



Show-Me Times

Coming up

2/1 – Membership meeting

The February meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Columbia Country Club. The guest speaker will be Matt Rau of Team Red, White and Blue, a national organization that supports military veterans.

2/10 – Extreme Bowling

The annual Extreme Bowling tournament will begin at 6 p.m. at AMF Town & Country Lanes in Columbia.

2/20 – Board meeting

The Show-Me Cosmo board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Jerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Building, 1715 Burlington St., Columbia.

3/1 – Membership meeting

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

3/16 – Bunco event

The annual Bunco membership drive will be held at 6 p.m. at the Cosmopolitan Building.

3/23 – Mo-Kan Conference

The Mo-Kan Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 3411 S.W. Iowa St., in Lawrence, Kan.



Bowlers prepare to get extreme

There will be crazy lights, funky music and wild-colored shoes that glide on a slick-as-glass floor. But this ain't no disco.

This is Extreme Bowling, one of Show-Me Cosmo's biggest fundraisers for the past 18 years. Up to 32 teams of five bowlers will hit the lanes at AMF Town & Country Lanes on Feb. 10.

Last year the event raised more than \$6,000 for diabetes research and

other community projects. Committee chairman Brett Benton says this year's event is set to strike an even higher figure.

It's not too late to join the fun, says Brett. Give him a call at 573-239-2953 if you'd like to add a team, participate as a bowler or even contribute to the gifts that will be awarded as prizes to bowlers or for the always popular silent auction.



Board seeks members' input for Holiday Parade

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Jan. 23 by President Dayton Shepherd. Board members in attendance were CeCe Benton, Rose La Mantia, Tanya Linder, Jamie Linder, Kay Brejcha, Julie McNeill, Frank La Mantia and Bill Giddings.

Brett Benton attended to report on the upcoming Extreme Bowling fundraiser.

President Shepherd called for any additional agenda items. No additional items were brought forward.

Rose La Mantia moved and Tanya Linder seconded the approval of the minutes from the Dec. 19 board meeting. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Ce Ce Benton

Socket sent its usual zero balance monthly bill.

Columbia Public Schools sent a booklet listing upcoming vocational classes available to the public.

Access Arts is fundraising to purchase a new kiln.

Ronald McDonald House sent a thank-you note for the basket of toiletries Show-Me Cosmo donated to them. Thanks to Rose La Mantia for organizing this donation.

Honor Flight sent a thank-you note to Show-Me Cosmo for our recent \$300 donation.

The University of Missouri sent a thank-you note to Show-Me Cosmo for our \$7,100 donation to the diabetes center.

Treasurer report – Kay Brejcha

The Show-Me Cosmo checking account balance is \$5,363.43

The Show-Me Cosmo savings account balance is \$57,217.51

December Bingo added \$390.38 to the checking account

Treasurer Brejcha announced that monthly financial reports will show monthly income and expenses for each Show-Me Cosmo budget line.

Show-Me Cosmo member Clarence Jett completes annually all appropriate IRS tax forms for the club. Treasurer Brejcha will be working with Phil Hanson to gather all the information so Clarence can complete this task.

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

Membership – Tanya Linder

The Bunco planning committee is meeting at 3 p.m. Jan 28 at the Cosmo building.

The membership recruitment Bunco event will be on Friday, March 16, at the Cosmo building. Stay tuned for more information.

Club Runner – Dayton Shepherd

There is no follow-up at this time. President Dayton will be contacting the vendor concerning usage charges.

The credit card reader currently used at our monthly meetings will be used at the upcoming Extreme Bowling fundraiser. By having the credit card reader at this event, individuals can pay for items they purchase through the silent auction.

Ronald McDonald House

John Kadlec took care of everything

for the Jan. 11 meal. The ice storm kept his helpers at home. Thanks John!

The next meal will be Thursday, Feb. 15. Please sign up to help with this program at our next membership meeting.

Old business

Show-Me Cosmo has not heard from the other two Cosmo clubs concerning the offer we've received to take over the Holiday Parade. President Shepherd will request input from Show-Me Cosmo members about the possibility of organizing this event. No decision will be made until the above input is received.

Extreme Bowling – Brett Benton

To date, 18 teams have registered to participate.

Jamie and Tanya Linder have made a donation toward a team.

A complete list of team sponsors will be available at a later date.

The goal this year is to have teams fill all 32 lanes.

New business

The guest speaker at the February membership meeting is Matt Rau of Team Red, White and Blue. The theme for the meeting is Mardi Gras.

There are no upcoming socials to report. If you are interested in helping organize these events through June please let President Shepherd know.

Adjournment

At 6:13 p.m., Ce Ce Benton moved and Julie McNeill seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Quick facts about diabetes

- About one third of all people with diabetes do not know they have the disease.
- Type 2 diabetes often does not have any symptoms.
- Only about 5 percent of all people with diabetes have type 1 diabetes.

Courtesy of Joslin Diabetes Center

Bakutes reintroduces Rainbow House

Dayton Shepherd called the membership meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Columbia Country Club. Attendance was low as a result of holiday travels and lots of illness. Total attendance was 18 members and five guests.

Jan Barry announced Bill Terry, past Show-Me Cosmo president, had passed away, and that Bill Weitkemper had a mini-stroke while traveling to Florida. Jan reported that Bill is resting well and will have therapy when he reaches Florida. Jan asked for us to keep Bill in our thoughts and prayers, and then she gave the blessing before dinner.

Show-Me Cosmo member January birthdays included Tom Leyden – Jan. 3; Brian McNeill – Jan. 12; and Brett Benton – Jan. 15.

Guest speaker

The guest speaker was Show-Me Cosmo member Janie Bakutes, executive director of Rainbow House and Jeff Nichols, security director. Janie's presentation started with a short television commercial for Rainbow House that was funded by A. W. Smith Law firm.

Janie presented several questions about Rainbow House to raise our awareness of what they do:

How many kids were served in 2017? Answer: 102 for a total of 1,134 bed nights.

How long is the average stay? Answer: 18 days.

What do kids want most while at Rainbow House? Answer: one-on-one attention.

How many cases of child neglect or abuse did Rainbow House see last year? Answer: 368 cases.

Rainbow House provides emergency care, crisis care and respite care for up to 12 children at a time. Rainbow House is the only 24 hour nonprofit emergency shelter for children and

teens in mid-Missouri.

The Child Advocacy Center at Rainbow House serves 11 counties in mid-Missouri. Children between ages 3 and 18 who have suffered and disclosed sexual abuse come for a forensic interview. With the video of the interview the interviewer can often testify in court sparing the child from having to testify publicly.

The original Rainbow House was started in 1986 in a farmhouse on Oakland Gravel Road by Kathy Hughes. This facility served them until they moved in 2004.

Of the organization's \$1.4 million annual budget, it receives 41 percent from donations and fundraising events. The yearly Masquerade Ball is its major fundraiser. This year the ball will be held April 21 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center.

Rainbow House will transport the children living there who are from Boone County to their home school district.

Janie closed her presentation when she showed a plaque dated August 2004. This was a thank-you plaque to the Breakfast Club, Luncheon Club and ShowMe Club for their \$15,000 donation to purchase bedroom furniture. Janie added that the furniture is still in the house being used everyday.

Old business

Voluntary Action Center – Phyllis Erhart

At last month's meeting, Jim Blue won the 50/50 drawing of \$34 and donated the money to VAC. The total collected for groceries was \$259.

Phyllis thanked all Show-Me Cosmo members who participated this year. President Shepherd thanked Phyllis for her work with this civic project. With a little help from others, Phyllis has

headed this yearly project for the past 20 years.

Ronald McDonald House Meals – John Kadlec

This month's menu is chili with crackers, vegetables and dessert. Several Show-Me Cosmo members have signed up to help bring this meal together at the Ronald McDonald House kitchen Thursday, Jan. 11.

John has set the menus for the coming months. February – chicken; March – chicken; April – pulled pork; May – spaghetti; and June – hopefully steaks. All of these meals will have a starch serving, vegetables and dessert.

John has a sheet available for Show-Me Cosmo members to sign up and help in the kitchen or to help provide some of the food. Contact John if you can help with either of these needs.

Extreme Bowling – CeCe Benton

Brett Benton, chairman of the Extreme Bowling committee, recently worked with John Kadlec to get information out to past bowlers and sponsors about the 18th annual event on Feb. 10. A full house of 32 teams is the goal for this year.

Each team has five bowlers, and there is a \$200 registration fee. If a sponsor does not have bowlers, APO students are ready to step in and bowl. Every participant will receive a prize.

One of the silent auction prizes is a round of golf for a foursome at the Columbia Country Club, a \$300 value. There are other silent auction items that will be available to bid on. Rose La Mantia asked Show-Me Cosmo members to donate items to the silent auction or prizes for the bowlers. It would be an opportunity to re-gift any unwanted or unneeded Christmas presents.

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Thanks to Deb Koepke who donated a bowling trophy to be awarded and to John Kadlec who signed up his UPS team. John Hubert is getting a past presidents team together for this event.

Meeting minutes

President Shepherd asked if there were any additions or corrections for the minutes from the Dec. 7, 2017, member meeting. John Kadlec moved and Jane Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

New business

Camp Hickory Hill sent a thank-you note for the \$2,606.50 donation

Show-Me Cosmo made from the recent Walktoberfest fundraiser. The funds will be used to help provide scholarships for attendees.

**Monthly Meeting meal count –
President Shepherd**

The deadline for monthly meeting meals is the Monday morning the week of the meeting. Columbia Country Club stated that most venues request a 10-day notice, but the country club is willing to allow Show-Me Cosmo just three days.

In some cases individuals have provided work/business email addresses and phone numbers. Trying to reach everyone once the weekend starts slows the process and delays notifying

the country club on Monday mornings.

To help avert this problem a letter is going out to all members requesting weekend contact information. Watch for this letter in the mail and respond accordingly. Your calling committee will appreciate it.

50/50 drawing

The drawing was for \$21 and was won by one of our guests who donated it back to Show-Me Cosmo.

Adjournment

At 8:27 p.m., John Kadlec moved and Jane Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed. President Shepherd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club board and committees

2017-18 Board Members

- President: Dayton Shepherd
- President-elect: Julie McNeill
- VP Membership: Tanya Linder
- Secretary: Bill Giddings
- Treasurer: Kay Brejcha
- Parliamentarian: Rose LaMantia
- Sergeant at Arms: Jamie Linder
- Two-Year Board Member: Brian McNeill
- Two-Year Board Member: Frank LaMantia
- One-Year Board Member: CeCe Benton
- One-Year Board Member: Lindsay Schulz

- Programs: Julie McNeill
- Publicity: Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill
- Facebook: Mikayla Warner
- Attendance: Elaine McCoy
- Awards: Brett Benton, Larry Benton, Rose LaMantia
- Budget: Kay Brejcha, Lorna Baxter, Rose LaMantia, Julie McNeill, Dayton Shepherd
- Building: Bill Giddings
- Show-Me Times: Brian McNeill
- Calling and Emailing: Phyllis Erhart, Lindsay Schulz
- Cards and Flowers: Jan Goodson
- Chaplain: Jan Barry, Dayton Shepherd
- Concessions: Jan Barry, Bill Giddings
- Christmas Gifts: Phyllis Erhart
- Fundraiser: Rose La Mantia, Julie McNeill, Kay Brejcha, Frank LaMantia, Jane Smith, Elaine McCoy
- 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 LaMantia, Patricia Jackson, Ronda Benton
- Website: Dayton Shepherd
- Social: Rose LaMantia, Bobbie Kincade
- Bylaws: Larry Benton, Frank LaMantia, Bill Giddings

2017-18 Committees

- Contributions: Judy Weitkemper, Dayton Shepherd, Rose LaMantia
- Education: Larry Benton
- Historian: Maxine Powell
- Inaugural: Rose LaMantia, Julie McNeill
- Membership: Larry Benton, Judy Weitkemper, Jamie Linder, Tanya Linder, Rose LaMantia, Frank LaMantia, Julie McNeill
- Memorial Float: Dayton Shepherd, Rose La Mantia, Brenda Hanson
- Nomination: Rose La Mantia, Rhonda Benton, Craig Swank, Judy Weitkemper, CeCe Benton

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