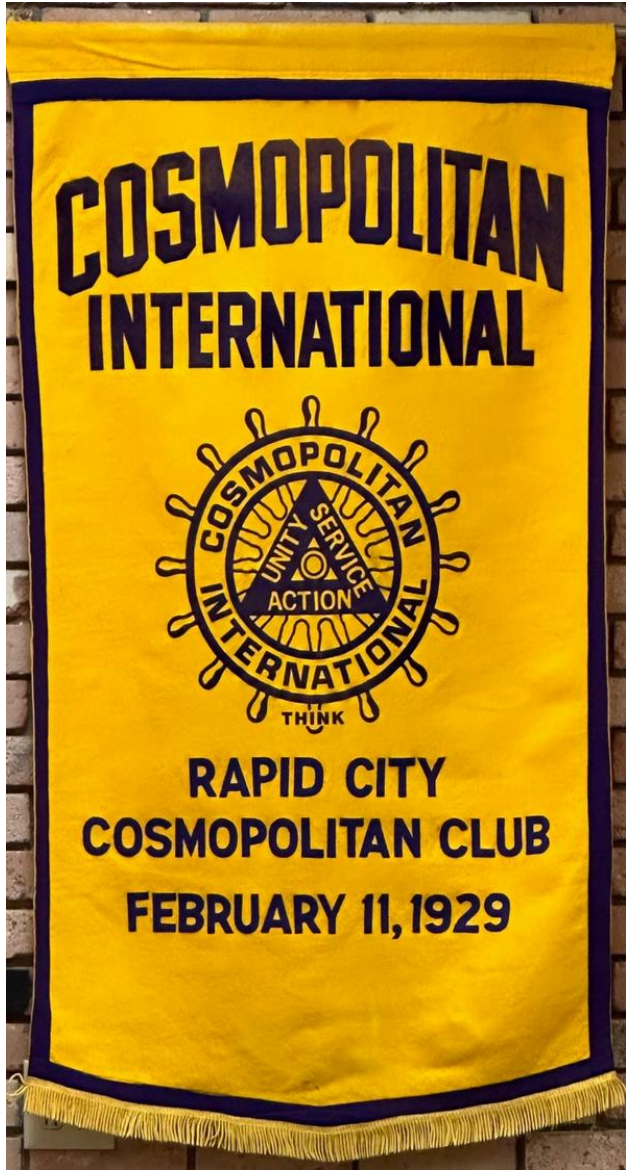


# ***Cosmopolitan Ray's December 15, 2025***





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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Ice Hockey Coordinator Karl Merbach talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey games on December 27<sup>th</sup> & December 31<sup>st</sup>.



Club Member Rachel Edelen introduced possible new Members Jan Tens and Susan Hade.



Jan Tens.



Susan Hade.



President Becky Kerr read a note from Honorary Member Bernice Miller. She thanked the Club for all they do and gave everyone a homemade dish cloth. Yhank you Bernice for those and all the work you do for the Club.





Club Member Rick Edelen presented to the Club Information about his recent trip to Romania with his Rushmore Rotary Club to make and present wheelchairs to children in Romania and Ukraine that needed them.


Thank you Rick for doing that. Great Job.





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# Romania Wheelchair Project

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## **THE MISSION:**

**WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN  
ROMANIA & UKRAINE**

## **THE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**HOPE HAVEN INTERNATIONAL & ROTARY CLUBS IN  
BUCHAREST & BARLAD, ROMANIA; CHISINAU, MOLDOVA;  
AND IZMAIL, UKRAINE**

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**TIMELINE: OCTOBER 20-31, 2025**

## THE TEAM:

Mark Siemonsma, Team Leader, Custer Rotary

Lindsay Rose, Daughter of Mark, Spirit Lake, MN

Steve Sikorski, Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary



## THE TEAM:

Shawn & Terry Walters, Rushmore Rotary

Rick Edelen, Rushmore Rotary

Linda Peterson, Rushmore Rotary



# THE TEAM:

Dan & Michelle Hutt, Custer Rotary

Scott & Valerie Parsley, Madison Rotary

John & Carol Schneider, Le Mars Rotary



## THE TEAM:

Julie Gordon, P.T. & Dan Gordon, Denver, CO

Daniel, Cristi, George, Hope Haven Staff, Romania



# Day 1-2: Team Arrives after 3 flights to Bucharest, Romania

Hotel Continental, Bucharest, Romania

Dinner at Hotel, Meeting the Team



# Day 3: Bucharest: Rotary Volunteers with Social Services Staff

Work: unpack and setup wheelchairs, custom fit to handicapped children, consult with Cismigu Rotarians about future grants.



# Recipients and Families

Each child had different handicaps, requiring the volunteers to custom-fit the chair—resourcing parts from supplies and using multiple tools.



## Day 4: Bucharest

Visit handicap orphanage Organizatia Suedeza to refit residents with upgraded chairs, to custom-fit their disabilities.



# Day 5: Small team fitted 3 children in one family.

Genetic disfunction in 3 of 4 children. Remaining team members toured Bucharest.



## Day 3 to 5: Food and camaraderie with team and hosts

Romanians love to make meals a reason to celebrate with ALL the ethnic foods! We visited Harp Irish Bar, Excalibur, & Caru cu Bere.



# Day 6: Travel to Barlad, Romania

Travel by 2 vans and car, touring winery, meeting home hosts.



# Day 7: Barlad, Romania

Touring hospital elevator Rotary project, Sunday outdoor market.



# Day 8: Travel to Izmail, Ukraine

Passport checkpoints, air raids, dinner. Our team was honored for our bravery to visit and commitment to their wheelchair project.



# Day 9: Izmail, Ukraine

Cleaned chairs, custom-fitted handicapped children to chairs, interviewed for video.



# Teamwork.

The team worked together to make the chairs clean and fit.



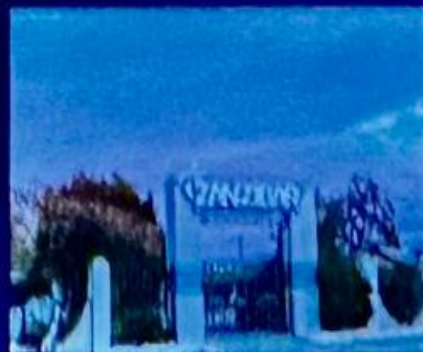
# Rotary Club dinner, video.

Izmail Rotary started the grant 6 years ago. Our team helped them wrap up the grant. Video taken during our workday was shown that evening.



# Day 10: Travel to Constanza, Romania

Moment of Remembrance across Ukraine at 9 AM everyday. Fording the Danube by ferry. Ice cream while waiting at check points.



# Day 11: Sunrise at Black Sea, Travel to Bucharest

Team relaxed at Hard Rock Cafe. Enjoyed chocolates! Packed up.



## Day 12: Returned home, project takeaways:

Scott & Val Parsley: Helping people is the greatest life-changing work. Thanks to Hope Haven and Rotary District 5610 we were able to help others. I was also so very touched by the Ukrainians optimism and gratefulness for our help. Working on wheelchairs with other Rotarians I'd never met before blessed me twice: making new friendships with team, and the children receiving wheelchairs and their families.



## Project takeaways:

Linda Peterson: I learned we could help handicapped children without having skills with wheelchairs. My heart was filled with emotion and satisfaction, especially seeing my ancestors' country of Ukraine.

Rick Edelen: What a wonderful trip we had, we were able to serve many children in Romania and Ukraine. It was very powerful to see the smile on the kids faces and the appreciation the parents had for all of us. The parents were all very thankful for their new wheelchair.



## Project takeaways:

**Shawn Walters:** It was really satisfying to help ease the worries of the parents. It was clear that they devote their lives to their disabled children and a new chair seemed to help calm their anxiety a bit.

**John & Carol Schneider:** I am so impressed that Rotarians around the world can network together to Do Good in the World. And also be so welcoming and supportive of our cause.



## Project takeaways:

Dan Hutt: In România and Ukraine we saw frightened children carried in by weary parents. After work with trained Hope Haven staff and Rotary volunteers from our district and the host countries, the children left with wheelchairs and smiles, and all they left were the smiles on our faces. I'll always remember the smiles!

Michelle Hutt: The people of Izmail are so strong, resilient, amazing and beautiful is my sense. Somehow they still weave together threads of hope and joy in their daily lives. We leave with our hearts aching and hoping for them.













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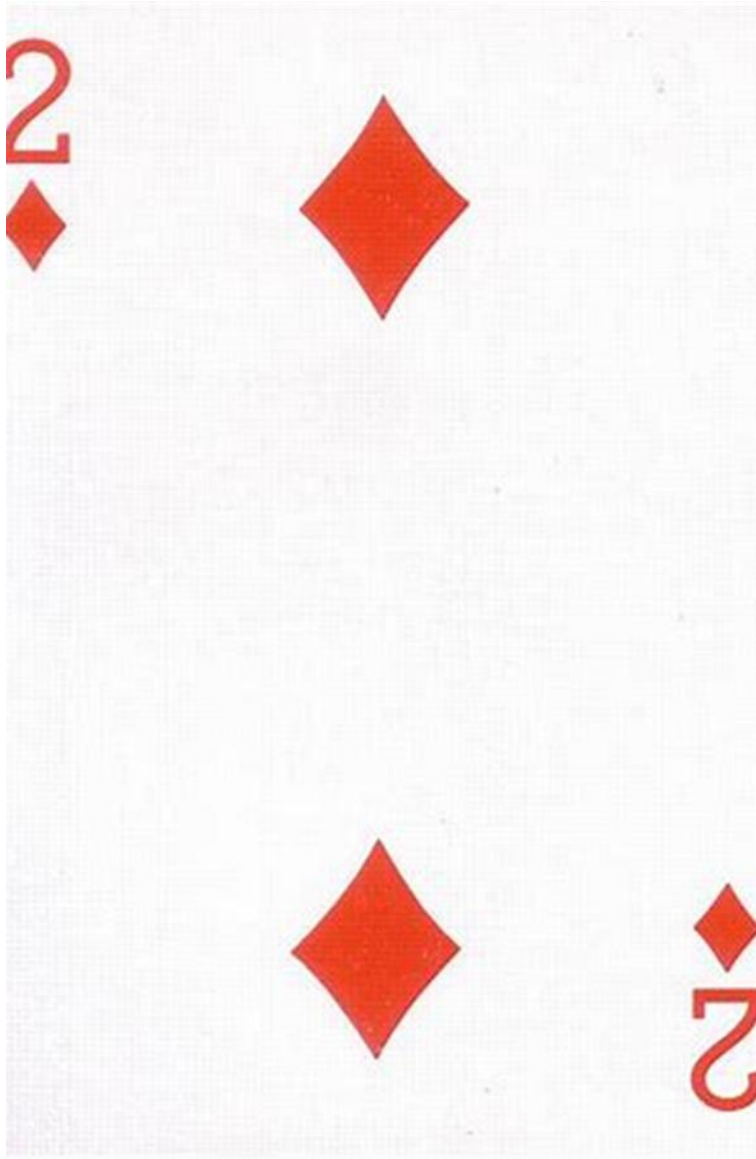
***John Duffield was  
the Lucky Mrs. X for  
the Day. He won  
\$5.00.***





***Susan Dittman was the  
Lucky 50-50 winner.  
She won \$15.00 and  
gave \$5.00 back to the  
Club.***





**Rhonda Reuwsaat was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. She drew the King of Hearts. There were 3 Cards left and it was worth \$483.50.**

**(So Sorry)**

# *Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings*

*December 22, 2025. No meeting Christmas week.*

*December 22, 2025. No meeting New Years week.*

*January 5, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's*

*January 12, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's*

*January 19, 2026. No Meeting-Martin Luther King Day.*

*January 26, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's*

*February 2, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's*

# *Member Birthdays*

## Name

**Vaughn, Sue**  
**Murchison, Robbie**

## Date

**December 9**  
**December 12**



# Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thompson, Amy	0 years 0 months	Nov 01 2025
Thompson, Ray	0 years 0 months	Nov 01 2025
Magnuson, Sonny	12 years 0 months	Nov 08 2013
Scholl, Bill	8 years 0 months	Nov 08 2017
Thomsen, Mark	21 years 0 months	Nov 15 2004
Preston, Dee	14 years 0 months	Nov 16 2011



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# CDF Board Member

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**BOB White**

**Rapid City, South Dakota**



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**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**

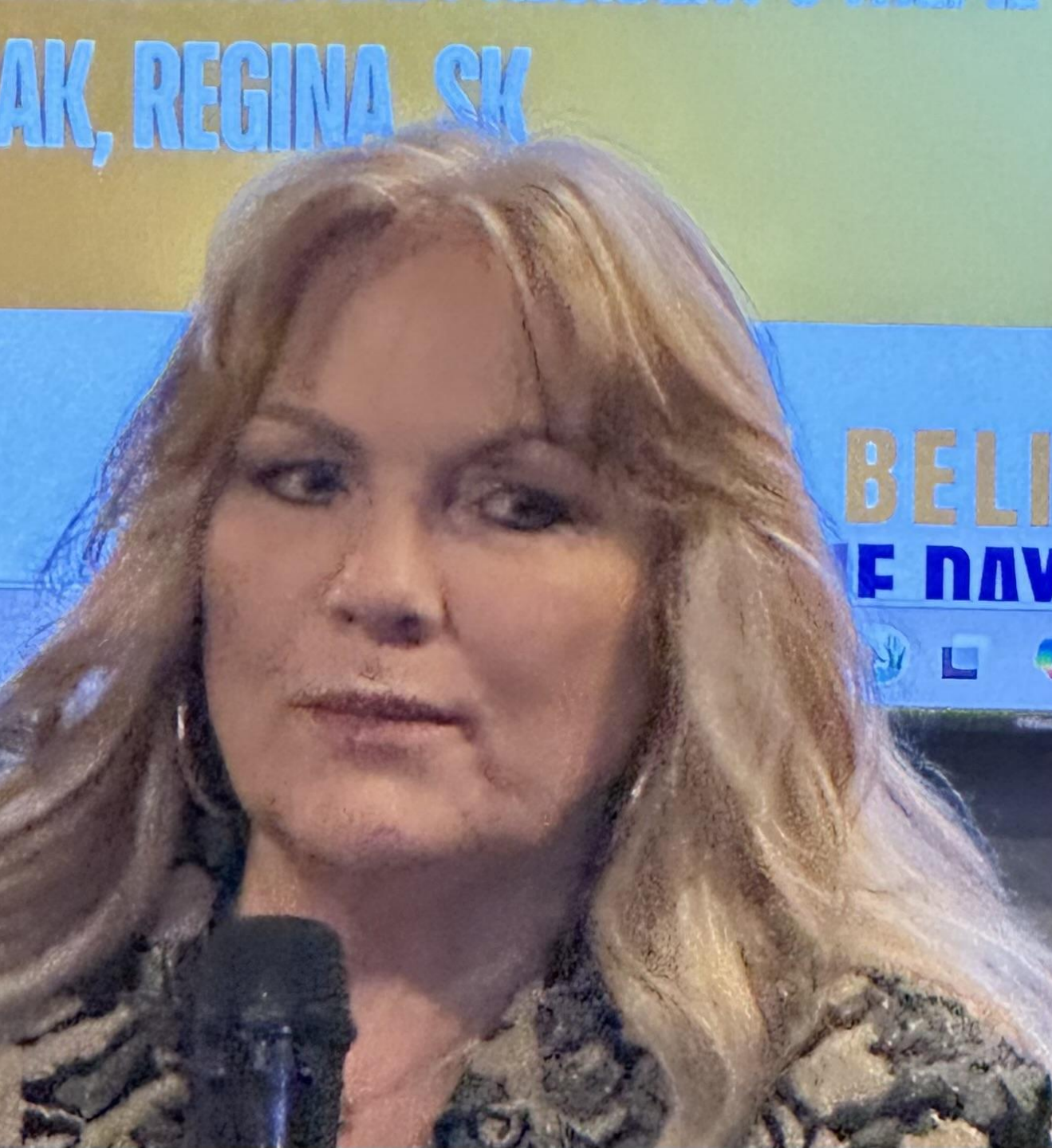
**3 Year Board Member      Club Board Member      Lenny Wright**

**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. In the foreground, there are trees and a street with a few cars.

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