



Cosmopolitan International

# Show-Me Times

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## Coming up

### **11/2 – Membership meeting**

The November meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Columbia Country Club. Dinner is \$15, and reservations are due Oct. 30. The guest speaker will be Ashlee Smith of the Ronald McDonhald House.

### **11/7 – St. Charles charter**

The charter night for a new Cosmopolitan Club will be held in St. Charles. For more information, call Judy Weitkemper at (573) 442-0271.

### **11/12 – Education meeting**

An education meeting about the history of Cosmopolitan International will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Building, 1715 Burlington St., Columbia.

### **12/7 – Membership meeting**

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

### **12/10 – Holiday caroling**

Carolers are encouraged to bring their voices to The Bluffs in Columbia at 1:30 p.m.

### **2/10 – Extreme Bowling**

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



Runners and walkers take their marks prior to the start of the annual Walktoberfest 5K Run/Walk at Cosmopolitan Park in Columbia.

## *Fall colors frame course for Walktoberfest runners*

Despite cool temperatures and a little fall drizzle, the annual Walktoberfest 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 22 was yet another success.

The event raised more than \$9,000 for area organizations including the Cosmopolitan International Diabetes and Endocrinology Center at the University of Missouri and Camp Hickory Hill.

The first-place winner of the 5K for the men was Alex Swank, and Brenda Hunter came in first for the women.

More than 75 runners and walkers participated in the event, including Mo-Kan Governor Gary Bartlett and his wife, Susie.

All three of Columbia's Cosmo Club presidents were in attendance: Dayton Shepherd of the Show-Me Club, Tim

Dollens of the Luncheon Club and Judy Weitkemper of the Breakfast Club.

University of Missouri students in the Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity helped with the event by setting up signs on the course, leading participants in stretching exercises shortly before the race and cleaning up the course after the event.

The committee for Walktoberfest was Judy Weitkemper, chairwoman; Jacki Swank, Ronda Benton, Rose La Montia, Karen Leyden and Anita Hubert.

Sponsoring the event for \$1,000 were the Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club, Jefferson City Cosmopolitan Club and the Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club.



## Cookout at Camp Hickory Hill

Cosmo members from all three Columbia clubs — Breakfast, Luncheon and Show-Me — gathered at Camp Hickory Hill on Oct. 7 for an old-fashioned cookout. In addition to grilled meats as the entree and potluck side dishes, the social event also included tours of the camp and fun on the camp's climbing wall and zip line.

### October Show-Me board meeting

## Plans under way to boost club membership

The Show-Me Club board met at the Jerry Sigmund Cosmopolitan Center on Oct. 24.

In attendance were President Dayton Shepherd, President-elect Julie McNeill and board members CeCe Benton, Frank LaMantia and Brian McNeill.

There were not enough members

present for a quorum, so board members did not vote on any old or new business.

There was no treasurer's report. Board members discussed plans for several upcoming social and fundraising events to boost membership and fundraising. These events include Diabetes Day on Oct. 28, the St. Charles

charter night on Nov. 7, an education meeting on Nov. 12 and the annual Extreme Bowling on Feb. 10.

The board also discussed the purchase of a laptop computer for guest speakers to use during membership meetings and for other club use. Voting was postponed until the November board meeting.

### October membership meeting

## City manager addresses area employment equality

The membership meeting was held Oct. 5 at Columbia Country Club. President Dayton Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A total of 29 ShowMe members plus 11 guests were in attendance.

President Shepherd gave the blessing before our meal.

### **Guest speaker**

After our meal, Mike Matthes, Columbia city manager, was introduced as the guest speaker. Below are some of the points Matthes shared with us.

- Poverty in Columbia is addressed in the city's Strategic Plan with the plan to lower poverty through living wage jobs.

- Columbia has been labeled the "hardest working city" in the USA. But most people are working two jobs.
- Columbia has one of the highest poverty rates (24.4 percent) and one of the lowest unemployment rates (2.9 percent).
- 2013 report shows white unemployment at 4.4 percent while black unemployment is 15.7 percent. In 2015, the numbers were 3.7 percent for white citizens and 11.9 percent for black citizens.
- In 2015, of citizens between ages 17 and 64, there were 69.1 percent of white citizens and 66.4 percent of black citizens in the workforce.

### Poverty By Race

- 2013 Report – 21.7 percent for white citizens and 38.8 percent for black citizens
- 2015 Report – 21.7 percent for white citizens and 34.2 percent for black citizens
- Family poverty rates leaving out college students. For 2015, 7 percent for white families and 29 percent for black families.
- What the city is asking its citizens to do.
- Diversity your workforce.
- Based on 2015 numbers, 555 black citizens need jobs to cut unemployment rate in half.

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- 764 black citizens need jobs to equal the unemployment rate of white citizens.
- Approximately 1,400 black citizens need to be out of poverty to equal the percentage of white citizens in poverty.
- Sponsor a youth in the CARE program.
- This program has not had any recent city budget cuts.
- Last year 427 youth applied and the maximum number of 187 were accepted.
- In 2015 96 percent of the participants finished and in 2016 the percentage increased to 99 percent.
- Support local minority and women owned businesses by buying locally.
- Answers to questions posed to Matthes.
- For the CARE program its first qualified applicants are accepted first.
- Minimum wages were started in the 1930s. If they would have kept up with inflation today's minimum wage would be \$20 per hour.

## Birthdays for September

Laura Koepke (1<sup>st</sup>), Jane Smith (1<sup>st</sup>), Robin Watkins (5<sup>th</sup>), Gene Koepke (6<sup>th</sup>), Clarence Jett (16<sup>th</sup>), Brenda Hanson (21<sup>st</sup>) and Anita Hubert (25<sup>th</sup>)

## Casual membership event –

### Frank La Mantia

- Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Camp Hickory Hill
- Bring a dish to share with others
- ShowMe Cosmo applications will be available.

## Walktoberfest – Rose La Mantia

- Shirt sponsorships are needed. Individuals walking have a \$20 registration fee and will receive a T-shirt.
- Individual or company shirt sponsorships are \$100.
- Sign up to provide either assistance or food.

## Cosmopolitan educational meeting

- 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12
- Autumn dessert and hot cider will be provided

## Show-Me club by-law changes –

### Larry Benton

- International dues have been changed to \$100.00 annually
- Cosmo Topics will be provided electronically. Individuals who need a printed copy may still receive one.
- With the change to an electronic version of Cosmo Topics Larry Benton moved and Karen Czechorski seconded the motion to delete the second sentence, *Upon notifying International Headquarters, Cosmos in a two-member household may choose to receive only one issue per publication of Cosmo Topics, and they will be billed accordingly,* from Article IV Membership, Section 4. Club Dues, subsection a). Motion passed.
- ShowMe dues currently are; \$101 for an individual and the first member of a household and \$92 for the second person in the household. These dues will remain in place the remainder of this fiscal year.

## 2017-18 membership dues –

### Kay Brejcha

- Currently working on dues invoices and hope to have them out this week.
- Phil Hansen and Ce Ce Benton have been a lot of help.

## Two new members

- Bill and Jeane Tetro worked the last meal preparation at Ronald McDonald House
- Larry Benton swore them in while their sponsor, Lorna Baxter, stood with them.
- The Tetros have four children, both retired and have lived in Columbia five years.
- Bill and Jeane welcome to the great Show-Me Cosmo Club.

## Ronald McDonald House –

### John Kadlec

- Last Thursday a group of ShowMe members moved into the Ronald McDonald House kitchen and prepared a pork loin and scalloped potato meal with brownies for dessert.
- Guests really enjoyed the meal.
- The next meal will be spaghetti. If you are interested in helping, contact Frank LaMantia.

## Granny's House

- Open house 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11.
- 110 East Worley St.

## Halloween costume winners

- Male, Larry Benton
- Female, CeCe Benton
- Youth, Brooklin Benton

## Upcoming events

- MO-Kan, Lawrence, Kan., March 22-24, 2018
- Saturday, Oct. 7, Camp Hickory Hill casual member recruitment
- Walktoberfest, Sunday, Oct. 22
- ShowMe Board Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 24
- ShowMe Member Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 2, Ashlee Smith, Ronald McDonald House will be our speaker
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the ShowMe Cosmo Club
- Voluntary Action Center – gift tags for families' Christmas gifts will be available

## 50/50 drawing

- Kay Brejcha won the drawing for \$27.

## Adjournment

Frank LaMantia moved and Maxine Powell seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion passed.

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

# Register to sponsor families for annual VAC Holiday Program

This year the Show-Me Cosmo Club is once again participating in the Voluntary Action Center's annual Holiday Program. The club will sponsor three families that include three adults and 12 children for a total of 15 people.

At the Show-Me Club's membership meeting Nov. 2 there will be a sign-up sheet to buy gifts for each family member with a FAM Number and Name. There also will be a sign-up sheet to give money for food

vouchers. Food vouchers are used by the family to buy groceries.

Bring your gifts or money for food vouchers to the Dec. 7 Cosmo meeting. Do not wrap gifts, but instead put them in gift bags, boxes, plastic totes or laundry baskets. Label all containers with FAM Number and Name.

If you are unable to bring your gift to the December meeting, ask another Cosmo member to bring your packages. Checks for food vouchers should be made payable to VAC.



## Get ready to lip-sync

Got a favorite song and singer?

The Cosmo membership meeting Dec. 7 will be your opportunity to have your solo or group lip-sync performance live in infamy. And don't forget the props and costumes.

To register, call Julie McNeill at (573) 356-5348.

## Show-Me Cosmopolitan Club

### 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  
*A directory of all Cosmopolitan Show-Me club members is available online at [www.show-mecosmo.org](http://www.show-mecosmo.org).*

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