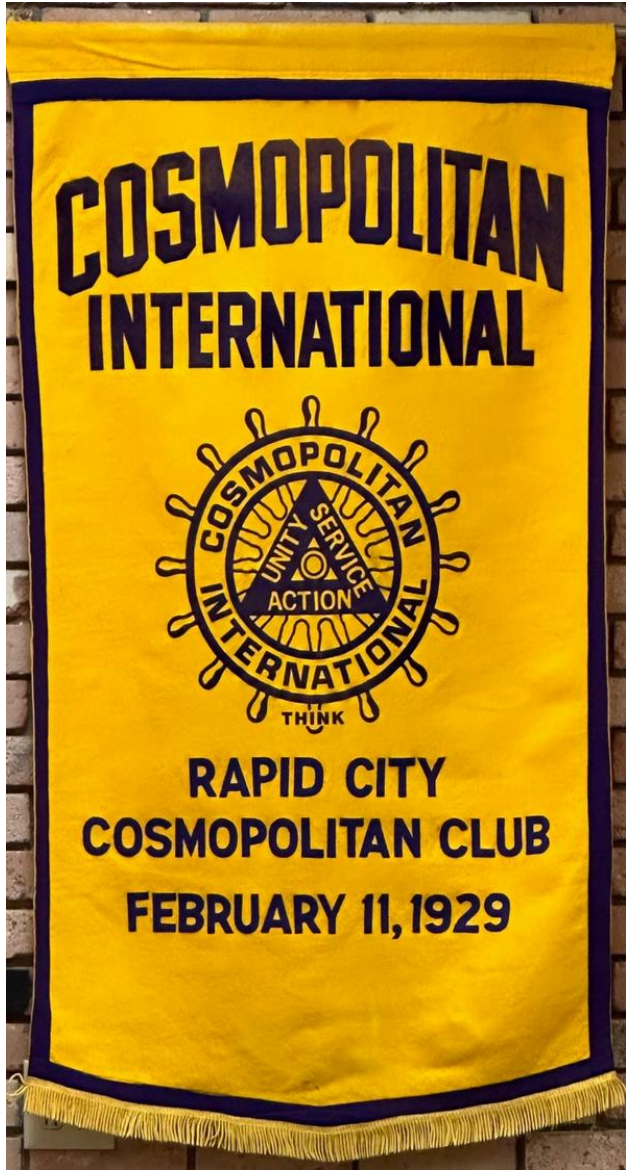


# ***Cosmopolitan Rays September 8, 2025***





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



President Becky Kerr, led the Members in the Pledge Of Allegiance.





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Jim Schuh, Led the Members in Prayer.







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NICHOLAS ULTRA	4.2
FIRST BLUE REDBON	4.7
BUSCH LIGHT	4.2
MILLER LETE	4.2
FERRELLION LIONS PAN LAGER *	4.5
WOODLAND REPUBLIC PEACHES & CREAM SOU	4.5
REMEDY HARD SULTZER *	4.5
BLACK TOOTH BOMBER MT AMBER *	4.6
PAID LIGHT	4.4
PRIMITIVE ARTISAN POWERHOUSE SOU	5.2
ELYSIAN SPACE DUST IPA	8.2
LOST CABIN BAY WHEAT APA *	6.5
LOST CABIN SOU IPA	6.5



TAP LIST

SMITHSONIAN TERRY WAGS ALE *	4.5
LOST CABIN WHEAT IPA	4.5
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President Becky Kerr talked about the Abbott House Golf Tournament. Who's Line is it Anyway and the Historic Balloon Launch last Saturday.



Lori Whiting talked about the upcoming Run Crazy Hourse Maraton on October 6, 2025 in Hill City and the upcoming Parker McCollum concert in the Summit Arena on October 17, 2025.



Big BOB White Introduced  
Cathy Drukery from the  
South Dakota Genealogical  
Society.



Cathy Druckery talked to the Members about the Geneological Association in Rapid City and all the projects they are involved in.



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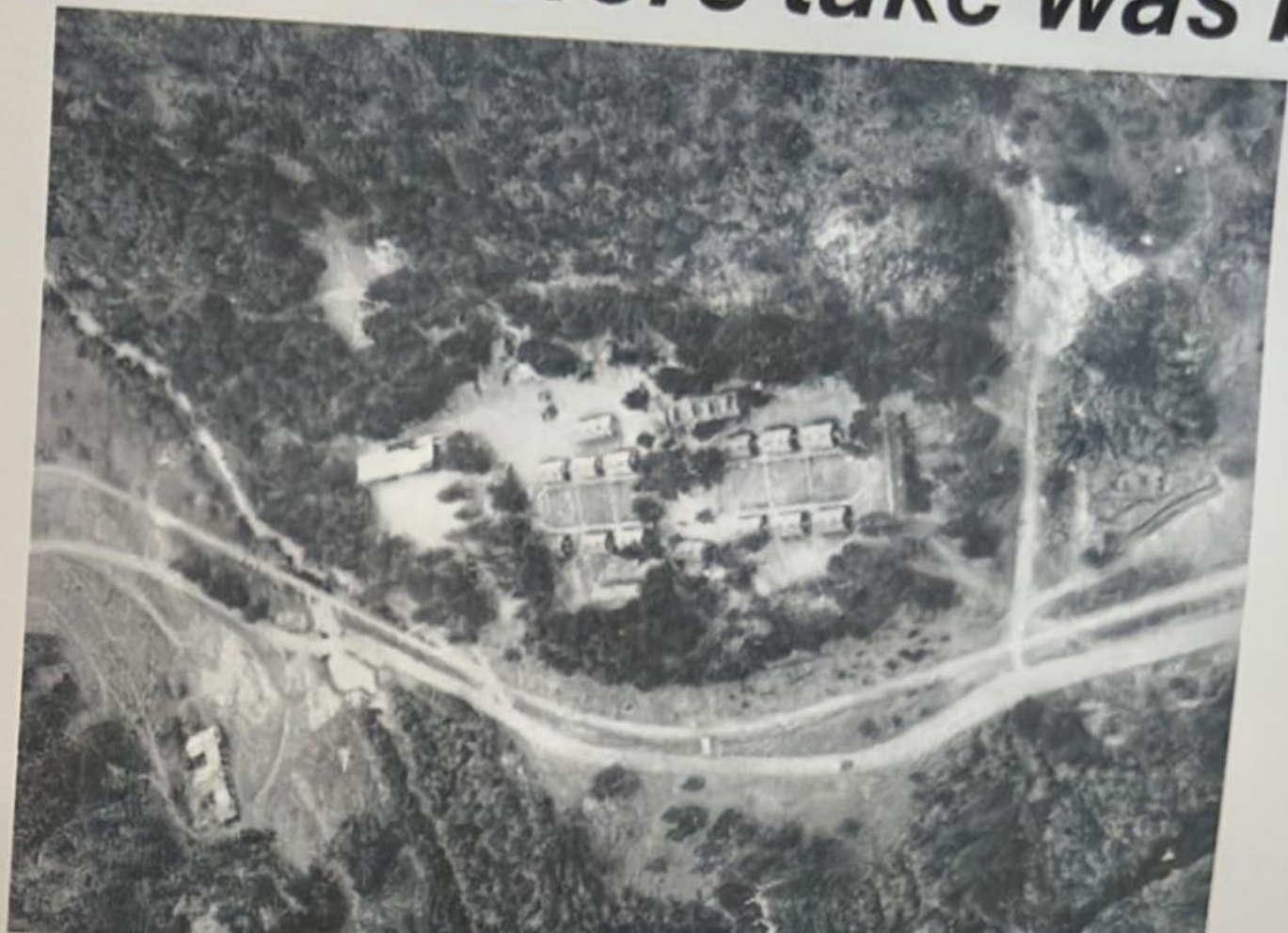


# ***BARRACKS***

## ***FROM - CCC 1789***



**CCC 1789 formerly  
In Pactola before lake was built**

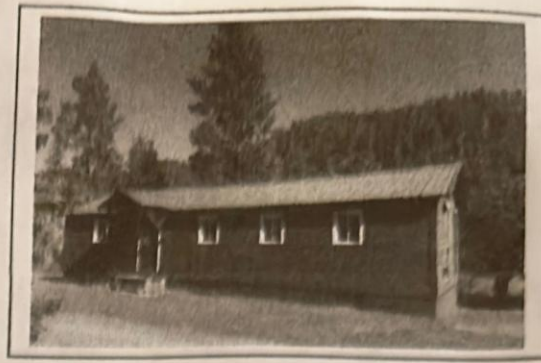


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## SILVER CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### PRESERVING THE PAST



The Silver City Historical Society is undertaking a huge preservation project in Silver City this Summer 2025.

If you were in and around Silver City anytime from the early 1950's to about 1975 you probably stopped in at the little store located on the alleyway behind Main Street and Duggan. Maybe you stopped to buy a nickel candy bar, grab a soda out of the ice box, or just to see what was going on in town. The Silver City General Store was more than just a general store, it was also the Silver City Post Office where folks mailed packages and picked up their mail.

What many folks do not know is that prior to it's life as a general store and post office location it was a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) barracks located in the town of Pactola (now Pactola Lake). When Pactola Lake was constructed in the 1950's, the barracks was moved to it's present location in Silver City. One of less than a handful of CCC surviving structures in the Black Hills and the United States, we are trying to save and preserve this structure, not only for the CCC history, but for the Silver City history connected to the structure.

The Silver City Historical Society is currently working to relocate the structure to a great new location to preserve and promote the history of the area. We have been very fortunate to be the recipient of the donated building. Additionally, the Mary Chilton - Daughter's of the American Revolutionary War (DAR) Grant Foundation, Wharf Foundation through the South Dakota Community Foundation, and private donors have donated significantly already toward the project. However, *we are going to still need additional funding.*

The SCHS, a 501(c) 3 organization, needs your help both financially and in volunteer time to meet our target goal of \$25,000 to successfully complete this relocation by the end of the summer of 2025. We have updated our website to include progress reports about this project and a schedule of events.

Please consider making your tax-deductible donation today to help with this project! You can send a check or go to our website to donate. [www.silvercitysd.com](http://www.silvercitysd.com)

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Please enroll me as a member of the Society. My membership includes receiving the *Black Hills Nuggets* four times a year. Membership fee is \$25.00 per household per year.

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**PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL To: Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research, Inc.  
Membership Chairperson, Christal Hexem  
5150 Merritt Rd  
Black Hawk, SD 577-8-9704**

## RCSGR

The Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research, Inc. (RCSGR) began meeting in 1966. The purpose of the Society is to help preserve and share the history and genealogy of the Black Hills area and promote genealogical research by:

- Encouraging and assisting members and others with their genealogical research
- Purchasing, sharing, and maintaining the Society's genealogical resources
- Publishing and exchanging our quarterly publication: *Black Hills Nuggets*
- Providing knowledgeable speakers on various genealogical and historical topics at the monthly meetings and special events and seminars

## Black Hills Nuggets

A benefit of membership is receiving a free electronic edition of the Society's publication, the *Black Hills Nuggets*. This quarterly contains valuable information from local resources such as family, courthouse, funeral home, and cemetery records; obituary indexes; homestead papers; family histories and diaries. It also includes articles from our members and friends.

### Additional Publications

The Society has compiled and sells publications of records from the local area. Examples of these include cemetery records, some marriage records for Pennington and Meade Counties, a reconstruction of the 1890 census for Pennington County, surname indexes for various South Dakota histories, and back issues of the *Black Hills Nuggets*. A complete listing may be found on our website.

### **Our Research Collection**

The Rapid City Public Library houses a portion of the Society's diverse collection of resources in their Genealogical and Local History area. Included in these resources are state and regional genealogy books, as well as other genealogical society publications. These resources can only be used in the library. On-line access to various genealogical resources may be used while at the library.

### **Our Website and Facebook page**

The Society also has an informative website, Instagram, and Facebook page. See the front of this brochure for details.

### **Seminars, Events and Excursions**

The Society hosts and participates in seminars, events, excursions to provide and enhance individual and group genealogical and related education to members and the public.

### **Research Assistance Available**

The Society has individuals available to assist with researching your family history. Contact the Society via email to request further information.

### **Informative Membership Meetings**

Membership meetings are held each month (except December) on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at:

South Canyon Lutheran Church  
700 S 44th St  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Visitors are welcome. Please watch our website and/or like us on Facebook and Instagram to follow specific meeting details.

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The following are FREE Researcher Resources may be helpful in researching your ancestor:

**Rapid City Public Library "Research" databases** for possible interests.

**FamilySearch** A completely free genealogy database website. You can use an Advanced Search tool by surname, record type, and/or place to access millions of records. The FamilySearch Wiki is a "go to" resource to find what exists for a wide range of family history topics, even beyond FamilySearch's extensive databases.

**U.S. Census Bureau** Discover explanations on all federal census years and access copies of original forms and questions. Also see Census Online for links to state censuses; tools for research; and calculators to convert year of birth.

**National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**

Maintained by the U.S. Federal government, NARA houses millions of microfilmed, printed, and manuscript records. Excellent for census records; governmental and military history records; military pension files; product patents; also passenger lists, early naturalization records, and much more.

**Library of Congress (LOC)** One of the largest collections in the world of printed and recorded materials; outstanding source for free images; resource for all copyrighted materials in America and beyond. LOC maintains collections of nearly all city directories and county histories in the U.S.; houses a comprehensive directory of all known copyrighted newspapers by timeframe and where they can be located today, in the important U.S. Newspaper Directory and Chronicling America; and offers comprehensive historical materials of all kinds.

**New York Public Library (NYPL)** Among the elite tier of library collections, second only to LOC in the size and scope of its historical and genealogical collections. The NYPL Map Division has one of the best collections in the U.S.; the Milstein Division has extensive local history and genealogical materials related to the all fifty states, including one of the largest American collections of city directories on microfilm; other notable divisions are the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Dorot Jewish Division, Manuscripts and Archives, Performing Arts Division, and the Science, Industry, and Business Library. Plus many accessible online digital collections and image galleries; and use of IntraLibrary Loan through ILL and your local library card.

**USGenWeb** Project Free county/state historical and genealogical resources; research resources and content projects driven by volunteers of local and state genealogical societies throughout the United States. Also see WorldGenWeb Project for records beyond the U.S.

**Research Guides for Ship Passenger Lists and Immigration**

**Records** Focuses on providing guidance and links to records for passenger lists from about 1820 to the early 1950s. It includes suggestions for finding records for ports of arrival and immigration records.

### ***More Free Research Resources:***

**Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana** Special collections include African American and a Native American Gateway; military records; and a surname database contributed by researchers. One of the largest genealogical library collections in the U.S.

**Freedman's Bureau** A Federal agency of the United States Department of War to help slaves who were set free after the Civil War and also poor whites with provisions, clothing, and fuel. It also helped with immediate and temporary shelter and supplied food and aid to the destitute and suffering.

**Access Genealogy** Access hundreds of links to genealogical data by state or by topic. Very helpful and handy website.

**JewishGen** An easy-to-use website with many record groups and good surname search facilities. Daitch-Mokotoff phonetic search algorithms for eastern European and Jewish name searches. Some databases require payment.

**BillionGraves** Search their free database by people or by cemetery. Many entries have photos of gravesites. Free app helps to direct you to the GPS location in a cemetery, which is a great help as many cemeteries are poorly marked.

**Legacy.com** The global leader in online obituaries, partners with more than 1,500 newspapers and 3,500 funeral homes across the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Europe. Consumers can also express condolences, share direct support for families, and celebrate the people who have touched their lives.

**Afrigeneas.com** An excellent starting place for African American genealogy. It features a "Beginners Guide" video; details on best sites for African American records, resources, and research; good direction on finding slave data, vital records, history of slavery; plus a website search function, forums and chats.

**Cyndi's List** Offers links organized by topics/categories. A cross-referenced index contains extensive lists of online genealogy resources. Don't know where to look for specific records? Check Cyndi's up-to-date list of suggested sources.

Society of American Archivists Laura Schmidt in "**Using Archives: A Guide to Effective Research**" provides an excellent tutorial on archives: what are archives, the types, requesting materials, visiting and guidelines, copyright, and more.

*Source: National Genealogical Society*

Kaye Duffield with her granddaughter





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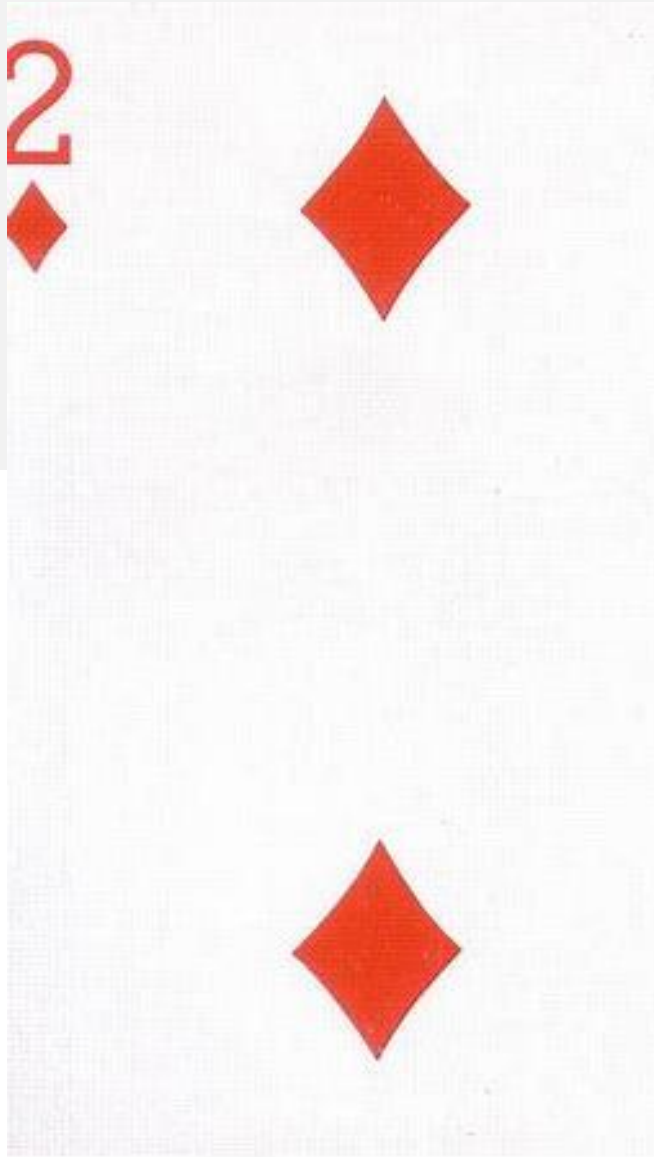
***Gordy Swanson was the  
Lucky Mr X for the Day. He  
won \$5.00***



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



***Rodney Gunn was the  
Lucky 50-50 winner. He  
gave the \$10.00 back  
to the Club.***



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***Becky Kerr was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. She drew the Ace of Diamonds. There were 12 Cards left and it was worth \$338.00.***

# *Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings*

*September 15, 2025. Meeting at Thirsty's*

*September 22, 2025. Meeting at Thirsty's*

*September 29, 2025. Mingle Monday at RPM Inovations @ 500 Turbine Drine.*

*October 6, 2025. Meeting at Thirsty's*

# *Member Birthdays*

## Name

**Reuwsaat, Rhonda**  
**Schuh, Arletta**  
**Desmond, Eileen**  
**Gunn, Rodney**  
**Swanson, Gordy**  
**Whiting, Lorie**  
**Arnold, Rodger**  
**Miller, Kathy**  
**Creager, Cindy**

## Date

**September 1**  
**September 7**  
**September 9**  
**September 10**  
**September 14**  
**September 19**  
**September 20**  
**September 25**  
**September 28**





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- **Kelly Whiting**
- **Rapid City, South Dakota**



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# Rapid City Cosmopolitan Club Secretary

- **Rhonda Reuwsatt**
  - **Rapid City, South Dakota**
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Club Sergeant Of Arms***

- ***Kathy Miller***
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**Rapid City, South Dakota**



# CDF Board Member

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**BOB White**

**Rapid City, South Dakota**



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**2 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Richard Edelen**

**2 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Susan Dittman**

**3 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Lorie Whiting**

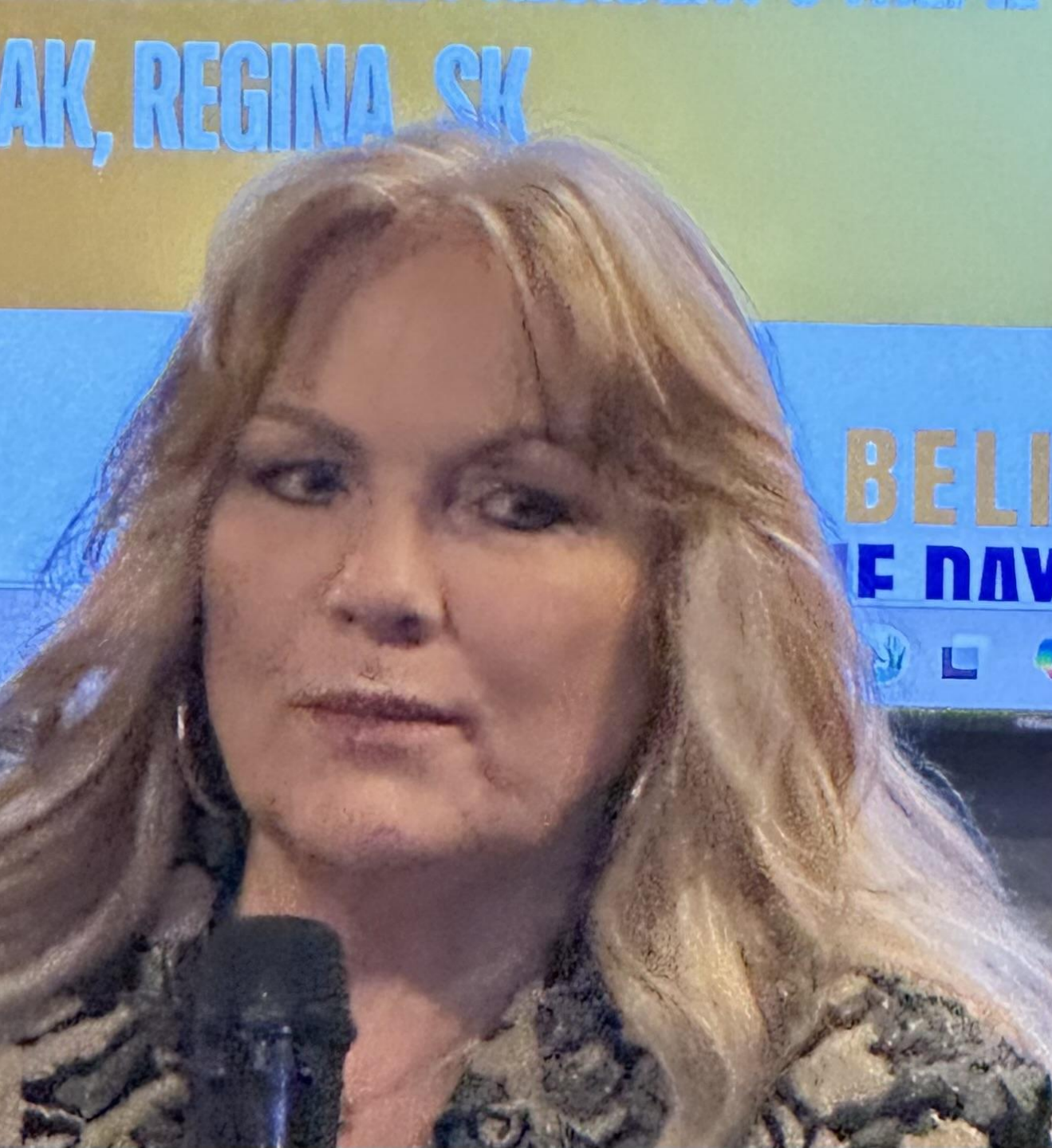
**3 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Lenny Wright**

**3 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Karl Merbach**

The background of the image is a photograph of the Sioux Falls State Capitol building at dusk. The building is a grand, classical-style structure with a prominent central dome and a portico with columns. The sky is a deep blue, and the building's lights are on, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there are trees and a street with some cars parked.

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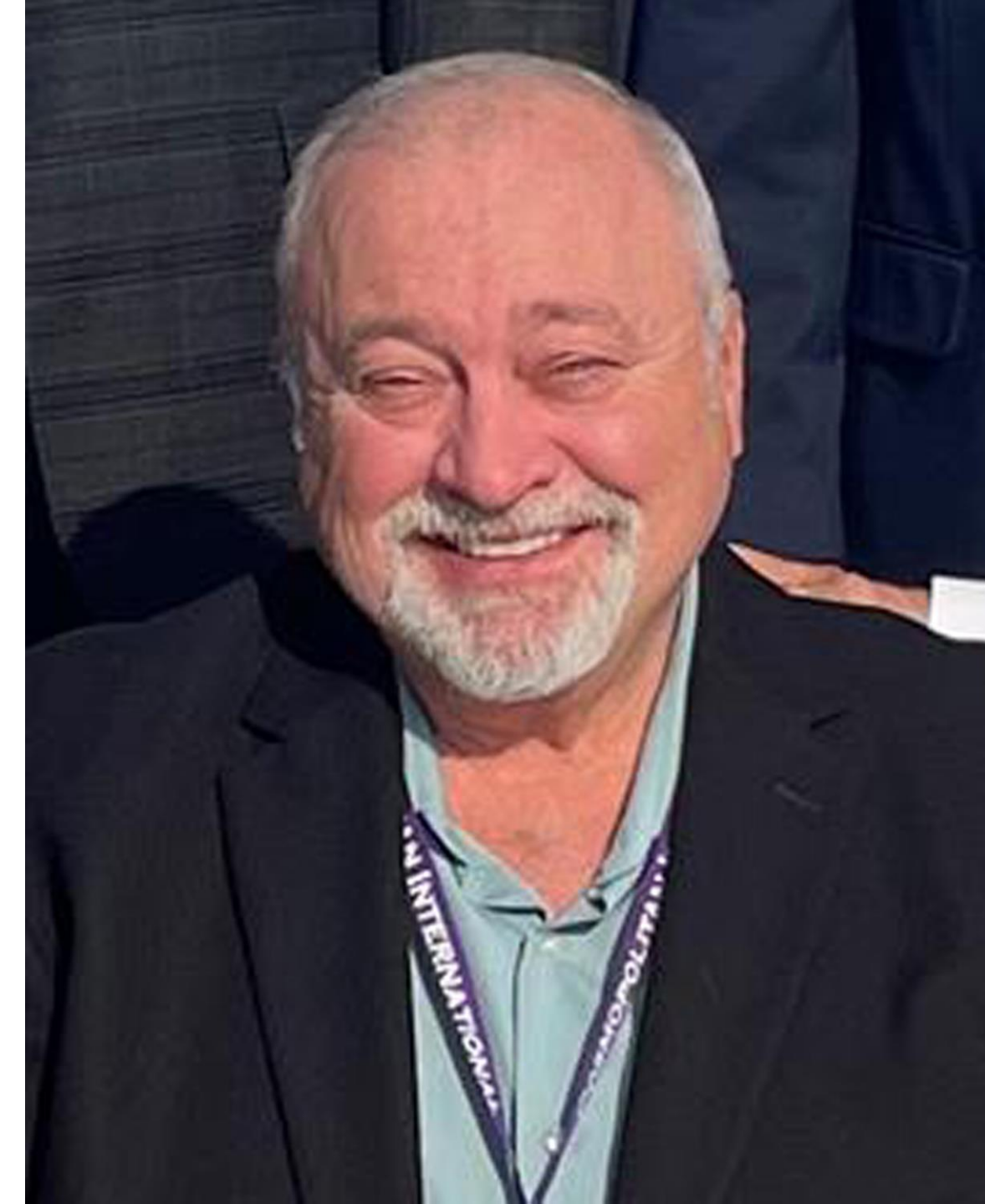
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