

COSMO CRIER
Aurora Cosmopolitan Club
Aurora, IL.
November 2017

It seems every time I am set to write the Crier – we have a drastic weather change – and today it is rainy, snowy and at the moment – just windy. BRRRR! What about it being dark by 5:00!

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? It's 'round the corner' so to speak.

1) Report from Jackie – most members have paid their dues or made arrangements as to when they would be paid – remember monthly, quarterly or full payments can be made. Bring to the meeting – or mail to P.O. Box 351, North Aurora, IL 60542

2) Another busy month for our club – we had the 90th Anniversary Celebration finale at One East Benton in Aurora. A great place to have an event. Thank you to Ron and Melinda for allowing us to have this. As most of you know, the 50/50 raffle was held at 9:40 pm – the container was passed around to all members in attendance to give it a shake – sideways, upside down, etc. The luck winner was none other than a Cosmo member (not in attendance) – Deputy Mayor Chuck Nelson. Congratulations Chuck from all of us. We had 212 people in attendance throughout the evening. The bar was busy – popcorn was a hit. Thank you to Advent Christian Church for letting us borrow it. Pat and Ed were busy popping corn all night. Bartenders were: Vic and Gary. Greeter was Ed Means. Cosmo table: Rita, Paul and Sherrill. Carson table: Marilyn and Jackie. Raffle table – Ann and LaVonne. The Bush family was there with Stanley. Thank you, Russ, for all your time you have put into this very successful event!

3) Rummage Sale – We have a pending new member, Bella Love – she responded to a newsletter item that a family had boxes of donations to give away. After a note to the family, they decided on the Cosmopolitan Club (diabetes). When Bella and Jeff went to pick up the trailer full of boxes, the lady mentioned they have a son who has diabetes which is why she chose us. What a connection! Bella will keep in touch with them and hopefully they will attend a meeting – maybe become a member..... at least we can consider sending their son to camp. This just proves – talk about the club – you never know what will transpire from a conversation. I will take items after 12/1 at the clubhouse. Sale will be April 6 and 7th at the Timberlake Clubhouse – 1600 Colorado. Hopefully, the weather will be somewhat warmer – check out will be in the “carpeted room” this year. We have been getting “leftover” items from garage/moving sales already. I am meeting someone at the clubhouse next Friday that will be dropping off their leftover items. Again, if you have your items you would like to sell, you certainly may – but you will be responsible to do your own selling and set up.

4) For our new members, some of the things that are mentioned may seem foreign. Please if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me or any of our members.

Keep in mind – our wine event – who will you ask to be a sponsor? Remember those monies are not going to food or drink – but to send kids with diabetes to camp.

5) Carson Books Sales was very successful..... We made over \$2,000.00 this year! For those that did not participate in selling the books for Fall, please remember we will be selling again in the Spring. These monies go towards our commitment to the Kovler Diabetes Center. A big thank you to Russ and Marilyn George for selling at the store – hopefully, we can help them out more with more people selling at the store prior to the sale– hours are very flexible.....Russ just needs to know when to schedule our members to sell.

6) Salvation Army Bell ringing kickoff began today. Thank you to those that “rang the bell” at Prisco Food’s today. We are very fortunate to be able to ring there since we are in the enclosed area. Remember the days of the Jewel stores – Oh my, those winds could be brutal! Ann, Sherrill and LaVonne will be attending the Salvation Army kick off November 20th.

7) I am looking forward to our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 7th at Oak Street. Not only will this be a social event for our club – but a thank you to those that volunteered their time at our 90th celebration – Please RSVP to LaVonne by Monday, December 4th --- YES or NO.....

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 7th - Holiday Party – no business meeting in December

Thursday, January 18th – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Thursday, February 15th – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Thursday, March 21st – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Friday-Saturday, April 6-7 - Rummage sale – Timberlake Clubhouse

Thursday, April 19th – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Friday, April 27th – Wine Event – Fox Valley Winery, Oswego

**Saturday, May 5th – Hotel Coronado, Rockford – honoring Dr. Phillipson
(see press release)**

**Thursday, May 17th – Business Meeting/Installation of Officers –
Oak Street Restaurant**

Saturday, May 20th – Mid-States Meeting – Rockford

Thursday, June 21st – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Camp for Kids – TBA???????

Thursday, July 19th – Business Meeting – Oak Street Restaurant

Wednesday-Sunday – July 25th-29th – International Convention,

Please mark your calendars for these dates and make every effort to attend our meetings and events. I hope to keep the meetings to an hour once again – unless there are special circumstances and don't want to rush speakers, etc

COSMOPOLITAN BOARD

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

International President – John Hubert
President-Elect – Rick Swansbro
VP for Finance – John Krysak
VP for Membership/New Clubs – Judy Weitkemper
VP for Fundraising/Marketing – David House
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MID-STATES FEDERATION

Governor – Chris Janke, Rockford
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AURORA OFFICERS

President – LaVonne Hawking
President-Elect – Russ George
Vice President-Social Events – Paul Smith
Secretary – LaVonne Hawking
Assistant Secretary – Sherrill Means
Treasurer – Jackie Klaisner
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PR – Kenlyn Nash-Demeter
Cosmo Crier – LaVonne Hawking

The International on the 2018 convention will be July 25-29th of July. The convention will be in Kansas City and will be a big event with celebrating the Cosmopolitan 100 year anniversary – Wednesday through Sunday – July 25-29th. Train fares are under \$200 round trip to Kansas. Driving 8-10 hours.

MEMBERS

*New members as of July 1, 2017

LOOK THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR MORE MEMBERS – WHO CAN YOU ASK TO JOIN OUR CLUB?

Find us on Facebook: COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF AURORA

Check out our Website: auroracosmo.org

International Website: Cosmopolitaninternational.org --- have you signed up to be able to log in and read more about our organization? If not, it is a very simple procedure -- and please sign up!

MEMBERSHIP – LET'S BUILD OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP - Encourage people to join – yes we want members to be a participating member, but also encourage someone who may be interested and/or lives too far away and can't participate – but will support our cause..... we turn down no one!

Mention our annual dues are \$125.00 per year – pay as you like, dinners at the business meetings are their cost, other social events – wine taste - \$25.00 per person, volunteer at various events and sell tickets, etc. to raise monies for our cause – fighting diabetes.

It would be great if you could invite someone to attend one of our meetings, holiday party or event. I came across the following and thought I would share with you:

I'm not cut out for this
Someone else can do it better
People might not like it
I have nothing to offer
I hate my calling
It's a waste of time
It's too much work

Have you ever found yourself saying any of the above? I have, but I decided a long time ago – I have something to offer – and SO DO YOU. It's much better to give than receive (although that is nice too).

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

November 14 – Marilyn George
November 14 – Deanna Karountzc
November 17 – Susan Hasenauer
November 27 – Sherrill Means
November 30 – Rich Ruffalo

Thoughts and prayers to:

John McKenzie – Doris is feeling much better and she was with us for dinner at our meeting Thursday

Paul Smith – continues to have tests to see what is going on.

Renee Chambers – Kenlyn Nash-Demeter – hope you soon feel better

Congratulations to Mike Baum – Granddaughter was one of the finalist in Aurora's Merry Christmas contest.

Added Notes from our club meeting – we are looking for one or two members to take over the Public Relations position that Kenlyn has chaired for many years. This would mean keeping in contact with the Aurora Chamber events.....am coffees, ribbon cuttings, etc. It is just an hour here or there mingling with other organizations or business people...talking about the club. If you are interested, please contact her – 630-466-0699. This would be a great way to get in on many happenings in the Aurora area.

It is better to be involved, than not doing anything – we NEED volunteers to keep our club going – maybe you don't want to be an officer, but we committee positions to be filled. This would be one.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING – WHETHER YOU ARE COOKING AT HOME – TRAVELING –
SAFE TRAVELS – STAY HEALTHY –

See you in December!!!!

LaVonne