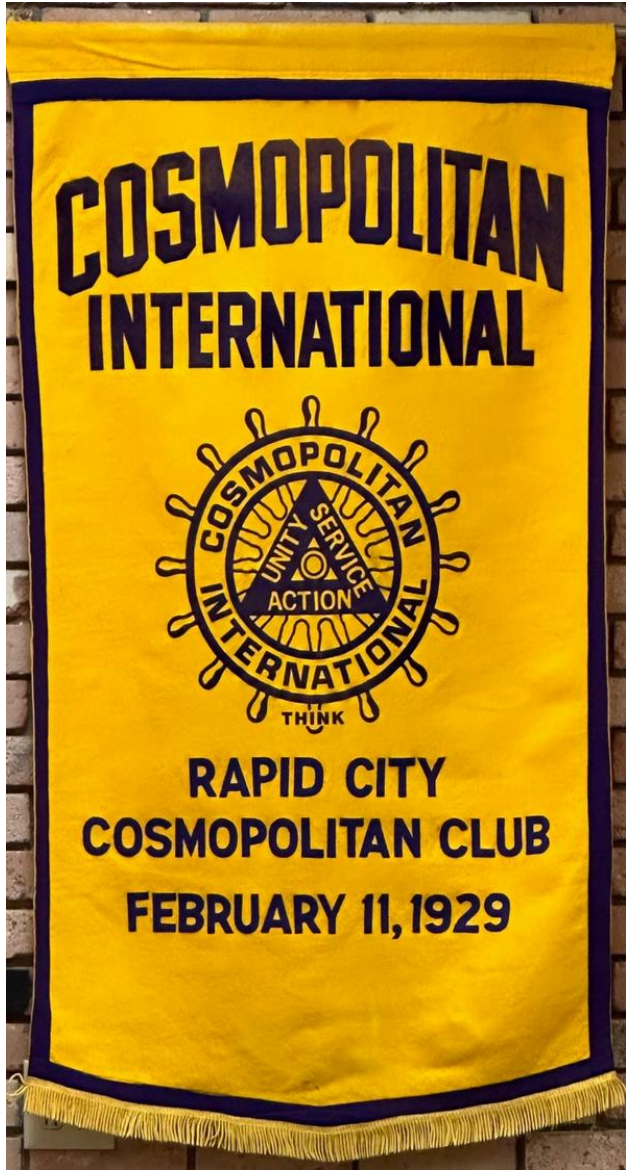


Cosmopolitan Ray's April 20, 2026





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



Jim Schuh, Led the Members in Prayer.



GO BLUE.
JACKS
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE







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









GONE
SQUATCH

SASQUATCH

BLUES

JUSTICE

YANTER
4

HAPPY HOUR

SUCCESS

Club Member Lori Whiting talked to the Members about the Club working the Mickelson Trail Maraton on June 11, 2026. Yhey need 4-6 Workers.



President Becky Kerr talked to thr Members about Summer Parade of Lights on July 2nd. She then talked aboutthe upcoming North Geferation Convention on April 24th and25th.



Club Member Lenny Wright Introduced Don Fuller from the 40 & 8 program that raises money for Nursing Students in the area.



Don fuller talked anout the history of their program and what they do to raise funds.





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Quarante Hommes
et Huit Chevaux

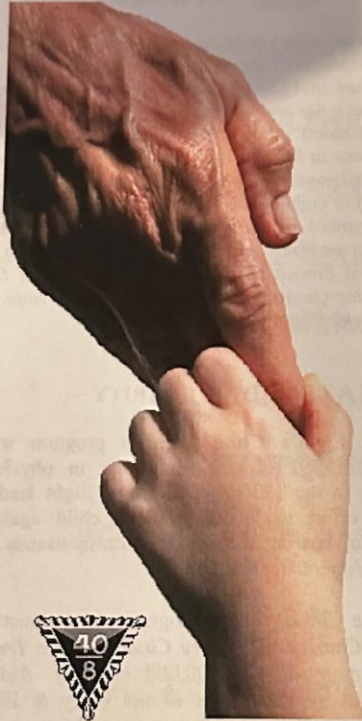


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The
Forty & Eight



A Charitable Honor
Society of American
Veterans



~ Service in War, Charity in Peace ~

CHILD WELFARE
NURSE SCHOLARSHIPS
MEDICAL RESEARCH
AMERICANISM
CARVILLE STAR
YOUTH SPORTS
BOXCAR ASSOCIATION
POW/MIA
VETERAN SUPPORT

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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Or the

Forty & Eight
~ LEGACY OF HONOR ~

La Societe - also known as the "**Forty & Eight**" - is an independent fraternal organization of veterans. Established in 1920 by members of the American

Legion as a fun and honor society, Forty & Eight's founders based the organization on their military experiences in W.W.I. France. The box car of the French railways, which carried forty men (quarante hommes) or eight horses (huit chevaux) to the front, is the symbol of the organization. Titles and functions are in French. The numerals "40/8" on a triangle of French horizon blue is the logo of La

Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux...

The Forty & Eight

~ LEGACY OF CHARITY ~

Forty & Eight's **Child Welfare** program was founded in 1923 to help children in physical distress. In the 1930s, the Forty & Eight lead a national effort to inoculate every child against Diphtheria, bearing the expense for thousands of destitute American children.

Today the Child Welfare program, in conjunction with the ***Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust***, expends more than \$8,000,000 annually. Aid is coordinated by local units of the Forty & Eight when local relief agencies are unable to move rapidly or cannot act. The program also supports childhood diabetes and cystic fibrosis research.

Our **Nurses Training** program, unique to our organization, was established in 1955 as a means of ensuring adequate numbers of skilled nurses for our nation in time of war and peace.

Augmented by the ***George B. Boland Nurses***

Scholarship Trust, the Forty & Eight Nurses Training program has graduated over 33,000 Registered Nurses with total program grants exceeding \$30,000,000.

The Forty & Eight has a long association with the ***Gillis W. Long National Disease Center of Carville***, Louisiana; a leading leprosy and tuberculosis research center. The Forty & Eight entirely funds the publication of the **Carville Star** Magazine for medical research.

In partnership with the **Veterans Administration Voluntary Service** V.A.V.S program, our members volunteer at over 200 veteran medical facilities.

The Forty & Eight's **Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling** program meets patient needs for medical equipment.

Forty & Eight's **Youth Sports** program provides financial assistance for youths 7 to 20, encompassing all amateur sports programs, including AAU/USA Junior Olympics and Special Olympics.

Our **Americanism** program is committed to furthering the American way of life by sponsoring Flags for First Graders, Boys State, Girls State, civic programs for youths and seniors, and memorial dedication ceremonies. The Forty & Eight offers annual awards for Law Officer of the Year and Hero of the Year.

The Forty & Eight **POW/MIA** program supports national efforts to return remains and provides a Scholarship Fund to aid families of POW/MIAs.

Forty & Eight affiliates include the **National Box Car Association**, which raises funds for all Forty & Eight programs, the **Societe de La Femme** women's auxiliary, and the **Press Association of La Societe (P.A.L.S.)**

~NOTES ~

The Forty & Eight has **25,000 member Voyageurs** worldwide. Voiture Locales meet at Legion Posts or at their own Chateau (club house). Many Voitures have **Parade Trains** and **Hobo Clowns** that bring smiles as they delight children and promote patriotism.

Membership is invitation only to honorably discharged veterans with a DD214 and active duty personnel.

The Forty & Eight veteran fraternity proudly salutes America's many fine veteran sororities.

~ OUR PURPOSE ~

"To assist and promote the welfare and well-being of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, during all wars and conflicts recognized by the Congress of the United States, and their widows and orphans; to participate in all memorial services for and to be part in and to encourage others to participate in the proper observance of all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Services in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors."

(Preamble to the 40/8 Constitution.)







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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
SOUTH

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Grain Belt

KATHY

GO JACKS







Thirsty's
BURGERS & BEER
819 MAIN ST. RAPID CITY, SD 57701

MOUNT MARTY
UNIVERSITY

HAPPY HOUR

Menu items and prices are visible on the table, including a burger for \$10.99 and a sandwich for \$7.99.

GO BIG. GO BLUE.
GO JACKS.
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE



An elderly woman with short white hair, wearing a green jacket, stands at a high-top bar table, looking towards the right.

A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a colorful floral patterned top, is seated at the bar table, focused on preparing a drink.

A man wearing a green shirt, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap is standing at the bar, leaning forward as if talking to the bartender.

A man in a red polo shirt and a white visor is standing behind the bar, smiling and looking towards the man in the green shirt.

A man in a black t-shirt is seated at a table in the foreground, looking towards the bar area.

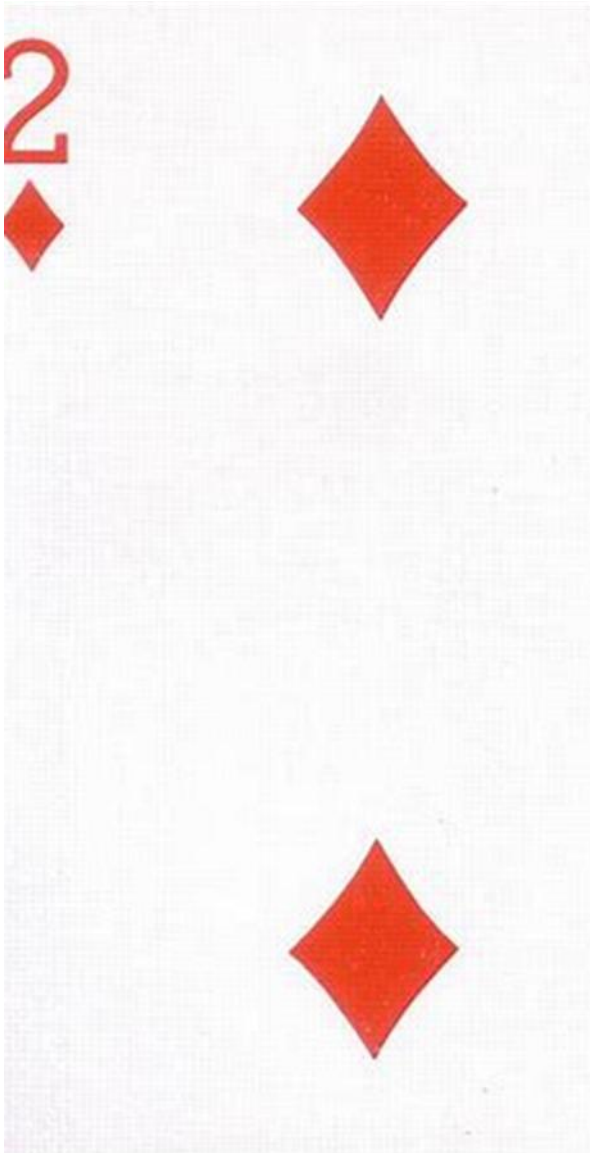
***Dan Miller was the
Lucky Mr X for the
Day. He won \$5.00
and gave it back to
the Club.***





***Dennis Wagner was
the Lucky 50-50
winner. He won \$8.00
and gave it back to
the Club.***





Kaye Duffield was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. She drew the 2 of Hearts. There were 50 Cards left and it was worth \$100.

Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings

April 27, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

May 4, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

May 11, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

May 18, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

May 25, 2026. No Meeting-Memorial Day

June 1, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

June 8, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's

*June 15, 2026. Noon Meeting at Thirsty's James Webb Space Telescope
Overcoming 344 Ways to Fail"*

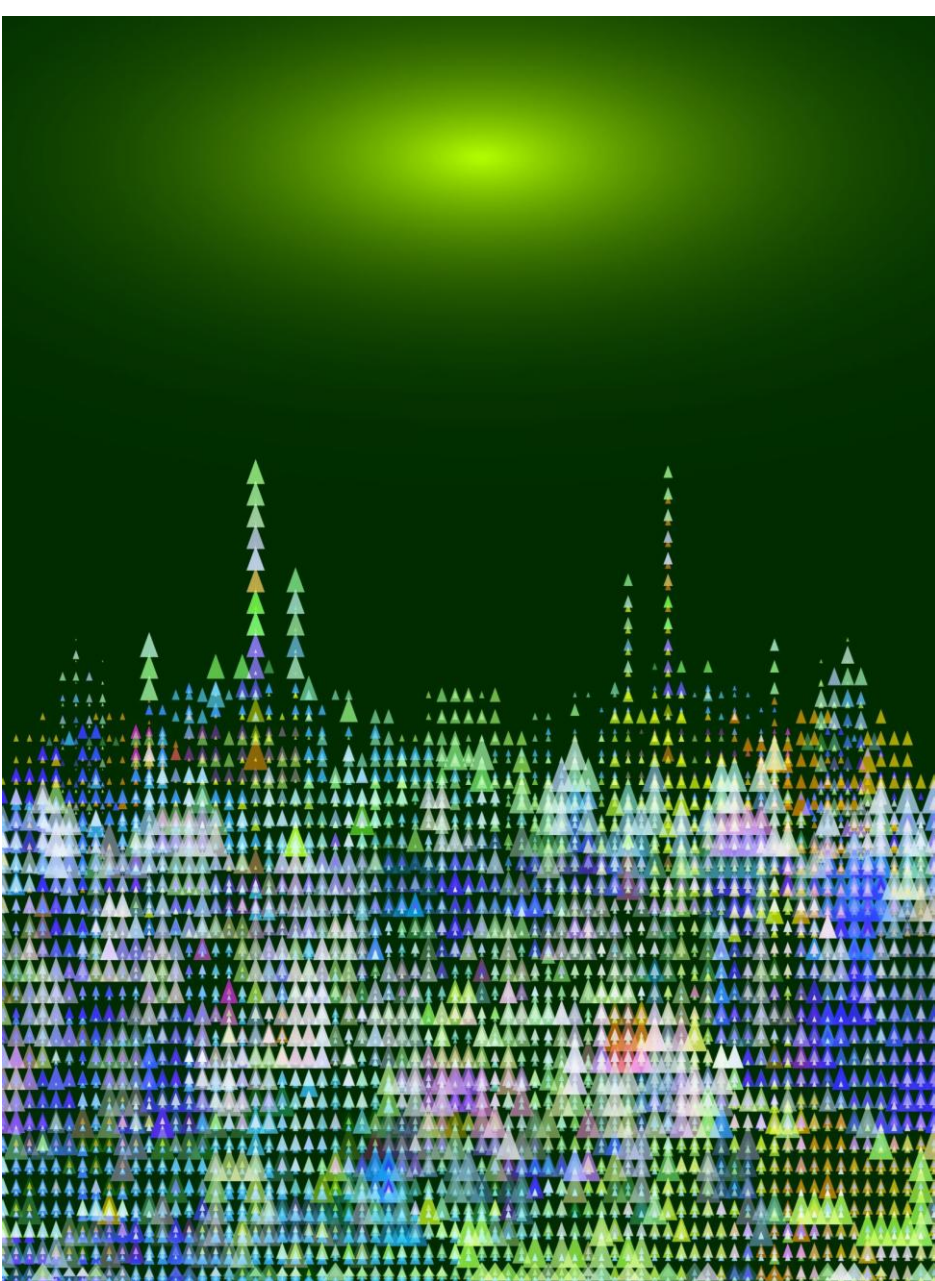
Member Birthdays

<u>Wagner, Dennis</u>	<u>April 1</u>
<u>Wright, Kerri</u>	<u>April 4</u>
<u>Scholl, Bill</u>	<u>April 5</u>
<u>Miller, Dan</u>	<u>April 9</u>
<u>Magnuson, Rosa</u>	<u>April 18</u>
<u>Yantes, Paul</u>	<u>April 20</u>
<u>Newell, Michael</u>	<u>April 22</u>
<u>Edelen, Rachel</u>	<u>April 23</u>
<u>Dzintars, Viktor</u>	<u>April 28</u>



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kahler, Dick	68 years	Apr. 01 1958
Goodsell, G.	50 years	Apr. 05 1976
Murchison, Robbie	36 years	Apr. 20 1990
Locke, Clay	36 years	Apr. 24 1990
Keck, Bill	30 years	Apr. 11 1996
Schuh, Jim	21 years	Apr. 06 2005
Gunn, Rodney	16 years	Apr. 05 2010
Ferley, Elizabeth-Anne	16 years	Apr. 10 2010
Evans, Michelle	15 years	Apr. 18 2011



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Miller, Dan	15 years	Apr. 20 2011
Culver, Nola	14 years	Apr. 06 2012
Spreizer, Christina	8 years	Apr. 23 2018
Diers, Cleon	5 years	Apr. 01 2021
Kerr, Becky	5 years	Apr. 01 2021
Blackwell, Jim	4 years	Apr. 01 2022
Miller, Kathy	3 years	Apr. 01 2023
Sanders, Marc ie	2 years	Apr. 01 2024
Swanson, Gordy	1 year	Apr. 01 2025



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or if you need to
cancel.

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- **Rapid City, South Dakota**



Rapid City
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Club Secretary

- Rhonda Reuwsatt
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- Jim Keck Jr.
- Rapid City, South Dakota



***Rapid City Cosmopolitan
Club Sergeant Of Arms***

- ***Kathy Miller***
 - ***Rapid City, South Dakota***
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CFC Board Member

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John Duffield

Rapid City, South Dakota



CDF Board Member

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BOB White

Rapid City, South Dakota



Cosmopolitan Yearly Board Members

1 Year Board Member Club Board Member Dave Daughters

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

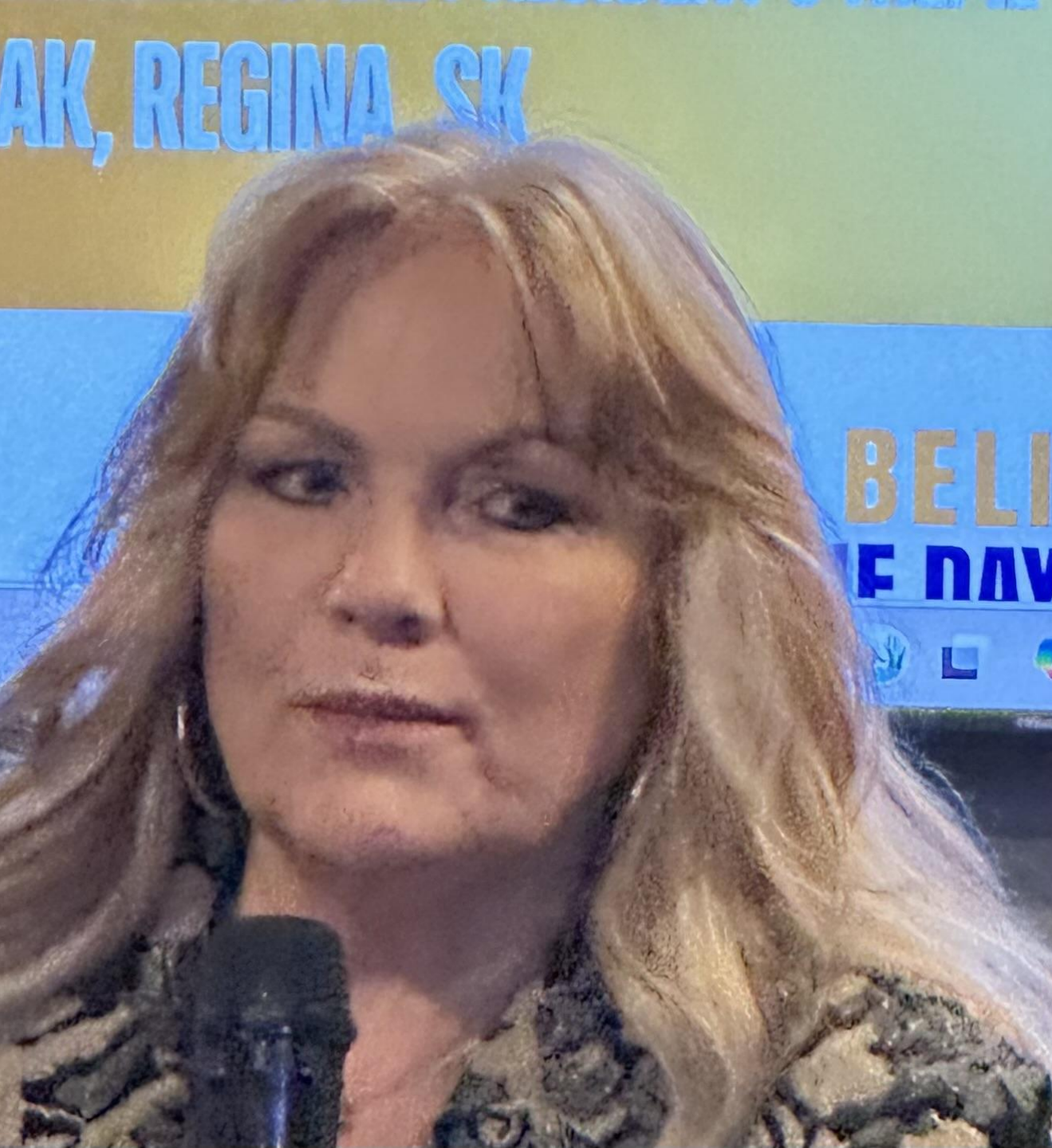
3 Year Board Member Club Board Member Karl Merbach

The background of the image is a photograph of the Sioux Falls State Capitol building at dusk. The building is a large, 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. There are some trees and streetlights in the foreground, and a few cars are visible on the street.

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