbro and David House – so I won’t go into any detail and was asked to share with my club.....**

**Follow-up will be a conference call between Russ/Paul/David and Rick in the near future to go over some other topics/issues.**

**Thanks again to those that were in attendance.....**



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**Video Town Hall**

2 messages

**David House** <headquarters@cosmopolitan.org>

Tue, Dec 18, 2018 at 7:59 PM

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I wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank all of you for your input and participation in our first Town Hall meeting. LaVonne, please extend my thanks to the other participants you had in the room. I did not get all of their names recorded, but want to thank them for taking their time to join us as well.

Rick opened the meeting with several accolades for Cosmopolitan Clubs that have done some amazing work. We need to constantly recognize the efforts and activities of our clubs when they do something well outside of the ordinary.

Then we began addressing several of the topics that were presented to us via email. Some of those items were already put into play by the current President, but may not have been publicly noted, but there were also several ideas that Rick and I will discuss further to see how we can utilize the technology available to us to achieve the requested results.

Discussion also centered around the upcoming International Convention. Dayton indicated that the committees will begin their meetings in January. Several preliminary meetings have already taken place that were designed to solidify the convention schedule so the committees have something to hang their hats on and work with.

Look to the next Newsletter from me for dates for upcoming Town Hall meetings. These will be open to all members on a first come first seat basis, with a limited number of seats provided for each session. These have been scheduled monthly for the next 6 months, and will be held on various nights of the week to avoid a constant conflict with a particular night of the week.

Again, thanks for participating with us and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas.



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**Follow-Up to Our Video Conference Town Hall**

1 message

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**Rick Swansbro** <president@cosmopolitan.org>

Tue, Dec 18, 2018 at 8:44 PM

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Good Evening,

Thank you for joining the MidStates "Town Hall" video conference! Your participation positions us for our first Cosmopolitan International "Town Hall" video conference in January. These Town Hall events will continue monthly through May of 2019 on a first come first serve basis.

I welcome any suggestions you may offer as we look to January. Please feel free to offer your perspectives by return email. LaVonne, please pass this message onto your club members. Thank you!

During tonight's conference, I mentioned the great work done by the Council Bluffs club. Clearly, the Council Bluffs club under the leadership of Bill Treadway has emerged as a leading sponsor of Paws Saving Lives.

The web link to the Council Bluffs website is as follows. Please have a look at the many individuals they have helped!

<http://cbcosmos.org/>

Regards,

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