

## **Council Bluffs Cosmo Club Activities since August 1st, 2017**

The Council Bluffs Cosmo Club continues to meet twice a month. 2nd Tuesday morning of each month at Village Inn and 4th Tuesday evening at the Spillway Grill. The Fundraiser Committee meets every 4th Monday night at the Spillway to continue to plan and brain-storm fundraiser activities.

A beginning of the year get together at the end of August occurred at Ron Fox's house where a pot luck meal with the main course of Pizza Ranch Chicken was enjoyed.

10 members attended the JDRF Walk-a-thon in Omaha in August. This was our first time at the event. It was so worth while that we have reserved a watering station for the 2018 event. Cosmo Member Kent Stopak is an active supporter of JDRF and has inspired the club to support this organization. \$1,500 was donated to JDRF for this event.

We had a water station in downtown Council Bluffs at the Health Fair in August. The Diabetic Unit was on hand to provide Diabetic tests for people and get information on Diabetes to them.

President Steve Wymore has started a new tradition that in our monthly morning meeting a birthday cupcake is presented to every member that celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday in that month.

This goes along with President Steve's previous new tradition of "For the good of the club" where members put money into the club treasury to announce celebration items for members, their families, congratulations to other members, or other items of interest to the club members. Really a nice way to finish up our meetings and provide communication celebrations among the club members.

The club has welcomed 3 new members to the club this year. Bill Kealy, Tiffany Arrick, and Bob Hansen have joined in September and October.

Our September evening meeting included flu shots for members and spouses. Many thanks to Ed Tucker and Walgreens for providing this service to the club members. For every shot given by Walgreens they match a shot for people in 3rd world countries.

Members Doug Moore and Kent Stopak attended the Westfair Board meeting in August to invite a representative of the Fair Board to a May meeting so we can present a "Big" Check from the 2017 fair as we will be getting geared up for our 2018 Westfair concession stand. We donated an actual check for over \$3,000 to the board for the 2017 fair. The CB Cosmo Club is listed on Westfair newspaper ads and their signage at the fair as a sponsor. We are getting the message out as best we can with this advertising and our wearing of our Cosmo shirts and vests at the fair events.

Vice President Bill Treadway continues to spear head fundraising, grant writing, and is an advocate for our D.A.D Program (Diabetic Alert Dog). We have supported 4 people with their financial needs for an alert dog since this program was started in the club. Two of the people who have received our help with funds to purchase their dogs have been featured in two individual stories in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil newspaper. Good exposure for the club and communicating its message of fighting diabetes.

The club received a \$1,000 donation from Pottawattamie County Community Foundation for the D.A.D program. That donation presentation was also featured in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil newspaper article.

The club has presented two \$500 donations, one each for New Vision Home Services and Micha House at our October evening meeting where an executive from each club was on hand to receive a check and be photographed with our "Big Check" donation ceremony. Each executive provided information on their not for profit. (Brandy Waller with New Vision Home Services - Mohm's Place and Rachael Morehead - Micha House)

Our Care and Share \$500 donation will be presented at the end of November at our evening meeting.

The club members enjoyed a BBQ Rib/Pulled Pork meal and a club acted murder mystery (Halloween Party) at the Twisted Tail in Beebeetown Iowa. Rock Star Mike (Doug Moore) ended up being the murderer of his girlfriend as she had caused an accident that prevented Mike from playing the guitar any longer and her murder would allow him to be with his new girlfriend (scandalous). Lots of secrets about the various characters in the script were revealed. (shocking)

The club has a Christmas Party planned December 1st at the Council Bluffs Country Club where there will be a meal and dance. Let the holiday season begin. There typically a food/clothing drive for Care and Share associated with the annual event.

A Valentines Party is scheduled for February 2018. Limited details available at this time.

The club will be ringing bells November 25th at the Salvation Army kettle at JC Penney in Council Bluffs.

The annual Pizza Ranch fundraiser was Monday, November 13th where members bussed tables for tips for the club and presented materials on the club and diabetes.

Additional fundraiser activities planned for 2018 are the annual pancake feed in March, Westfair Concession Stand in July, and a possible new event in September/October 2018 pasta feed day.

Secretary Moore will be sending out letters to Southwest Iowa School nurses to inform them of Camp Hertko Hollow Kids with Diabetes Camps. The club continues to expand it's search to inform kids and their parents of this summer camp for kids. We sponsored 7 children to the camp in the summer 2017. Our donation to Camp Hertko Hollow was \$5,000.

Members Wymore, Tucker, Treadway, and Moore visited the Cornhusker Club for their lunch meeting at Jericos. We were entertained with the announcer from the Storm Chaser baseball team. Thank you for allowing us to attend as it was enjoyed by our group.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Moore - Secretary