



COMING UP

8/2 – General meeting

The August meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club. The speaker will be Jeff Moran of Mobility Worldwide, a national program to build personal energy transportation (PET) carts for disabled people around the globe.

8/11 – Social at winery

Show-Me Cosmo members and guests are invited to Serenity Valley Winery in Fulton from 4 to 7 p.m.. Live music will be featured. Bring your own food, and wine, of course, will be available for sale.

8/16 – 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.

8/28 – Board meeting

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

9/6 – General meeting

The September meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Country Club.

Cosmos inaugurate officers, board members

The Show-Me Cosmopolitan club has new leadership.

The officers and board members for the 2018-19 year are President Julie McNeill, President-Elect Frank La Mantia, Vice President of Membership Jeane Tetro, Secretary Brian McNeill, Treasurer Kay Brejcha, Parliamentarian Dayton Shepherd, Sergeant At Arms Bill Tetro, two-year board members Lora Zaner and Bill Giddings and one-year board members Sara Echtermach and Aaron Zaner. They were sworn in during the 32nd inaugural July 5 at the Columbia Country Club.

“I joined Show-Me Cosmo two and a half years ago because I was impressed at the great things it has done for our community and because of its mission to fight diabetes,” said President Julie McNeill in her address to the 26 club members and five guests in attendance.

“One of my goals this year is to strengthen the commitment of our committees to raise even more funds for our causes, because that is where the real work is done,” McNeill said. “I also should grow our club by at least six new members and at least one new fundraising event. Let’s make this a successful and fun year.”

Past Presidents Award

Rose La Mantia presented the award to Dayton Shepherd for his service as president of the 2017-18 fiscal year.



Past President Dayton Shepherd hands the Show-Me Cosmo Club gavel to new President Julie McNeill.

Member Awards

Dayton Shepherd recognized Show-Me Cosmo members with these awards:

- Rookie of the Year – Bill Tetro
- Cosmo of the Year – Rose La Mantia
- Community Service Award – John Kadlec
- Patrick J. Hodgins Award – John Hubert

Perfect Attendance

Elaine McCoy read the list of members who had perfect attendance the

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past year. The members are:

One year – John Hubert and Lora Zaner

Two years – Brian McNeill, Julie McNeill, Frank La Mantia, Lindsay Schulz and Aaron Zaner

Three years – Kay Brejcha

Four years – Anita Hubert, James Linder and Tanya Linder

Five years – Rose La Mantia

Nine years – Bill Giddings

Eleven years – Jeff Brinegar and Jane Smith

Thirteen years – Bill Weitkemper

Seventeen years – Brenda Hanson

Eighteen years – Lorna Baxter, Ronda Benton and Judy Weitkemper

Twenty-one years – Brett Benton

Twenty-three years – Phyllis Erhart

Twenty-five years – Jan Goodson, John Kadlec and Dayton Shepherd

Twenty-nine years – CeCe Benton and Larry Benton

Thirty-one years – Janice Barry and Maxine Powell

Birthdays

The birthdays for July were Karen Czechorski on the 1st, Tim Echternach on the 7th, Julie McNeill on the 19th and Phyllis Erhart on the 26th. Tim Echternach serenaded the birthday girls and boys with a special, somewhat sultry rendition of “Happy Birthday.”

International Convention

Rose La Mantia urged those planning to attend the International Convention to place and pick up their orders for shirts as soon as possible. She said that Judy Weitkemper would pick up and deliver at the convention orders placed by other clubs throughout the country.

2017-18 donations

Dayton Shepherd reported that Show-Me Cosmo gave a total of \$18,400 in contributions to more than a dozen local charities and organizations during the 2017-18 fiscal year. A full report will be posted on the Show-Me Cosmo



Member awards were presented to, from left, Bill Tetro for Rookie of the Year, Rose La Mantia for Cosmo of the Year, John Kadlec for the Community Service Award, and Cosmopolitan International President John Hubert for the Patrick J. Hodgins Award, which is named for the founder of Cosmopolitan International.

website at www.showmecosmo.org.

General meeting meal payments

Dayton Shepherd said that an average of only four members are paying for their meals with credit or debit cards. This low usage of the service, which is provided through Club Runner, will cost the club over the long term.

Dayton urged more members to use their credit or debit card when paying for general meeting meals so that the service is cost effective for the club and will allow it to use the service for online donations to fundraisers and payments for social events.

Best dressed

The awards for costumes that best displayed a star-spangled spirit went to Wayne Powell and Anita Hubert. Each sported a stylish selection of red, white and blue apparel.

50/50 drawing

A total of \$71 was raised in the 50/50 drawing. Tom Leyden won half of the jackpot.

Adjournment

Tim Echternach made a motion to adjourn the general meeting. Brian McNeill seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board sets date, location for Walktoberfest fundraiser

President Julie McNeill called the Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Cosmopolitan Building.

In attendance were Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill, Bill Giddings, Dayton Shepherd, Aaron Zaner, Lora Zaner and Sara Echternach.

There were no corrections to the July board meeting minutes, so the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Show-Me Cosmo received thank-you notes from Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for financial contributions the club made to these local organizations during the 2017-18 year.

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture also invited Show-Me Cosmo members to its Peak of the Season Donor Appreciation event from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Urban Farm, 1209 Smith St., Columbia.

More information is available at the center's website: www.columbiaurbanag.org.

Show-Me Cosmo also received a Voluntary Action Center newsletter and information from Raymond James stating the balances of the club's investment funds.

Treasurer

There was no treasurer's report.

Membership

There was no membership report.

Unfinished business

Dayton Shepherd reported that the delegates to the Cosmopolitan International Convention will be Julie and Brian McNeill, Rose La Mantia, Dayton Shepherd, Elaine McCoy and Janice and Jim Blue.

Julie reported that our annual fundraising event Walktoberfest will be held Oct. 21 at the Lamb Shelter in Cosmopolitan Park in Columbia. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the walk will commence at 2 p.m. Julie added that the committee to organize this event needs additional members.

Last year, Walktoberfest raised more than \$9,000 for the Cosmopolitan International Diabetes and Endocrinology Center and Camp Hickory Hill through donations of \$50 from individuals and \$100 from businesses.

New business

Julie McNeill requested ideas from the board and general membership for socials this fall. She also suggested that the club hold a social Aug. 11 at the Serenity Valley Winery in Fulton. Details about the event will be pre-

sented at the Show-Me Cosmo member meeting Aug. 2.

Dayton Shepherd stated that a membership education meeting should be scheduled this fall.

Bill Giddings reported that members from the three Cosmo clubs in Columbia held a work day at the Cosmopolitan Building and painted the kitchen and several walls in the main room and entryway. He added that the solar panels on the building's roof are fully functional.

In addition, all Cosmo members are encouraged to help with trash pickup around the building and other maintenance chores at 8:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of every month.

Aaron Zaner suggested that the board start working on forming a marketing plan to increase the club's presence in Columbia and surrounding communities.

Lora Zaner added that the marketing plan could include public service announcements on local TV and radio stations. The production and air time for PSAs are free of cost.

Adjournment

Dayton Shepherd made a motion that the board meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Sara Echternach.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Cosmopolitan celebrates 100th anniversary in Kansas City

The 2018 International Convention was held July 26-28 at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Conference Center in Kansas City.

A special thanks to convention chairman Judy Weitkemper and anniversary committee members Derry and Sheila Anderson, Melvina Newman and Rose La Mantia for all their work in planning our very special celebration.

Coverage of the convention will be featured in next month's Show-Me Times.



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From the homepage, hover your mouse over Projects and scroll to Cosmopolitan Bricks and click on the yellow



highlighted section.

Call Cosmopolitan International at (717) 295-7142 or (800) 648-4331 if you need assistance with your brick order.

Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club board and committees

2018-19 Board Members

President: Julie McNeill
President-elect: Frank La Mantia
Vice President of Membership: Jeane Tetro
Secretary: Brian McNeill
Treasurer: Kay Brejcha
Parliamentarian: Dayton Shepherd
Sergeant at Arms: Bill Tetro
Two-Year Board Member: Bill Giddings
Two-Year Board Member: Lora Zaner
One-Year Board Member: Sara Echternach
One-Year Board Member: Aaron Zaner

2018-19 Committees

Attendance: Elaine McCoy and Tim Echternach
Awards: Brett Benton, Larry Benton, Rose La Mantia, Tim Echternach
Budget: Larry Benton, Aaron Zaner, Julie McNeill
Building: Bill Giddings
Bylaws: Larry Benton, Frank La Mantia
Calling and Emailing: Phyllis Erhart, Lindsay Schulz
Cards and Flowers: Jan Goodson
Chaplain: Jan Barry, Dayton Shepherd, Tim Echternach
Concessions: CeCe Benton, Jan Barry, Jane Smith, Tom Leyden, Karen Leyden, Kim Shelmadine
Christmas Donations: Phyllis Erhart

Contributions: CeCe Benton, Julie McNeill
Education: Dayton Shepherd
Extreme Bowling: Brett Benton, CeCe Benton, Sara Echternach, Rose La Mantia
Facebook: Dayton Shepherd
Fundraiser: Sara Echternach, Julie McNeill
Historian: Maxine Powell
Inaugural: CeCe Benton, Julie McNeill
Membership: Jeane Tetro, Lora Zaner, Aaron Zaner, Rose La Mantia
Memorial Float: Dayton Shepherd, Brenda Hanson, Rose La Mantia
Nomination: Dayton Shepherd, Rose La Mantia, CeCe Benton, Julie McNeill
Programs: Frank La Mantia
Publicity: Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill, CeCe Benton
Ready For Spaghetti: Rose La Mantia, Tom Leyden, Karen Leyden, Sara Echternach, Tim Echternach, Kim Shelmadine, Todd Shelmadine, Lora Zaner, Aaron Zaner
Show-Me Times: Brian McNeill
Social: Rose La Mantia
Walktoberfest: Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill, Rose La Mantia, Frank La Mantia, CeCe Benton, Lora Zaner, Aaron Zaner, Bill Tetro, Jeane Tetro, Kim Shelmadine
Website: Dayton Shepherd, Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill

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