



Cosmopolitan International

# Show-Me Times

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## Coming up

### **4/5 – Membership meeting**

The April meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Columbia Country Club. The guest speaker will be Jordan Wright of Emergency Management Systems.

### **4/5 – Teen Cosmo Club**

The first meeting of this new club will be held at 7 p.m. at Columbia Country Club. The club is open to anyone in middle school, junior high school and high school.

### **4/12 – Ronald McDonald House**

The Show-Me Club will prepare a meal for Ronald McDonald House guests and staff. Contact Judy Weitkemper or John Kadlec if you can donate food items or help prepare the meal.

### **4/24 – Board meeting**

The Show-Me Cosmo board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Jerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Building.

### **4/27 - Ready for Spaghetti?**

The annual fundraiser will be held at the Gerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Building.

### **7/26 – Cosmopolitan International Covention**

## *Farmers market expanding*

Show-Me Cosmo Club held its monthly general meeting March 1 at the Columbia Country Club.

President, Dayton Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Total attendance was 42 including seven guests and five children.

Jan Barry gave the blessing for our meal and asked us to keep Deb Koepke in our prayers and thoughts after the passing of her father.

Our speakers tonight were Billy Polansky, executive director of the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, and Adam Saunders, development director. Last year the organization's 1.5 acre plot of land produced 17,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables that were donated to food pantries.

The three objectives for them are: growing food, connecting people to their food and mentoring low income families.

For \$1,200 an organization or individual can sponsor a row at the Urban Agriculture garden. The funds for Planting for the Pantry Program will provide fertilizing, seeding and care for two or three crops. The crops from the Kilgore Garden are donated to the Nora Stewart Nursery.

Three years ago, Urban Agriculture began planning with the Columbia Parks and Recreation for an agriculture park on the open space at the ARC and West Middle School. The necessary building permits are in hand, and the bids are out for the main building. Once built, the building will be available to rent through Parks and

Recreation. To date \$3.1 million has been raised, and they are working on additional donations.

### **Old Business**

President Shepherd presented Sara and Tim Echternach their membership packets from Cosmopolitan International.

Show-Me Cosmo member birthdays for March were Rollin Thompson (11th), Tec Chapman (15th), Jeff Lentz (16th), Frank La Mantia (19th), Elaine McCoy (28th) and Jacki Swank (30th).

### **Cosmopolitan International – Judy Weitkemper**

Next month the Show-Me Club will be initiating a Teen Cosmo Club in Columbia. Show-Me members are encouraged to bring their middle school through high school students and their friends to the Show-Me general membership meeting April 5. Teens attending do not have to have parents in the Show-Me Club.

Membership for the teens is \$15 a year. Teen Cosmos will learn all about Cosmo, how to run their club, their board and how to operate a fundraiser and make decisions on who to help with the money raised.

At the upcoming International Convention in July, Teen Cosmos will have access to their own hospitality/movie room. The Adams Mark also has a game room and water park.

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### **Ready for Spaghetti? – Rose La Mantia**

A sign-up sheet to bring a dessert was passed around at the meeting. See Rose to sign up to bring one or more desserts.

Last year the Show-Me Club donated 50 cents to APO for every ticket APO members sold. APO provides a lot of help during this fundraiser. Frank La Mantia moved and Brett Benton seconded the motion to donate 50 cents for every ticket sold by APO to the APO group. The motion passed.

### **Ronald McDonald House meals – John Kadlec**

For the February meal, 60 pieces of chicken were cooked. John said the house guests still may be eating some of the leftovers.

Our next opportunity to prepare a meal at the RMD House is April 12.

For our volunteer work in providing these monthly meals, the Show-Me Cosmo Club will be featured in the next RMD House newsletter. Thanks to all the Show-Me members who are making these meals happen.

### **Extreme Bowling – Brett Benton**

With the original date for this fundraiser canceled due to weather, the new date was March 3. Check in was at 5:30 p.m., with bowling beginning at 6 p.m. Additional bowlers were needed to fill in on some of the teams.

We have a total of 30 teams bowling and the silent auction is loaded with some tremendous bargains. Bring your checkbook or credit card and purchase one or more of these items.

### **Bunco membership event – Tanya Linder**

This membership recruitment event was held at 6 p.m. March 16 at the Cosmo Building. Dickey's Bar-b-Que catered the event.

All Show-Me members are encour-



Bunco Master Larry Benton tallies wins and losses during the Bunco membership event March 16.

aged to bring a potential member to this fun event and help grow our club. Their attendance is free. Cosmo members pay \$10 each to participate.

## **New Business**

### **MoKan Conference**

The MOKAN conference is March 23-25. Convention reservations were due by Wednesday, March 7. Show-Me Club delegates will be Jan Barry, Anita Hubert, Rose La Mantia, Brian McNeill, Julie McNeill and Dayton Shepherd.

President Shepherd thanked the Show-Me members for their timely response indicating their intention to attend our member meeting. Keep up the good work.

### **Holiday Parade sponsorship**

On Feb. 18, representatives from the three Cosmo clubs in Columbia met with the Columbia Jaycees where they shared their experiences and responsibilities sponsoring the Holiday Parade.

The Columbia Jaycees are disbanding, and their 38-year run of sponsoring the Holiday Parade is coming to an end. The Jaycees are looking to the

Cosmo Clubs to take over sponsorship and leadership of this event.

Rachel, the Columbia Jaycee leader for this event, shared her knowledge with the group. Six to eight Cosmos must commit to the planning for this event. Twenty additional individuals will be needed on the day of the parade. APO students are willing to help if the parade is the first weekend of December. The Cosmos will need to hire a Santa for the parade. A timeline for the parade was distributed, and Rachel indicated she would be willing to work with Cosmos for a smooth transition.

Non-profit organizations have paid \$10 and businesses \$25 to participate in the parade. Previously local high school bands have been invited to march. The city will put up barricades along the parade route. The Zimmer Radio group has provided publicity for the Holiday Parade.

When asked, five Show-Me members raised their hands committing to assist with the Holiday Parade providing the other two Clubs also agree to participate.

Frank La Mantia moved and Tim Echternach seconded the motion committing Show-Me Club participation in hosting and sponsoring the Holiday Parade contingent on the participation of the Breakfast and Luncheon Clubs. The motion passed.

### **April meeting**

The speaker at our April Member meeting will be Jordan Wright of Emergency Management Systems.

### **Adjournment**

The drawing was held for our Speaker's Fund 50/50 drawing. Ashlee Smith won the \$30 drawing and donated it back to the Show-Me Club. Thanks, Ashlee!

At 9 p.m., Brett Benton moved and John Kadlec seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed, and then everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Cosmo clubs pass on Holiday Parade sponsorship

The Show-Me Cosmo board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dayton Shepherd. Board members in attendance were Kay Brejcha, Frank La Mantia, Rose La Mantia, Jamie Linder, Tanya Linder, Brian McNeill, Julie McNeill, CeCe Benton and Bill Giddings. Larry Benton attended as an observer.

Kay Brejcha moved and Julie McNeill seconded the motion to approve the board minutes from the March meeting. The motion passed.

## **Correspondence – CeCe Benton**

Granny's House is having its third annual fundraiser April 6. A Food Bank newsletter was also received. The University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine is holding its annual Gentle Doc Benefit.

## **Treasurer's Report – Kay Brejcha**

As of Feb. 28, 2018, the Show-Me Club had \$54,473.42 in mutual funds along with \$1,818.36 in cash in the Landmark Bank account. The Commerce Bank checking account had \$6,797.47.

The Sage statement shows the charges for our use of the credit card module on Club Runner. Sales through this module was \$336.00. Our fee was \$20.13 with a discount of \$8.36.

Rose La Mantia moved and Tanya Linder seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

## **Membership Report – Tanya Linder**

The Bunco night was a success. Total attendance was 50, and the Show-Me Club gained two new members. Larry Benton did a great job sharing the Cosmopolitan message.

## **Extreme Bowling – Rose La Mantia**

The total income from this fundraiser was \$7,572.50 and included \$1,380.00 from the silent auction. Expenses were

\$967.71 for a total profit of \$6,604.79.

Thanks to all Cosmo's who helped make this fundraiser a success. Thanks also to the APO students.

## **Cosmo Hall of Fame Dinner – Dayton Shepherd**

The Cosmo Hall of Fame Dinner where our three members – Jan Barry, CeCe Benton and Larry Benton – will be inducted will be May 29 at The Broadway Columbia hotel. The menu will be surf & turf at \$29 / \$34.80. Mark your calendar for this event and stay tuned for more information.

## **Old Business**

### **Holiday Parade – Dayton Shepherd**

We have learned that the Cosmo Luncheon Club has passed on the opportunity to sponsor the annual Holiday Parade. A Shriners' club may sponsor the event.

### **Member Review – Bill Giddings**

Cosmopolitan International is ready to do billing for the third quarter and we need to make sure our roster is correct and up to date. During a review of the Show Me roster it was noted that Lisa Miller should be dropped. Treasurer Kay Brejcha will be contacting those Show-Me Club members who are not current with their dues to determine their intentions prior to the end of this quarter.

### **Ready for Spaghetti? –**

#### **Rose La Mantia**

Only one worker slot remains to be filled. If you would be willing to mix lemonade and make tea and coffee please contact Rose. On April 12 Rose will meet with the APO students and give them their assignments. We still need more desserts for this fundraiser. If you can provide one or more desserts please let Rose know.

## **New Business**

### **MO-KAN Convention –**

The Show-Me Club won several awards at this gathering of the MO-KAN Cosmo clubs. Our Show-Me Times won best club newsletter thanks to Brian McNeill's expertise. Rookie of the Year went to Frank La Mantia. Way to go, Frank. Our President, Dayton Shepherd won the Member Community Service Award for MO-KAN. Thanks for your service to the community, Dayton. Thanks also to Larry and Brett Benton for writing the applications for these awards.

Of the 12 Clubs in MO-KAN, nine attended this convention. During the Delegates Assembly proposals were read that would drop the 25-year and 50-year certificates. These would be replaced by five-year increment lapel pins. Also, read were proposals to drop the Friendship Builder Award and change the Beacon levels. Delegates voiced their opinion on some of the proposed changes, both pro and con.

### **July Inaugural Dinner –**

#### **Rose La Mantia**

There is a \$200 budget for the Inauguration dinner. These funds will cover the cost of helium for the balloons and \$2.00 per chair cover. CeCe Benton moved and Frank La Mantia seconded the motion for these expenses. The motion passed.

Rose asks anyone with toilet paper cardboard rolls to bring them to the April general membership meeting.

The Theme for the April meeting will be Easter. Wear your Easter bonnet or rabbit ears.

### **Adjournment**

Frank La Mantia moved and Rose La Mantia seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed.

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## Getting older sure has its ups and downs

Three older ladies were discussing the travails of getting older.

One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in, "Yes, some times I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table, then told them "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

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A group of Americans was traveling by tour bus through Holland.

As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through a pro-

cess of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used.

She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. These, she explained, were the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produced.

She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats that aren't producing?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours."

### Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club board and committees

#### 2017-18 Board Members

President: Dayton Shepherd  
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Secretary: Bill Giddings  
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Parliamentarian: Rose LaMantia  
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Two-Year Board Member: Frank La Mantia  
One-Year Board Member: CeCe Benton  
One-Year Board Member: Lindsay Schulz

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Extreme Bowling: Brett Benton, Rose La Mantia, Lindsay Schulz, Kay Brejcha, Julie McNeill  
Ready For Spaghetti: Rose La Mantia, John Kadlec, Jane Smith, Lindsay Schulz, Rollin Thompson, Jan Berry  
Walktoberfest: Judy Weitkemper, Karen Leyden, Jacki Swank, Rose LaMantia, Frank La Mantia, Patricia Jackson, Ronda Benton  
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