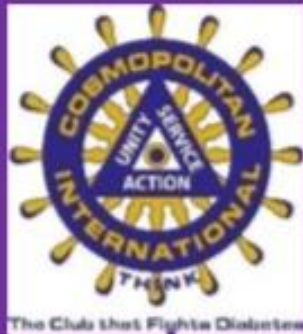


A group of business professionals in a meeting. A woman in a grey blazer is pointing at a tablet held by a man in a dark suit. Another man in a dark suit is visible on the left, holding a coffee cup. The background is a bright, out-of-focus office space with large windows.

# Cosmopolitan Meeting March 4, 2023

# Cosmopolitan Rays, March 4, 2024



## 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





President Chuck  
Reuwsatt Called  
the Meeting to  
order at 12:00  
PM.





# President Chuck Reuwsatt Led the Members in Pledge of Allegiance















JIM  
SCHUH  
Mid City Community Club













Jim Schuh, Led  
the Members in  
Prayer.

















President Chuck Reuwsatt talked to the Members about the Board Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, YFS needing Volunteers and Suncatcher Event need to register today. He said that Nancy Trautman has John Krysak the President Elect from Cosmopolitan Internatioal here for the North Central Federation Meeting in Rapid City on April 26<sup>th</sup>.





Rodney Gunn talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey game on March 22nd.





President Elect  
Becky Kerr talked to  
the Members about  
upcoming events in  
the Fine Arts  
Theater Amy Grant  
and Black Jacket  
Symphony.





Jim Schuh talked to the Members about the Journey & TOTO Concert on February 29<sup>th</sup>. There were 9200 People Attending. Everything went very well.





Jim Schuh talked to the Members about the Cosmo's doing Breaking Benjamin, Brantley Gilbert and Chris Stapleton Concerts.





Secretary Rhonda  
Reuwsatt Introduced  
Lora Hamm with Westen  
South Dakota  
Community Action.







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***Laura talked to the Members about Western South Dakota Community Action Inc, and the Programs they are involved in. They serve Western South Dakota and 17 Counties.***

***They help low income families with Energy Audits and Help them pay Utility Bills.***



HELP US  
HELP OTHERS



WESTERN  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
COMMUNITY  
ACTION





## — OUR PROGRAMS

All of our programs serve those with limited incomes. The eligibility ranges up to 200% of poverty depending on the program. We use a case management approach to promote goal setting and forward momentum for the families we serve.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

- · Employment Assistance
- · Medical Assistance
- · Food/Nutrition
- · School Readiness Kits
- · Personal Care Items
- · Youth Recreation Passes
- · Bus Passes

### **SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING**

### **LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

### **WEATHERIZATION**

### **SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION NETWORK (SHIINE)**

### **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NAVIGATORS**

### **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**



# — OUR GOALS

## **STAFF**

We'll be adding 6-10 more staff over the next year for the case management in our rural outreach efforts, and for the expansion of the weatherization program and our new Home Rehabilitation program.

## **SERVICES**

We plan to expand the partnership with the Career Learning Center and with reentry programs. We will be adding to our culinary outreach efforts in partnership with SDSU Extension and local employers. Expand work with local builders for partnerships on home rehabilitation programs. Also exploring partnering on a tax credit project to provide low-income housing.

## **COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WSDCA will be engaging in a community needs assessment across all 14 counties in early 2023. The intent of identifying the needs and potential partnerships in serving low income families..

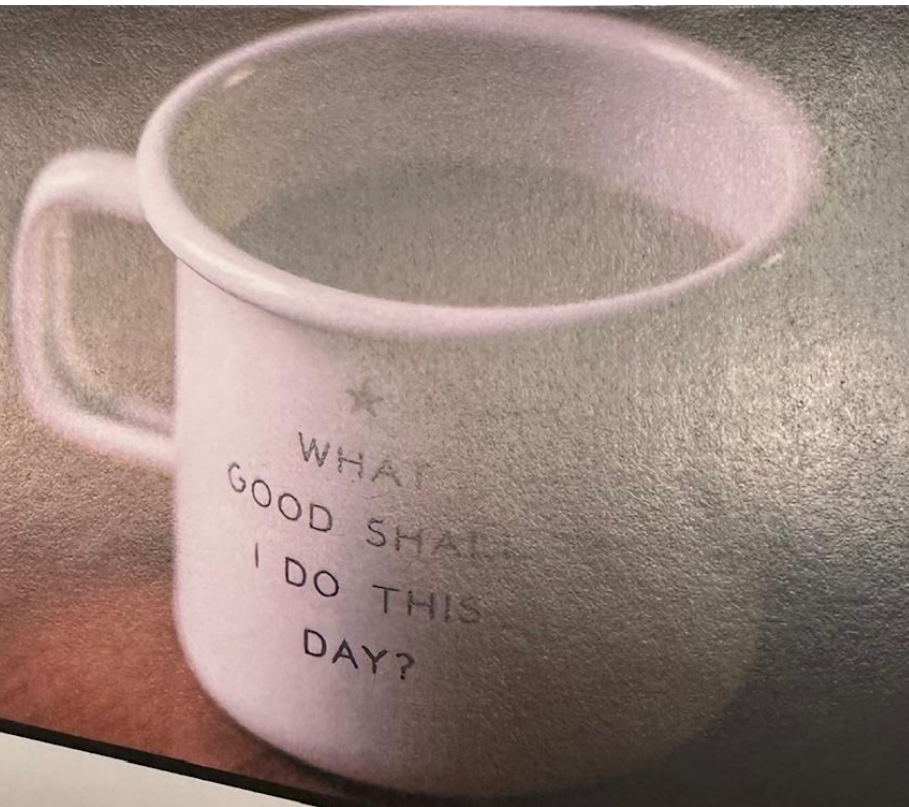
## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Board consists of 20 members. Our mandate is to have a board consisting of equal number representatives of government, civic and low income individuals. We are examining how to adopt a regional approach while also updating terms of service to ensure both continuity and fresh perspectives.. We are addressing the demographic makeup of the board with additional recruitment among diverse populations.

## **EXPANSION**

We've outgrown our current building in terms of office space for staff and services. We're looking at moving to a bigger building and sharing space with other nonprofits serving low-income populations. We are also looking at the idea of converting our existing building to a new shelter and transitional housing facility.





## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **BECOME A BOARD MEMBER!**

We are always looking for representatives in the 14 counties we serve. Go to our website and find out how to apply to become a board member!

### **DONATE!**

You can donate either through our website or even while you are shopping online. Or you could do a Facebook Charity Fundraiser as well!

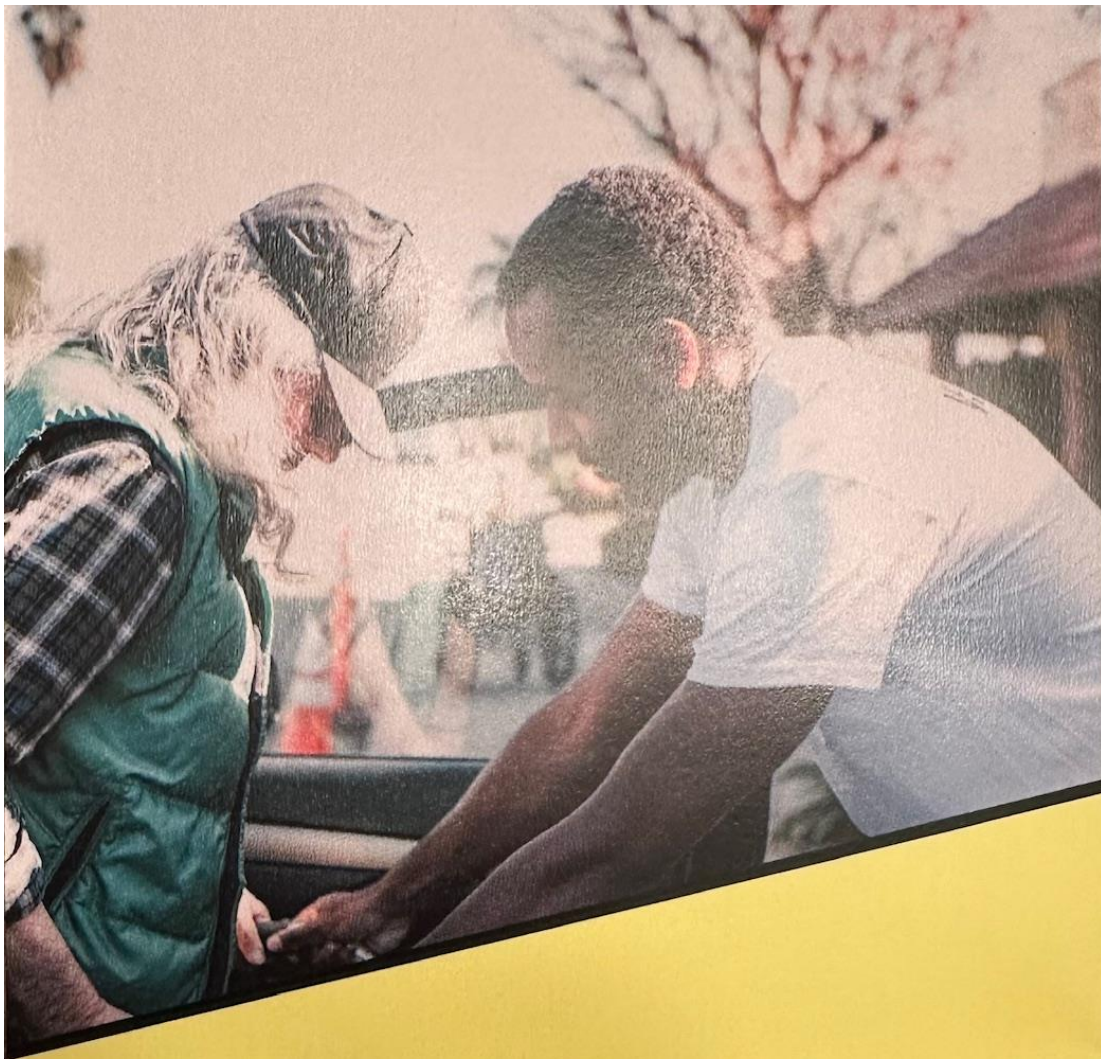
### **VOLUNTEER!**

We wouldn't be anywhere without our volunteers, be it at special events or specific parts of the organization. To keep updated on volunteer opportunities, sign up for our newsletter on our website.

### **USE SOCIAL MEDIA!**

Sometimes the best way to help us is to let people know about us! Follow our Facebook and interact with us! We love sharing our successes and the amazing staff that work so diligently!





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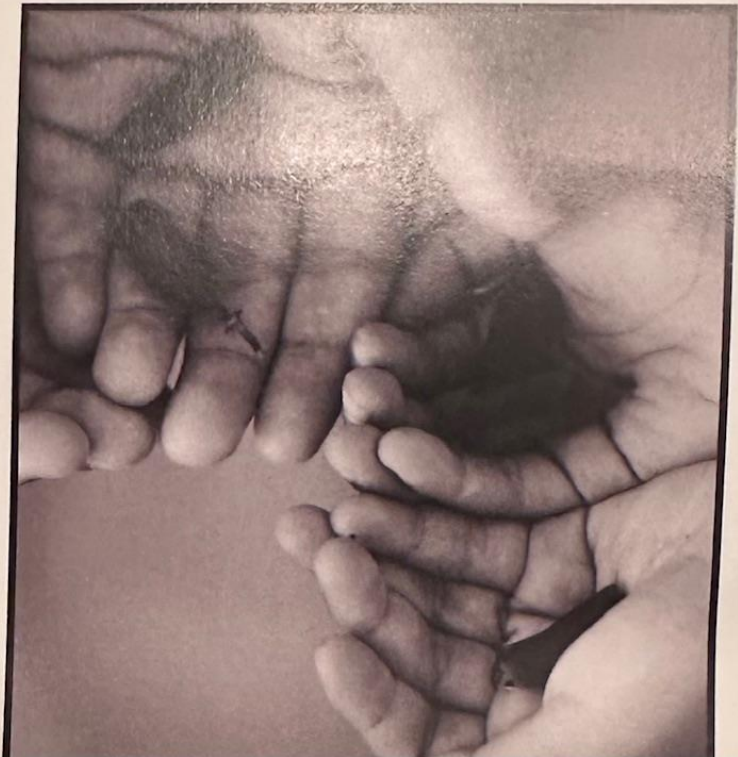


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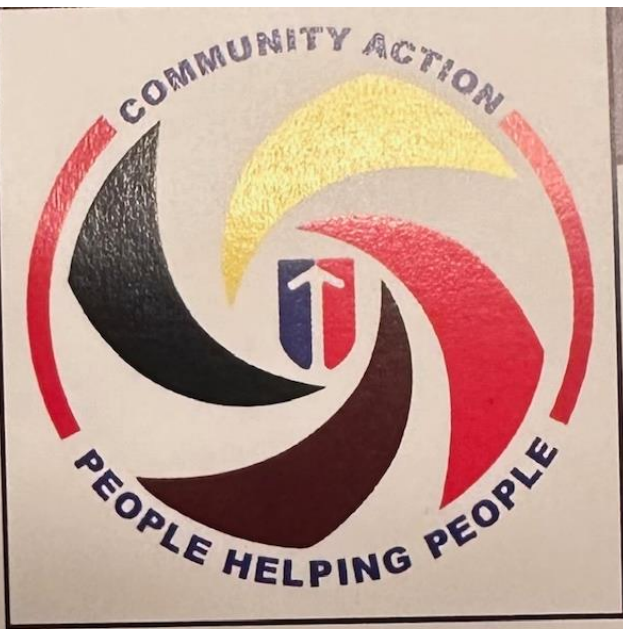
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# WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY ACTION



Program eligibility is up to 200% of poverty depending on the program. Income guidelines for a family of four in example:

**Recreation/Medical Support** \$3,125/month  
**Employment/Personal Care** \$3,125/month  
**Weatherization** \$5,000/month

We use a case management approach to promote goal setting and forward momentum for the families we serve.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS

### • **Employment Assistance**

Assists with tools, uniforms, books, and specialized training to obtain employment. Assistance to obtain birth certificates and driver's licenses is also provided.

### • **Medical Assistance**

Equipment such as bathroom grab bars, shower chairs, and walkers are provided to individuals with a doctor's prescription. New air conditioners are also distributed to low-income families with a prescription stating a medical need.

## — PROGRAMS

### • **Personal Care Items**

People may receive toothpaste, shampoo, laundry soap, hand soap, and toilet paper when available.

### • **Youth Recreation Passes**

Children aged 5 to 18, are able to participate in recreational programs in our service area. Programs range from bowling leagues to swim passes.

### **LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

#### • **Utility Assistance**

Shut off and catch up on bills for gas, electric and water



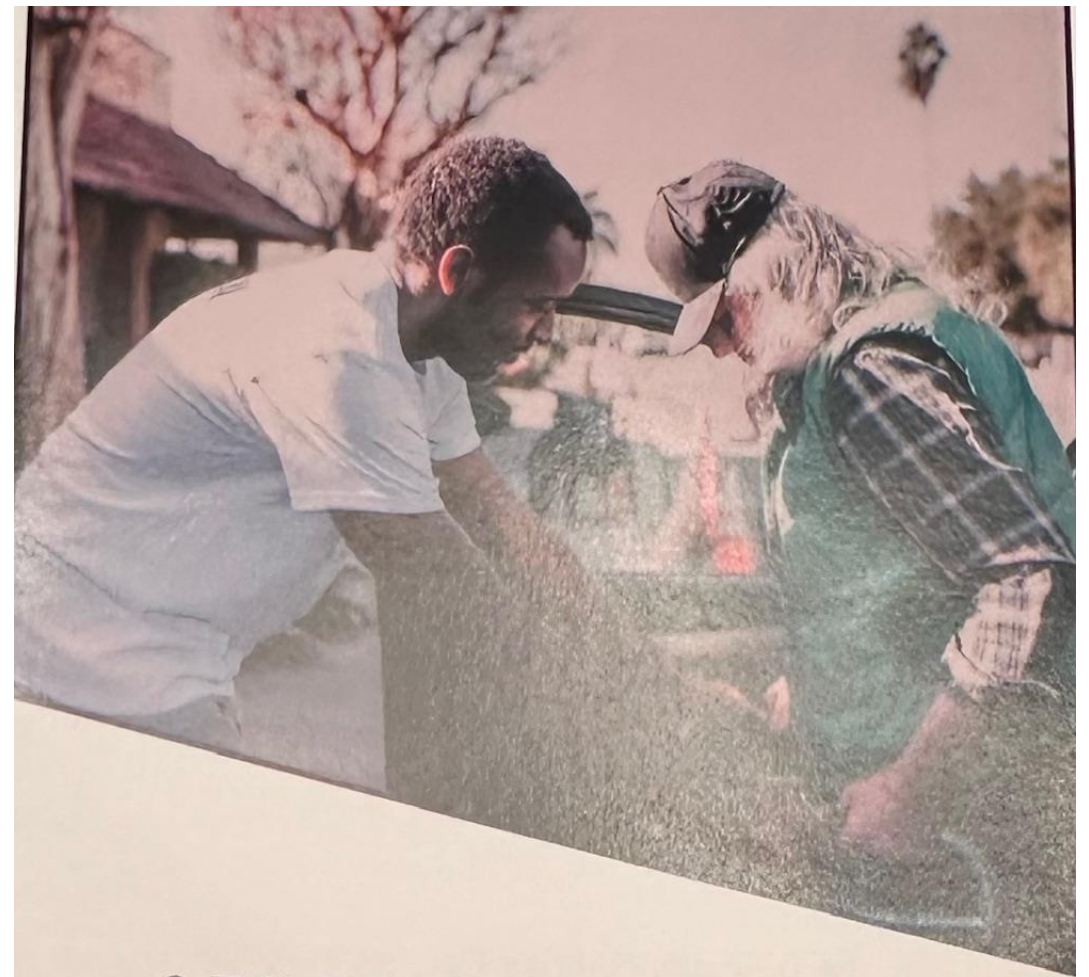
- **Furnace Repair**

Homeowners receiving LIEAP may qualify for this program at no cost.

### **WEATHERIZATION**

Certified auditors inspect home including windows, doors, insulation levels, and combustion appliances for income eligible home owners . For rentals, landlords are required to pay 1/3 of the total cost put into home

- Insulate, replace and repair furnaces,
- Ventilation
- Health and safety measures including smoke and CO monitors



## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

**SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE  
INFORMATION NETWORK  
(SHIINE)**



- Provides counseling in options for signing up for Medicare Part D and other insurance/cost expenses for limited income seniors

## **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NAVIGATORS**

- Provides assistance navigating the SD Health Insurance Marketplace.

## **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

- Provides assistance preparing and filing current and previous years tax returns.



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## ABOUT US—

The agency's purpose is to make a positive impact upon the causes and effects of poverty. It accomplishes this by supplying those living in poverty with the tools and assistance necessary to help themselves overcome these conditions. This partnership allows individuals to influence their own future well-being.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### **SERVING THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES**

Bennett, Butte, Corson, Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Oglala Lakota (**Weatherization Only**), Pennington, Perkins, Todd (**SHIINE only**), Ziebach

**Services vary in different counties.**

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DAVE  
DAUGHTERS

SOV. & AIRMS



PRESIDENT























*Dick Dittman was the Lucky Mr. X for the Day.  
He Won \$5.00*



Nancy Trautman, Club President, brought the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

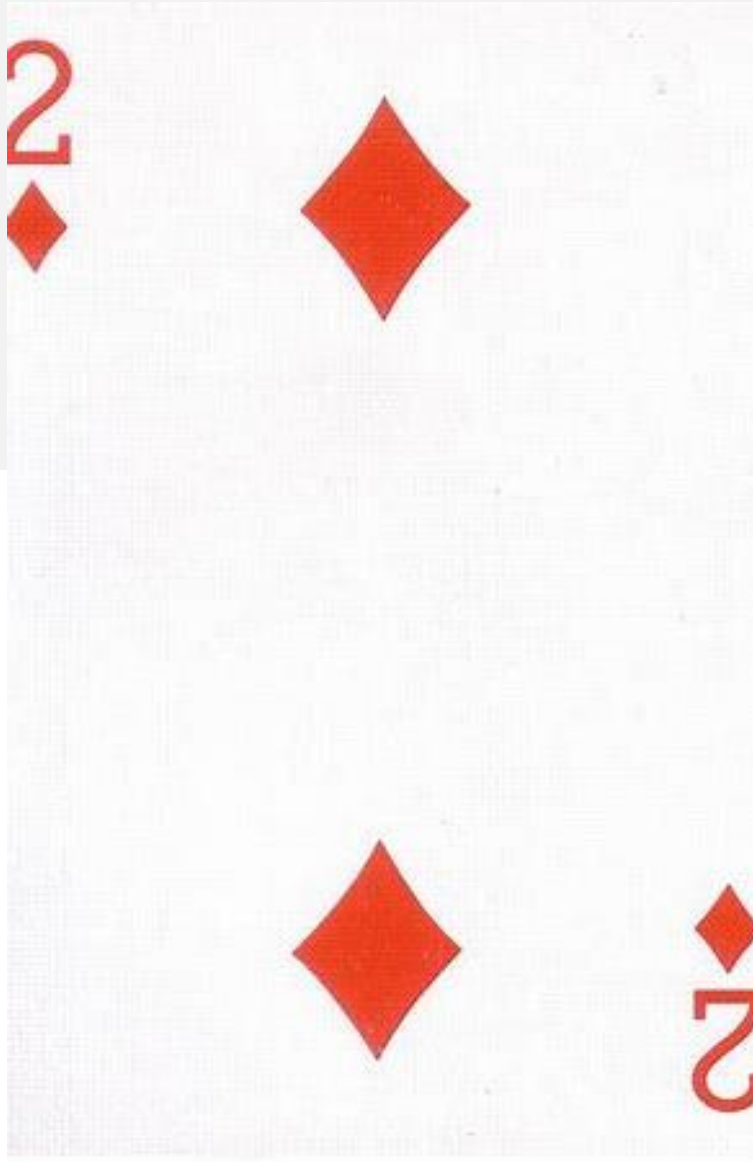




***Jim Schuh was the Lucky 50-50 Winner. He won \$8.50.***







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***Rhonda Reuwsatt  
was the Lucky 2 of  
Diamonds Winner.  
She drew the 10 of  
Diamonds. She won  
\$2.00 for the  
Diamond Card.  
There were 23 Cards  
left and it was  
worth \$260.00.***



# *Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings*

**March 18, 2024. Tiffanie Petro the Child Advocacy Director for the Black Hills Children's Home.**

**March 25, 2024. Bridgett Marshall Journey On Director.**



# Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Merbach, Carol</b>	<b>March 7</b>
<b>Kerr, Becky</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>Spreizer, Christina</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>Duffield, Kaye</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>Keck, Bill</b>	<b>March 13</b>
<b>Kahler, Dick</b>	<b>March 14</b>





# Member Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Mathis, Allan</b>	<b>March 16</b>
<b>Culham, Todd</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Sumption, Brian</b>	<b>March 26</b>
<b>Bachi, Kav</b>	<b>March 26</b>
<b>Dittman, Richard</b>	<b>March 30</b>





# **Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club**

## **Anniversaries for August**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Phelan, Paul</b>	<b>44 years</b>	<b>Mar. 10 1980</b>
<b>Jackson, Douglas</b>	<b>26 years</b>	<b>Mar. 23 1998</b>
<b>Wright, Lenny</b>	<b>9 years</b>	<b>Mar. 25 2015</b>
<b>Magnuson, Rosa</b>	<b>9 years</b>	<b>Mar. 25 2015</b>





# Cosmo Ushering Event Coordinators

- Please e-mail or call the team in charge to sign up for the event or if you need to cancel
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- Gloria Gunn - Summer Nights [grgunn@rap.midco.net](mailto:grgunn@rap.midco.net) (C) (605) 381-7075
- 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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***Deb Petersen Sioux Falls Evening***

***Treasurer Chris Bauer***  
***[cbauer@cortrustbank.com](mailto:cbauer@cortrustbank.com)***

***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



# 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***