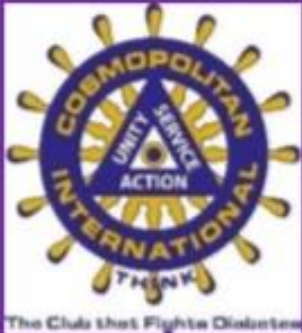




Cosmopolitan Meeting April 8, 2024

Cosmopolitan Rays, April 8, 2024



The Club that Fights Diabetes

The Cosmo Rays

Shining Light on the Cosmopolitan Club's Activities

Published After Each Meeting by the Noon Cosmopolitan Club

Meetings Held at Noon on Mondays at Thirsty's at 819 West Main, Rapid City, South Dakota



The Club that Fights Diabetes

President Elect
Becky Kerr Called
the Meeting to
order at 12:00
PM.



President Elect Becky Kerr Led the Members in Pledge of Allegiance





Thirsty
BURGERS & BEER
879 MAIN ST. RAPID CITY, SD







Deb Daughters, Led the Members in Prayer.















President Elect Becky Kerr
Introduced Rapid City Mayor Jason
Salamun.



Mayor Jason Salamun talked to the Members about the Vision Funds for the City of Rapid City focusing on four key areas of the city during the next four years. He is planning on having a training building for police and fire departments. This would be available for units in Western South Dakota.



Those areas are community projects, economic development, comprehensive plan priorities, and strategic growth revolving funds.

One of the newer ideas proposed in the 2025 to 2029 closer look at the Vision Funds is a non-profit endowment.

The mayor is proposing to invest \$1.3 million in this section of community projects as a way for non-profits to work closer with the city ... making it easier for those organizations to get funded.



One idea that was presented to him was the non-profit endowment, and we set some money aside so that non-profits can perhaps have matching funds for their capital projects down the road. So, this is kind of that seed money to get that going,” said Rapid City Mayor Jason Salamun.

The section with the biggest funding was comprehensive plan priority projects, seeing 29.5% of the Vision Funds a total of \$26.8 million that could be allocated to quality of life projects, public safety, and city fleet maintenance.



He has instructed Jeff Biegler, our parks and recreation director, to bring some projects forward—it's not ready for prime time—into that comprehensive plan, so it's part of a plan, it is part of a strategy, and that when we go to fund it, we can go back and say this is part of a plan.

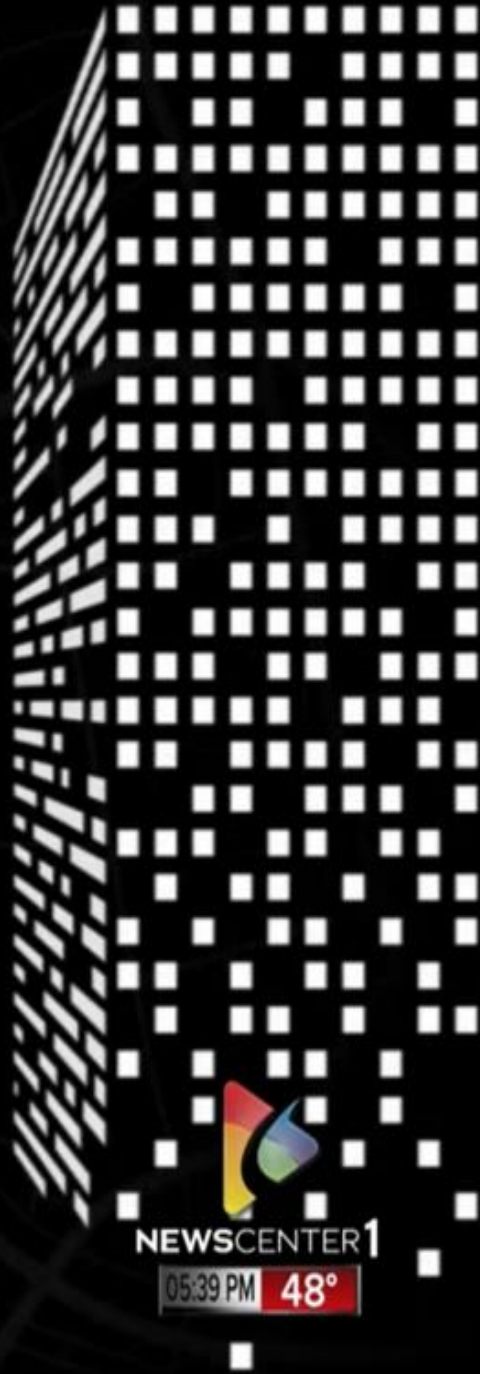
Community Projects - 25%
Economic Development - 23.5%
Strategic Growth Revolving Funds - 22%





VISION FUND

ROUND VIII (2025-2029)



ORIGINS OF THE VISION FUND

- 1972, Rapid City voters approved sales tax increase
 - Purpose was to pay for a new civic center facility
- 1977 Civic Center opened
- 1995 voters supported continuing the sales tax
 - The sales tax funded a series of significant projects that enhanced the quality of life in the community - "The Vision Fund"



2025 - 2029 - A CLOSER LOOK

25%

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- 25% of the Vision Fund Budget
 - \$16.4 Million Towards Arena Bonds
 - \$5 Million Toward Citizen-Recommended Project(s)
 - \$1.3 Million Non-Profit Endowment
 - In time, this will create a stable means to help non-profit capital projects



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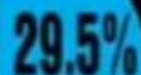
2025 - 2029 - A CLOSER LOOK

23.5%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 23.5% of the Vision Fund Budget
 - \$16.4 Million Towards Arena Bonds
 - \$5 Million in Economic Development Efforts

2025 - 2029 - A CLOSER LOOK



29.5%

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 29.5% of the Vision Fund Budget
- \$26.8 Million toward Comprehensive Plan Implementation
- Examples:
 - Parks and Recreation Projects
 - Public Safety Training Center
 - Fleet Maintenance Facility

2025 - 2029 - A CLOSER LOOK

22%

STRATEGIC GROWTH REVOLVING FUND

- 22.0% of the Vision Fund Budget
- \$20 Million Toward Strategic Growth Revolving Fund
 - Investment in proactive development in strategic areas

President Elect Becky Kerr
talked to the Members
about Chuck and Rhonda
Reuwsatt having a new
Grandson.



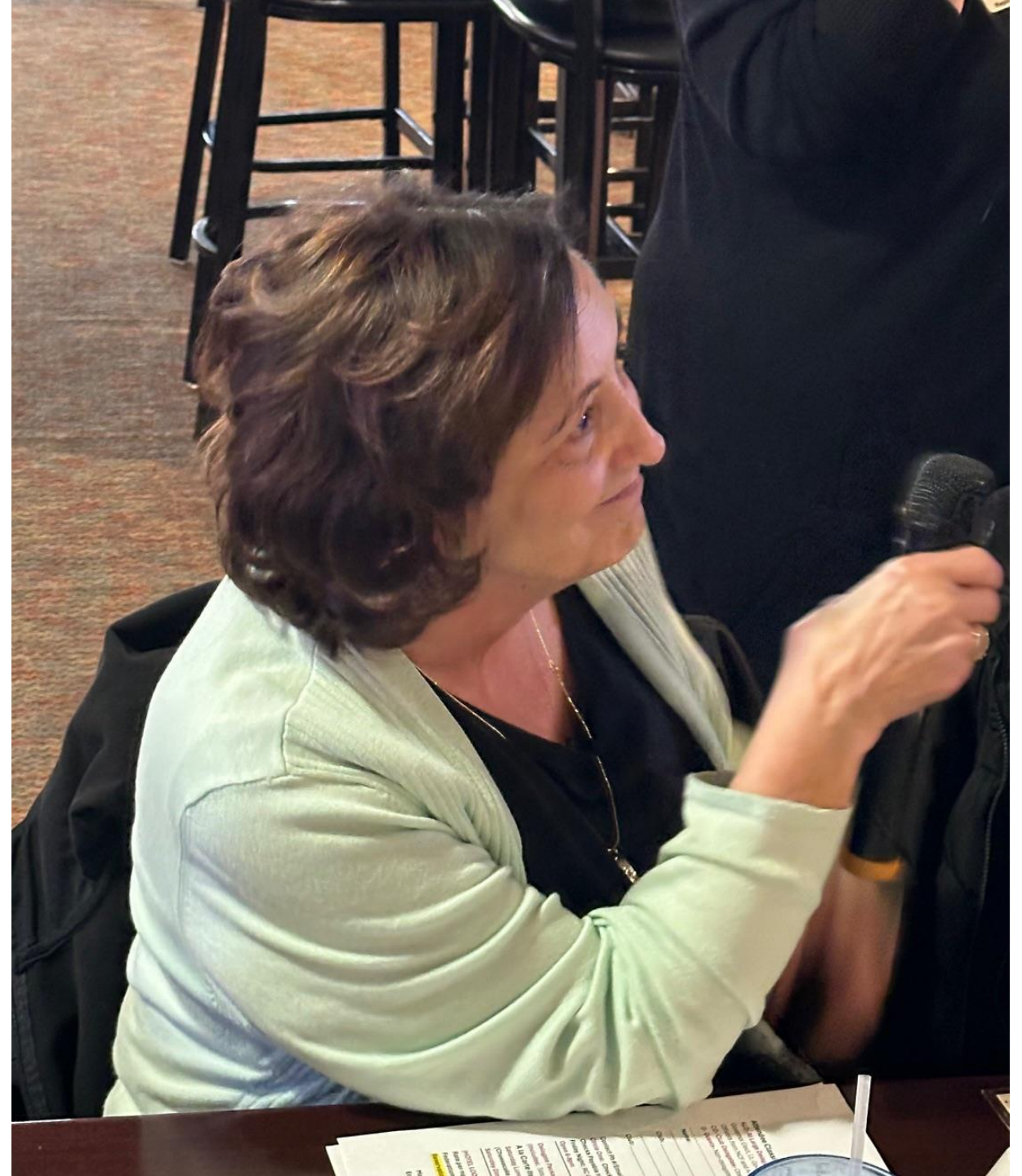
President Elect Becky Kerr
talked to the Members
about the Events at the
Fine Arts and Summit
arenas



Rodney Gunn talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey games on April 11th & 13th. The Last 2 games of the Season..



North Central Federation
Governor Nancy Trautman
introduced new Member
Sandi Miller.



North Central Federation
Governor Nancy Trautman
talked to the Members about
the upcoming North Central
Federation Meeting in Rapid
City on April 26th & 27th.





























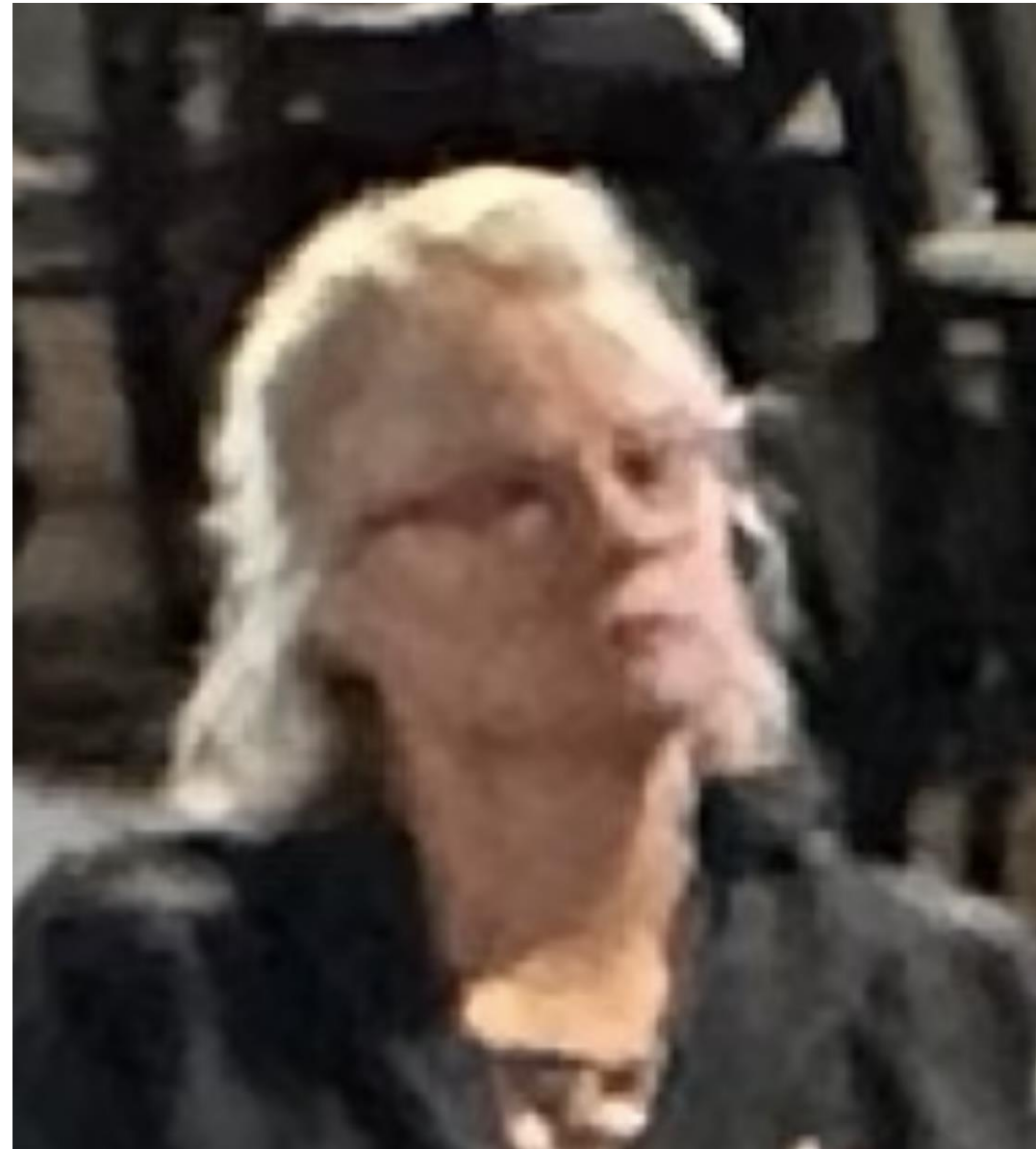


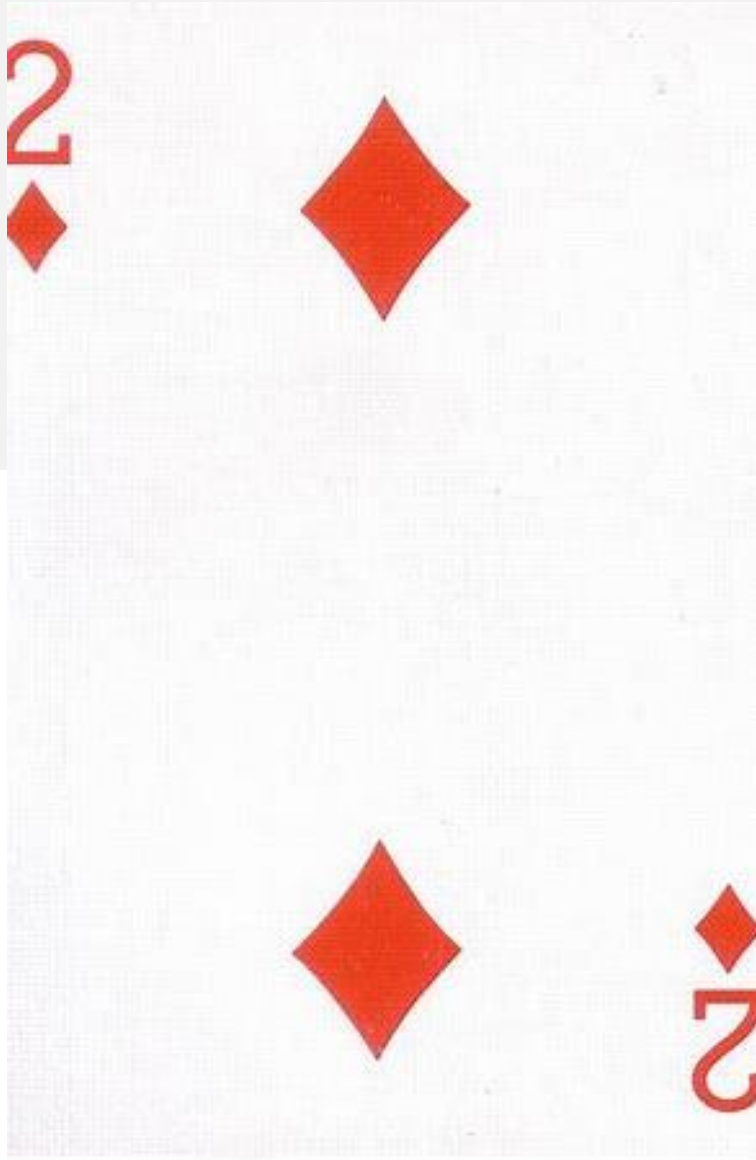
*Kathy Miller was the Lucky Mrs. X for the Day.
She Won \$5.00*





***Marcy Sanders was the
Lucky 50-50 Winner. She won
\$11.00. .***





Carol Merbach was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. She drew the 3 of Clubs There were 19 Cards left and it was worth \$296.00.

Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings

April 15, 2024. Noon Meeting

April 22, 2024. Noon Meeting

April 29, 2024. Noon Meeting

May 6, 2024. Noon Meeting

May 13, 2024. Noon Meeting

May 20, 2024. Noon Meeting

May 27, 2024. No Meeting. Memorial Day



Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Scholl, Bill	April 5
Rodriguez, Susan	April 7
Miller, Dan	April 9
Newell, Michael	April 22
Edelen, Rachel	April 23
Dzintars, Viktor	April 28



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kahler, Dick	65 years 11 months	Apr. 01 1958
Goodsell, G.	47 years 11 months	Apr. 05 1976
Murchison, Robbie	33 years 11 months	Apr. 20 1990
Locke, Clay	33 years 11 months	Apr. 24 1990
Rodriguez, Susan	29 years 11 months	Apr. 07 1994
Keck, Bill	27 years 11 months	Apr. 11 1996
Dzintars, Lesley	20 years 11 months	Apr. 28 2003
Schuh, Jim	18 years 11 months	Apr. 06 2005
Sumption, Brian	15 years 11 months	Apr. 22 2008
Kahler, Bev	13 years 11 months	Apr. 05 2010
Gunn, Rodney	13 years 11 months	Apr. 05 2010
Ferley, Elizabeth	13 years 11 months	Apr. 05 2010
Evans, Michelle	12 years 11 months	Apr. 18 2011
Miller, Dan	12 years 11 months	Apr. 20 2011



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>
Culver, Nola	11 years 11 months	Apr. 06 2012
Spreizer, Christina	5 years 11 months	Apr. 23 2018
Diers, Cleon	2 years 11 months	Apr. 01 2021
Kerr, Becky	2 years 11 months	Apr. 01 2021
Silcox, Marian	1 year 11 months	Apr. 01 2022
Blackwell, Jim	1 year 11 months	Apr. 01 2022
Miller, Kathy	1 year	Apr. 01 2023



Cosmo Ushering Event Coordinators

- **Please e-mail or call the team member in charge to sign up for the event or if you need to cancel**
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- Jim and Arletta Schuh – Summit and Barnett Arena gymshoe122964@gmail.com
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- Rod Gunn – Club’s Website Administrator <https://portal.clubrunner.co/101337>
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President Chuck Reuwsatt
Rapid City Club President

Cosmopolitan International Executive Director

- The close of our 2022-2023 year is now history and it was closed out in grand fashion with a fun filled convention. Not only the fun, there was also the opportunity to attend some outstanding education seminars in marketing, membership and more. If you were at International convention, you were able to bring home many ideas to share with the members of your club and it is now time to use those ideas as you look to the future*

Melvina Newman

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***WHAT IS YOUR WISH FOR
COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL –
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!***





International President Dick Gorton

- We are fortunate to have some really talented people serving as officers who will help with the implementation of our programs. Plus, you have Candy to help me and for that you are most fortunate! Most of you have had some contact with her as she contacted your clubs to update member rosters, current club officers, and names of members who have passed away this year for memorial recognition at the International Convention. Speaking of the International Convention, I can't remember the first convention Candy and I attended. It's been a few years ago. It may have been the convention in New Orleans; that was certainly a memorable one as we paraded down Bourbon Street complete with marching band! The conventions offer a number of opportunities and benefits. The first is to renew old friendships and make new ones. As a member of Cosmopolitan you will be able to participate in our business meetings and make decisions that are critical to our success. You will also visit some interesting places, places that you might not have seen if it were not for our conventions. Places like Gettysburg, New Orleans, Calgary, Rapid City, Omaha, Las Vegas, and Norfolk. Lastly, our conventions provide the latest information on what is happening with diabetes research and offer the opportunity to develop a new Cosmo project to help find a cure for this dreaded disease!
- Dick Gorton Cosmopolitan President.
thegortons@cox.net

International
President and
First Lady
Dick and Candy
Gorton



How did you become a Cosmo?

I golfed with a bunch of guys who were Cosmos and they asked me to join.

What is one thing about you that you want people to know?

I have three that help define me. The first is that I am one of the fortunate few to have overcome diabetes. The second is that I was one of the first people in the federal government to have the responsibility to implement the environmental laws that were passed from 1970 to 1973. The third is that I was a combat engineer platoon leader in Vietnam.

What was your first job?

I started working in a drug store at age 14.

Tell us about your career.

For most of my career I worked for the Army Corps of Engineers as an engineer. The last 15 years of my career I worked for an engineering firm, HDR, in Omaha. I retired when I was 70.

How do you feel your career experience helps you with being the International President?

I spent a lot of my time working with people, both in the office and the general public. I think that experience helps me in working with the people in Cosmos.

What is some of the best advice you have ever received?

I will learn more with my ears open and my mouth shut.

**Tell us about Candy, our First Lady. How did you meet?
What are some wonderful things to know about her?**

Candy and I met while working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha. She cares about people, especially family. She is one of the smartest people I know. Her organizational skills help me continuously. The fact that she loves me and married me is amazing to me!

Tell us about your family.

We have a blended family. Candy and I each have children from previous marriages. We also have extended family. All told we have four kids, 20 grandkids, and 14 great grandkids with two more on the way. We have been fortunate in that our blended family all get along. For instance, our two youngest sons are both plumbers and have worked together for years.

Another example was shortly after we got married, we had Christmas at our house and invited all the family over. It was the first time they would be getting together in a large group. I was curious as to how everyone would relate, especially our 20 grandkids. They all knew each other, but hadn't been together in a combined family setting. As the families arrived, the siblings split up and joined their "cousins" who were their age. It occurred to me that our blended family may be OK.

They have stayed close throughout the years. A couple of years ago, one of our granddaughters got married. As I looked at the wedding party, her maids of honor were her “cousins” from that first Christmas they spent together. We are truly a blessed family!

5 Favorites:

Favorite TV Show: Pretty much any PBS Masterpiece Mystery

Favorite Movie: The Big Chill

Favorite Food: LaCasa's Pizza (an Omaha Italian restaurant I started going to in 1957 when I was in high school)

Favorite Book: Lord of the Rings

Favorite Sports Team: any Nebraska Husker team! Go Big Red!

Cosmopolitan International Officers

International President - Dick Gorton, Omaha Cornhusker Club

VP of Finance - Keith Shepherd, Regina Club

VP of Membership - Tim Dollens, Columbia Luncheon & Breakfast Clubs

VP of Marketing and Fundraising - Sheila Anderson, Sioux Falls Evening Club

Judge Advocate - Jim McVay, Omaha Cornhusker Club

Capital Federation Governor - Perry Johnson, Norfolk Club

Cornbelt Federation Governor - Gery Whalen, Omaha 1-80 Club

Mid-States Federation Governor - LaVonne Hawking, Aurora Club

Mo-Kan Federation Governor - Dayton Shepherd, Columbia Show-Me & St. Charles County Clubs

North Central Federation Governor – Nancy Trautman Rapid City Club

Western Canada Federation Governor - John Krysak, Wascana Club