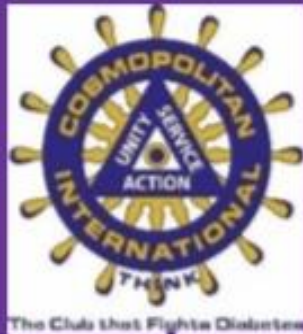


A group of business professionals in a meeting. A woman in a grey blazer is pointing at a tablet held by a man in a dark suit. Another man in a dark suit is visible on the left, holding a coffee cup. The background is a bright, out-of-focus office space with large windows.

Cosmopolitan Meeting January 9, 2023

# Cosmopolitan Rays, January 9, 2024



## The Cosmo Rays

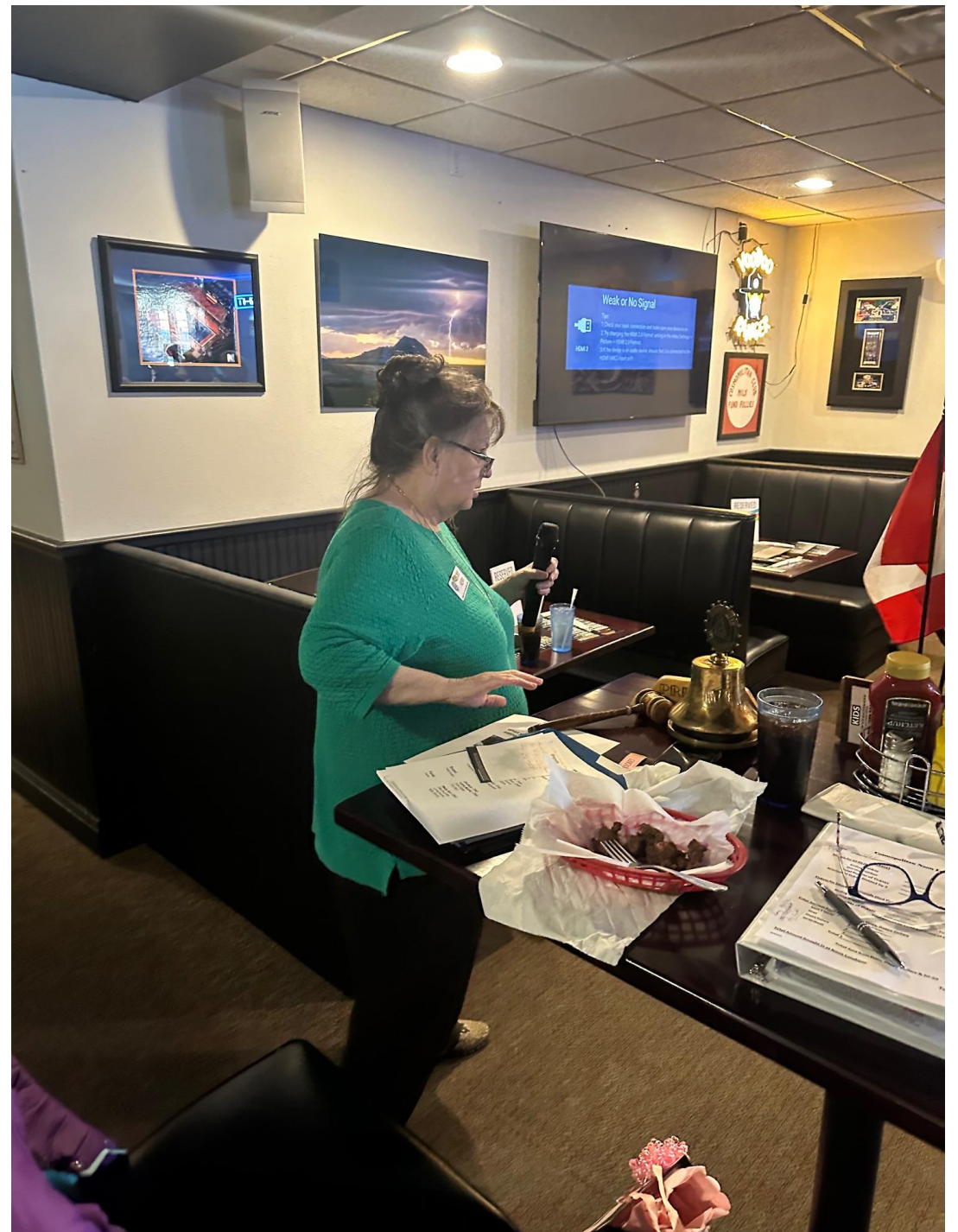
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# President Elect Becky Kerr Led the Members in Pledge of Allegiance

























Past International  
President Jim  
Preston, Led the  
Members in  
Prayer.



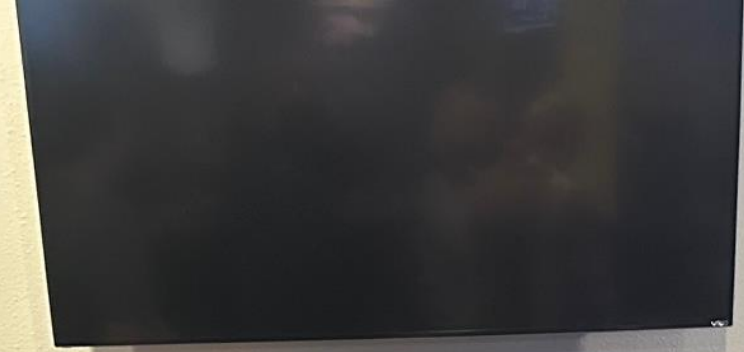














President Elect  
Becky Kerr talked to  
the Members about  
upcoming Meetings  
and Events at the  
Civic Center.





President Elect Becky Kerr talked to the Members about President Chuck Reuwsatt having COVID. We wish him all the best.





North Central Federation  
Director Nancy Trautman  
talked to the Members  
about Committee  
Membership and the  
upcoming North Central  
Federation Meeting in  
Rapid City.





Rick Edelen  
introduced  
potential new  
Member Shawn  
Walters.





Rodney Gunn talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey game on January 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.







Fork Real, a 2023 Funds Distribution recipient had their Assistant to the Executive Director-Dave Percy talked to the Members about the Operation of Fork Real and how it started.





Fork Real

Community

Café



# Rhonda & David Percy

605.718.5020 cafe

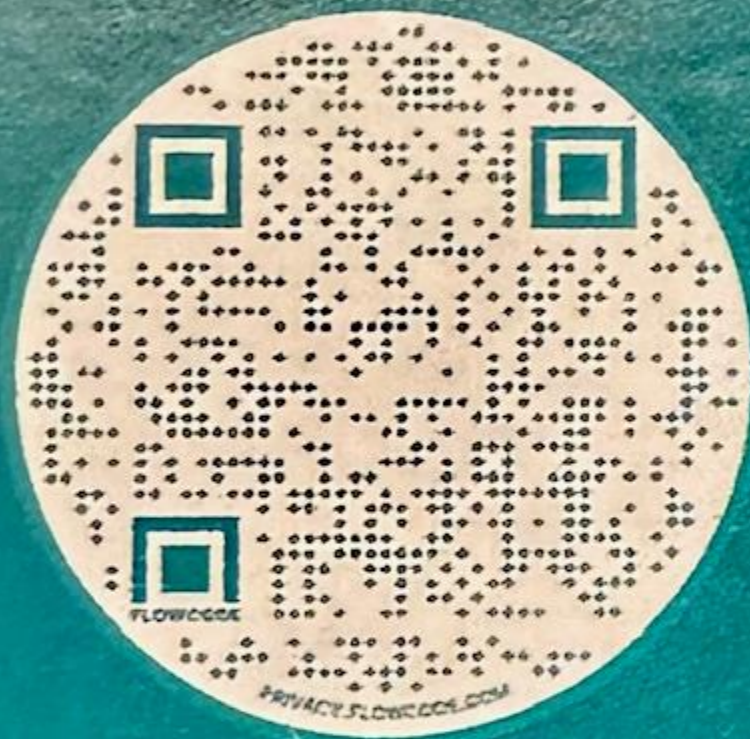
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



# Fork Real Community Cafe



*Community Through Food & Conversation*



## Who Are Dave & Rhonda?

***Rhonda***-A mom, visionary, teacher, kitchen director, Executive Director

***Dave***- A dad, AF veteran, Air Traffic Controller, Assistant to Executive Director





# What is Fork Real?

*A full Service Cafe with a unique approach to reducing community hunger.*

*Since 2017, the cafe has provided more than 17,000 meals to families and individuals in need.*





## *Early relationships with existing cafes and community partners*





## *Pay-What-You-Can*

- Guests can pay the value of the meal
- Pay It Forward-pay for another meal
- Volunteer in exchange for a meal
- Purchase a meal token

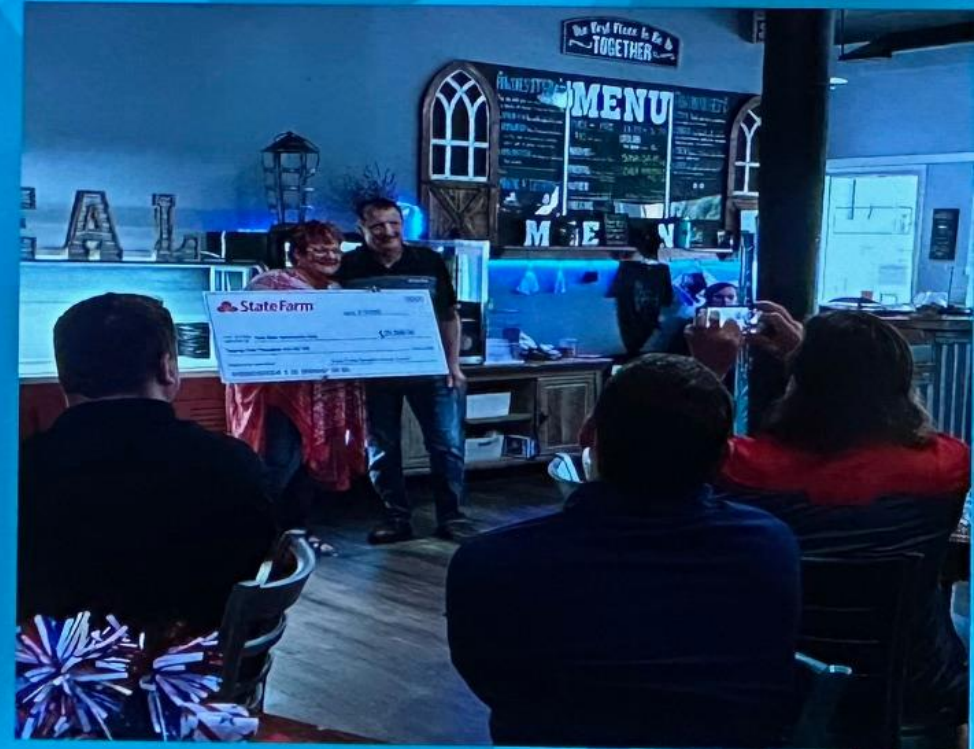


*Building Community Through Food & Conversation*





*Partnerships are key to a better community.*



*Building Community Through Food & Conversation*



# *Success Stories*

- Through community service and diversion programs
- Job Training/Placement



#Teamwork



# *Addition of a food truck in 2023*

Reaching people outside of 4 walls.



*Building Community Through Food & Conversation*



# *Box Elder Police Department using the Food Truck.*





*Purchased this Truck in Eastern South Dakota*





## *Community Involvement and More...*

- Volunteerism (70,000 hours)
- Catering
- Food Truck Events
- Cafe Room Rental
- Special Events
- Cheesecakes





# *How can you make an IMPACT through Fork Real Cafe?*

- Dine with us
  - Volunteer with us
  - Become a financial partner
- [www.forkrealcafe.org/DONATE](http://www.forkrealcafe.org/DONATE)**





***We Invite You to  
Dine With Us***

**Tuesday-Friday**

**8:30-1:30**

**Saturday 8:30-11:30**



*Building Community Through Food & Conversation*



# Thank you for inviting us today!

## Questions?

*Building Community Through Food & Conversation*





# See you soon

324 St Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD

## BREAKFAST HOURS

Tuesday–Friday, 8:30 am–1:30 pm

Saturday, 8:30 am–11:30 am

## LUNCH HOURS

Tuesday–Friday, 11 am–1:30 pm

*"I stopped in to check out the restaurant and find out what they had to offer. I was impressed with the many different meals that they offer and the concept of paying what you can, pay the value of the meal, or pay a little more than the value towards a meal for someone in need. Truly a warm friendly atmosphere." —Sandra*



## HOURS

### BREAKFAST HOURS

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### LUNCH HOURS

Tuesday–Friday, 11 am–1:30 pm

CLOSED Monday & Federal Holidays



# **South Dakota Community Foundation Grant to Fork Real**

**Fork Real Community Café, Inc. – \$100,000**

**Fork Real Café was established in 2017 to address hunger and food insecurity in Rapid City. The café's mission is to build community through food and conversation and operates on a Pay-What-You-Can model. With BIG Funding, Fork Real Community Café's idea is to help reduce food insecurity in the Rapid City area by expanding their restaurant model to a food truck, in which the food truck also helps build skills amongst individuals who would want to work in the restaurant industry. In expanding to a food truck, Fork Real hopes to reach families and individuals who are not able to travel to the café, with transportation being a barrier.**

































RESTROOM

### Weak or No Signal



HDMI 3

Tip:

1. Check your input connection and make sure your device is on.
2. Try changing the HDMI 2.0 Format setting in the menu Settings → Picture → HDMI 2.0 Format.
3. If the device is an audio device, ensure that it is connected to the HDMI (ARC) input port.

VOODOO  
RANGER

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB  
MILK  
FUND FOLLIES

RESERVED









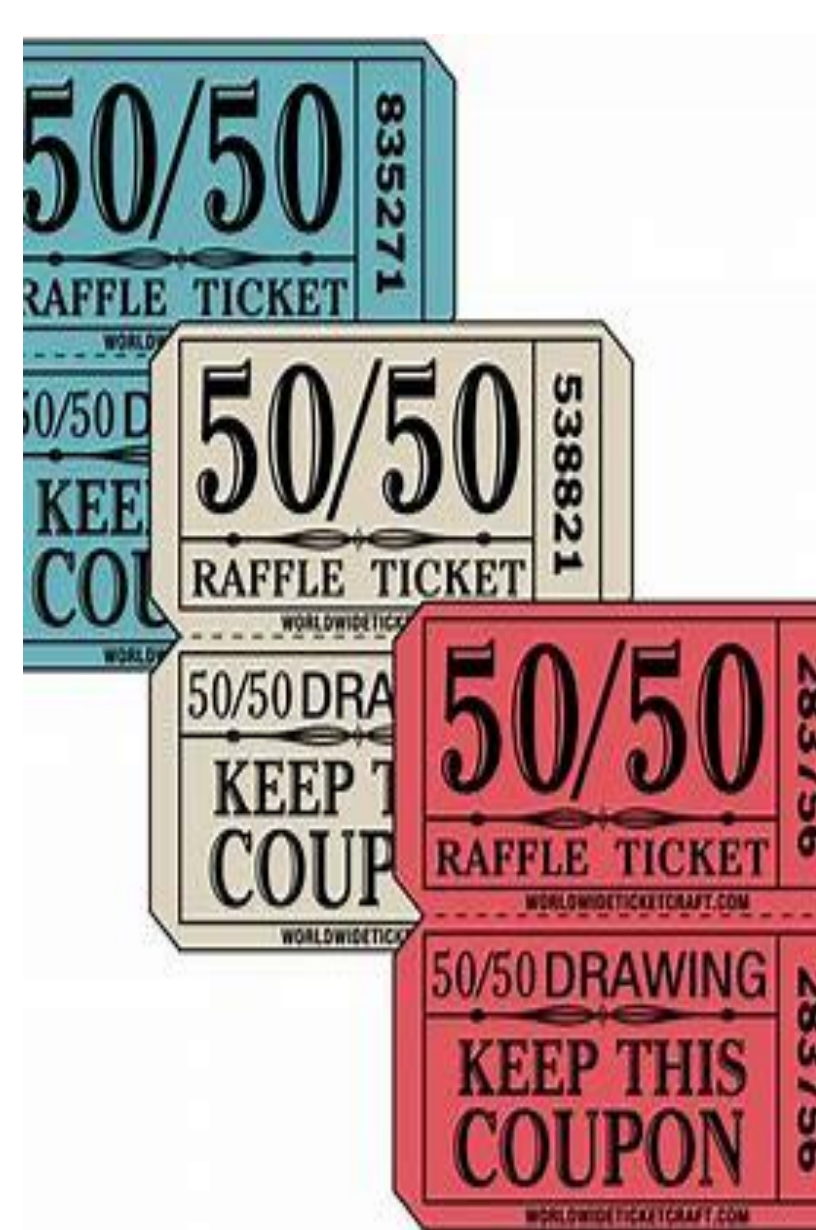


*Dan Miller was the Lucky Mr X for the Day. He Won \$5.00 Dollars and gave it back to the Club.*



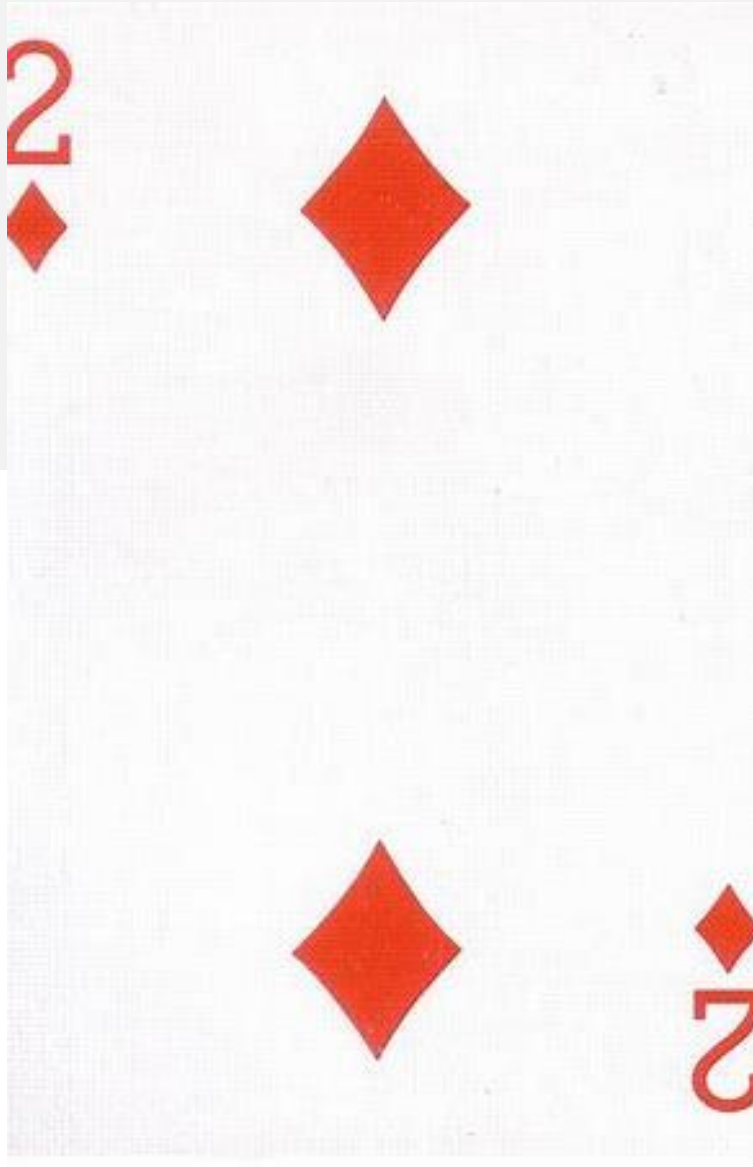
Nancy Trautman- Club President Brought the meeting to Order at 12:00 PM.





***Jim Blackwell was the lucky 50-50 Winner. He won \$9.00 Dollars and gave it back to the Club.***





***Beth-Anne Ferley was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. She drew the Jack of Spades. There were 29 Cards left and it was worth \$209.00 Dollars.***



# *Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings*

**January 15, 2024. No Meeting Thanksgiving Martin Luther King Day**

**January 22, 2024. Col Derek C. Oakley EAFB**

**January 29, 2024. Brain Mueller Pennington County Sheriff**

**February 5, 2024. Jason Young PGA Veterans**

**February 12, 2024. Valentines Day Luncheon.**

**February 19, 2024. No Meeting Presidents Day.**

**February 26, 2024. Meeting.**

**March 4, 2024. Meeting**

**March 11, 2024. Meeting**



# Member Birthdays

## Name

## Date

**Magnuson, Rosa**  
**Reuwsaat, Chuck**  
**Rose, Kathy**  
**Goodsell, G.**  
**Johnson, Brenda**  
**White, Bob**

**January 1**  
**January 4**  
**January 16**  
**January 22**  
**January 24**  
**January 28**





# **Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club**

## **Anniversaries for August**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b><i>Ferley, Stephen</i></b>	<b><i>17 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 31 2007</i></b>
<b><i>Whiting, Kelly</i></b>	<b><i>16 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 08 2008</i></b>
<b><i>Elder, Barry</i></b>	<b><i>14 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 05 2010</i></b>
<b><i>Doshier, Steve</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>
<b><i>Merbach, Carol</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>
<b><i>Yantes, Maureen</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>





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<b><i>Merbach, Karl</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>
<b><i>Johnson, Doug</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>
<b><i>Johnson, Brenda</i></b>	<b><i>8 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 04 2016</i></b>
<b><i>Daughters, Dave</i></b>	<b><i>6 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 08 2018</i></b>
<b><i>Carda, Jared</i></b>	<b><i>6 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 08 2018</i></b>
<b><i>Newell, Michael</i></b>	<b><i>5 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 29 2019</i></b>





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<b><i>Versteeg, Lynn</i></b>	<b><i>5 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 29 2019</i></b>
<b><i>Carlson, Bryan</i></b>	<b><i>5 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 29 2019</i></b>
<b><i>Luitjens, Cherry</i></b>	<b><i>2 years</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2022</i></b>
<b><i>McGriff, Marge</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>
<b><i>Daughters, Deb</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>
<b><i>McGriff, Jim</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>





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## **Anniversaries for August**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b><i>Creager, Cindy</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>
<b><i>Edelen, Richard</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>
<b><i>Bachi, Kav</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>
<b><i>Bachi, Erin</i></b>	<b><i>1 year</i></b>	<b><i>Jan. 01 2023</i></b>





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- Jim and Arletta Schuh – Summit and Barnett Arena [gymshoe122964@gmail.com](mailto:gymshoe122964@gmail.com)  
(C) (505)-391-8664
- Rod Gunn – Club's Website <https://portal.clubrunner.co/101337>  
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- Rhonda Reuwsaat-Facebook Coordinator **RC Cosmopolitan Club**  
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# Rapid City Cosmopolitan Club President



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# North Central Federation Governor



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***Deb Petersen Sioux Falls Evening***

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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***

***headquarters@cosmopolitan.org***



***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](mailto:thegortons@cox.net)



# 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***

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***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***