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Coming up

1/4 – Membership meeting

The January meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Columbia Country Club. Janie Bakutes from Rainbow House will be the featured speaker.

1/11 – Ronald McDonald House dinner

Show-Me Cosmo members are scheduled to cook a chili dinner for guests at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. Call John Kadlec at 573-445-1579 if you would like to help.

1/23 – Board meeting

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

2/10 – Extreme Bowling

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

3/23 – Mo-Kan Conference

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

7/26 – Cosmopolitan International Covention



Merry carolers

Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club members visited Lenoir Woods and The Bluffs in Columbia on Dec. 10 to sing Christmas carols to residents of both senior living centers, including Show-Me Cosmo member Lu Jacobs, seated in photo at left. Afterward, the carolers gathered at the home of Gene and Deb Koepke for refreshments, below.



‘Celebrity’ singers take Show-Me stage

President Dayton Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Missouri Country Club. A total of 46 ShowMe members plus 11 guests were in attendance.

Old business

Judy Weitkemper provided a report on last year’s Walktoberfest. After turning in money last month, an additional \$1,320 has been collected. The total amount and will be distributed to the following groups: Cosmopolitan Diabetes Center - \$7,100.00; Camp Hickory Hill - \$2,606.50; and payment for shirts to participants - \$723.50

Weitekemper extended thanks to the Walktoberfest Committee of Jacki Swank, Ronda Benton, Anita Hubert, Karen Leyden and Rose La Mantia.

In addition, Bill Weitkemper took care of organizing the cookout, and Craig Swank organized and packed all of the walk bags.

Plus a big thank you to our sponsors, the APO students and to Jan Blue and Rose La Mantia for making costumes.

Dayton Shepherd gave the blessing before our meal.

ShowMe members celebrating a December birthday were; Lindsay Schulz on the 4th, John Selk on the 18th and John Kadlec on the 25th. We also caught up with Show Me members who missed last month and had a November birthday; Anita Hubert, Clarence Jett and Jeff Brinegar. A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung by everyone.

Our program consisted of four lip-sync groups we were fortunate to book for our meeting.

- Sonny & Cher sang “I Got You Babe”

- Neil Diamond sang “Sweet Caroline”
- Jose Feliciano sang “Feliz Navidad”
- The Grinch sang “How The Grinch Stole Christmas”

Try your hand at matching the Show Me members with the song performed.

- Frank La Matia
- Brian and Julie McNeill
- Brett Benton
- CeCe and Larry Benton

Santa Claus made a surprise visit to our meeting with presents for Ellie, Jessie, Brooklyn, Isabella, Blair and Benjamin. Rose also received a present.

Rose, Tanya, Larry and John took advantage of the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa.

Frank La Mantia moved and Elaine McCoy seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 2, 2017, member meeting.

New business

Ronald McDonald House Meals – John Kadlec

- The next meal ShowMe members will cook will be Thursday, Jan. 11. The menu will be chili, veggies and pie.
- If you are interested in helping with this activity please let John know.
- Future Thursday dates are Feb. 15, March 15, April 12, May 17 and June 21.

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 10th, 11:50 a.m.
at the Lenoir building across the street from New Haven Elementary School.
1:30 p.m. at the Bluffs and 2 p.m. at

Gene and Deb Koepke’s for refreshments.

Reservations for Monthly Meetings – Dayton Shepherd

Last month the actual attendance at the meeting far exceeded reservations.

Higher numbers of people showing up causes problems for the Country Club. They’re not a facility that can just cook up additional food for additional people.

Reservation numbers must be given to the Country Club Monday morning. Please remember to respond YES or NO in a timely manner when you are contacted about attending a member meeting.

Presentation to Ronald McDonald House – Rose La Mantia

A basket of toiletries for family members staying at Ronald McDonald House.

Voluntary Action Center – Phyllis Erhart

Thanks for all the children’s gifts.

Thanks also for the grocery money.

Thanks to Maxine and Wayne Powell for their assistance in delivering all the gifts to VAC.

Ugly sweater winners

Female - Tanya Linder
Male - John Kadlec and Youth - Izzie and Ben.

50/50 drawing

Jim Blue won the drawing for \$34.

Brett Benton moved and Maxine Powell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

President Shepherd asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board receives request to manage Holiday Parade

The meeting was called to order by President Shepherd at 5:30 p.m. Board members in attendance were; Dayton Shepherd, Rose La Mantia, Frank La Mantia, Kay Brejcha, Ce Ce Benton, Julie McNeill, Brian McNeill and Bill Giddings.

President Shepherd asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Brian McNeill requested the addition of the Cosmo Show-Me Times.

Correspondence

Socket sent the club a Christmas card.

Camp Hickory Hill sent a thank-you for our club's recent donation.

Granny's House sent the club a Christmas card and a funding request.

Ce Ce Benton asked if flowers had been sent following Dr. Ranadhir Mitra's death. Kay Brejcha, treasurer, responded that she had not had time to send flowers at \$25.00 as requested by Jan Barry. Frank La Mantia moved to donate \$50 to St. Jude rather than sending flowers. Julie McNeill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ce Ce Benton asked if any additional information had been obtained from Sage concerning fees we were paying for the online charging module. President Shepherd contacted Sage and they will eliminate the \$5 monthly fee. However, the monthly Merchant Fee Sage is charging appears to be excessive. President Shepherd will contact Cosmopolitan International about our concerns and will recontact Sage concerning these charges.

Previous month's minutes

No additions or corrections were brought forward. The minutes from the November Board meeting stand as written.

Treasurer's report – Kay Brejcha

Checking Account - \$4,850.10
Investment Account - \$55,420.13
plus \$1,256.40 cash

The November Bingo concession check was \$366.93

Frank La Mantia moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Brian McNeill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership

The membership recruiting meeting will be Friday, March 16 at the Cosmo Building. Invitees and current Cosmo members will play Bunco.

Ronald McDonald House community service

The next scheduled meal to cook for Ronald McDonald House will be Thursday, Jan. 11. The menu will be chilli with vegetables and dessert. A signup sheet is available for your participation or you may call Dayton Shepherd or John Kadlec.

Social chair needed

With the recent addition of multiple grandchildren Rose La Mantia has found it necessary to give up her position of arranging social events for each month. If you would be interested in organizing social events for the Show Me Club for the next six months please contact Dayton Shepherd. We need someone to step in and help our club continue our monthly social gatherings.

Extreme Bowling – Rose La Mantia

This year's Extreme Bowling event is coming up quickly, Saturday, February 10. Last year we had 24 teams participate in this fundraiser. To date we have seven teams signed up. Thanks to the Cosmo Luncheon Club for sponsoring two teams and to Phil Hanson, Luncheon Club for his sponsorship of

a team. Please be thinking about who you know who might sponsor a team. Pass along any possibilities to either Brett Benton or Rose La Mantia.

Taking Over the Holiday Christmas Parade from the Jaycees

The Show Me Club has received a request to take over the management of the annual Holiday Christmas Parade. The Show Me Board indicated that a practical approach would be to involve the other two Cosmo Clubs. Ce Ce Benton moved to table this request until President Shepherd can talk with the other two clubs. Julie McNeill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mo-Kan Convention – Dayton Shepherd

Mark your calendars for March 23-24, 2018 to attend the MO-KAN Convention in Lawrence, Kansas. Our club also needs to be working on all of our award applications.

Hall of Fame nominating committee – President Shepherd

Bill Giddings has been asked to chair this committee. The ShowMe Club can nominate one or two candidates to be considered for the Columbia Cosmopolitan Hall of Fame. Nominations from the ShowMe Club must be submitted by March 2018.

Show-Me Times – Brian McNeill

Photos from recent events are being requested for inclusion in the ShowMe Times. Brian is hopeful there are photos that have not been included on our Facebook page. Various Board members indicated they had photos they would send to Brian.

Ce Ce Benton moved to adjourn and Rose La Mantia seconded the motion. Motion passed at 6:18 p.m.

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Extreme Bowling

The annual Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club's Extreme Bowling will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Town & Country Lanes in Columbia. Last year's winners, pictured here, joined nearly 30 other teams and raised approximately \$6,000. The goal this year is to fill all of the bowling alley's 32 lanes and raise even more money for diabetes research and other related community projects. To sign up a team, call chairman Brett Benton at 573-239-2953.

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

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

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

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