

The Council Bluffs Cosmopolitan Club Activity Report – end of 2017 and beginning of 2018:

November was a busy month as the club did a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch where we waited and bussed tables. While we did that, we had club information at each table explaining the Club's mission and the causes that the Club supports in the community. We got \$304.25 in Tips and Pizza Ranch presented the Club with \$163 check for 10% of the gross night receipts for our work.

The Club presented a \$500 check to a local food bank Care and Share. Member Gary Thien's wife, Carol, is the manager of the organization. Several of the Club Members volunteer unloading food weekly.

We worked a Salvation Army Kettle at the JC Penney Store. Member, Tiffany Arrick, made her time at the Kettle special with her Christmas Carol singing. The Club's Kettle netted \$409.44 for the Salvation Army.

Dick Gorton (quarterly attendance) and David House (presented the Friendship Banner) were present at our November 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Other guests and programs were Randy Fontaine and Jean Stephens with Hope Net Ministries and Kent Eckhardt with Care and Share.

Kimberly Kolakowski and her service dog Daisy May from Children's Square were at our end of November meeting where \$500 was donated to Children's Square Home.

3 new members, Tiffany Arrick and Bill Kealy in September and Robert (Bob) Hansen in October. We have invited several others to join the club. We hope they will accept the invitations.

In December we had a Christmas Pal's Night at the Council Bluffs Country Club. A buffet dinner was the first item for the evening. A gift exchange (white elephant or not) was then enjoyed (a bowl purchased at Goodwill was the most desired gift that was stolen several times during the gift event). The event organizers make stunning table centerpieces that were sold off. And then a dance finished the evening.

Jim Prouty was presented with his 40 Member Pin. Great dedication Jim.

January started with a morning meeting. Kori Nelson with the Midlands Humane Society was our speaker on their work with dog trainers for the D.A.D program.

Donation to be completed in January is \$500 to Council Bluffs Habitat for Humanity. CB Cosmo Member, Glennay Jundt (Manager of CB Habitat) will be accepting the donation for the organization.

**Continued club work are as follows:**

Bill Treadway continues to organize the D.A.D. program and gives the club updates on the folks that we have sponsored and any other news that have come on with this program. We will continue to build this program within this area of the country. All the Dog Donation stories are on the Club's website. Bill Treadway has written and submitted a story on our D.A.D Program to Cosmo Topics. We have been told it will appear in the next issue.

The club will continue to communicate all news and situations to club members as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Follow up with Thank You, Sympathy, and Get Well correspondence will continue within the Club Family and Community organizations. Additionally, the Club will continue to educate on diabetes and the CB Cosmo Club support of diabetic cures/services and the community support that we provide.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations for Club Members.

Goal for 2017/2018 is to qualify for the Big "C" Award.

**Future Items on the Calendar:**

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Valentines Pal's Night that is being combined with a Membership recruiting event.

Annual Pancake Feed (Fundraiser) is Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John Lutheran Church. The Cosmo Diabetic Unit is scheduled to be on site during the pancake feed.

Naming of CB Cosmo of the Year at the end of March for the Big "C" Award requirement.

Respectfully submitted: Doug Moore - Secretary