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The River City Cosmopolitan Club of Lawrence, Kansas

River City Club Wins Big at 2009 Mo-Kan Convention

The 62nd annual Mo-Kan Federation Convention was held on the weekend of April 24-26, in Wichita, KS. The Wichita Air Capital & Wichita Downtown Clubs hosted the convention, which was headquartered at the beautiful Hilton Homewood Suites at the Waterfront.

The River City Cosmopolitan Club was well represented, & with 17 members attending, had the largest delegation of any Mo-Kan Federation club at the convention. Those members included: Gary & Susie Bartlett, John Christian & Kathy Hanna, Lynn Collier, Robin & Nancy Donahay, Steve & Jamie Hanna, Kevin & Cindy Harmon, Jack & Pat Hohman, Tommy & Denise Johnson, and Mike & Diana Klopfenstein.

On Friday evening, following registration & some hospitality suite time in the afternoon, convention goers hopped on a chartered school bus for a trip to Wichita's historic Old Town area, where they had reserved seats at the Mosley Street Melodrama. Following a delicious barbeque buffet, Mo-Kan members enjoyed a comedy performance of the play, "Little Miss Moonshine", by the Mosley Street Melodrama players. The play was followed by a hilarious "Sensational 60's" musical comedy revue. Both performances were wonderful & had Cosmo's laughing until they cried!

Saturday's convention schedule began with the Mo-Kan Federation delegates meeting, which was presided over by Mo-Kan Governor Susie Bartlett. Delegates appreciated the improvements which Susie made to the delegates meeting format, which replaced the usual Sergeant-at-Arms fining out of order attendees with KU vs. MU tip jars. Susie also had a well structured meeting agenda that included Mo-Kan Federation club reports, updates from Cosmopolitan International & the Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation, and the appointment of several club members to serve on, review & make recommendations to the Mo-Kan Federations Nominating, Awards & By-Law Committees.

The Saturday convention luncheon featured a soup, salad & sandwich buffet, followed with a very patriotic & moving presentation by Wichita attorney, Debra McIlhenny. The luncheon ended with an entertain-

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2009-10 Mo-Kan Federation Governor Susie Bartlett.



2009-10 Mo-Kan Federation officers are installed. L to R - John Bloom, Susie Bartlett, Greg Shields, Diana Klopfenstein & John Paladino.



Robin's Ramblings

by Club President Robin Donahey

The recent Mo-Kan Federation Convention, which was held in Wichita, was a great success for the River City Cosmopolitan Club. A number of honors were awarded to well deserving Cosmo's. Gary Bartlett won the P.J. Hodgins Distinguished Service Award. Tommy Johnson won first place honors for the Federation's top bulletin. Thanks to the hard work of our Awards Committee (Nancy Donahey, Cheryl Dunham, Diana Klopfenstein, Susan Stagg & Susie Bartlett) the River City Cosmo Club also took top honors in the Yearbook competition. These ladies spent many hours preparing a great yearbook, so please check it out at a future meeting. And last but not least, the River City Club won first place in the Club Community Service category because of our ongoing relationship with the Health Care Access Clinic. Many of our members can pat themselves on the back for contributing to that award. Participation from our club at the convention was outstanding, offering support to the new Mo-Kan Federation Governor, our own Susie Bartlett. Being involved with caring individuals, such as the people in this club, make me proud to say, "I'm a member of the River City Cosmopolitan Club."

May River City Cosmo Club Board Meeting Highlights

The May River City Cosmopolitan Club's Board of Managers meeting was held on May 14th, at the home of Gary & Susie Bartlett. Highlights from the board meeting included:

- Lori Clark has submitted her resignation from the club's Board of Managers. With only one board meeting remaining in her term, the board elected to not fill the vacancy. New club officers & board members will be installed during the club's Inaugural on August 14th.
- The club's June 4th dinner meeting will be held at Maceli's. John Scanlan is scheduled as the featured speaker. The club's July 2nd dinner meeting will be held at Set'Em Up Jacks. Maceli's will also host the club's August 14th Inaugural.
- Two FUN club social events are planned for the summer. On June 20th, club members are invited to attend Theater In The Park, to see the production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" at Shawnee Mission Park in Lenexa. On July 18th, the club's Social Committee has arranged for club members to take a tour of the Boulevard Brewery, in Kansas City. Dinner & drinks in Kansas City's "Power & Light District" will follow the brewery tour.

2009-2010 Board Member Nominees

President	Nancy Donahey
President-Elect	Greg Hird
Past-President	Robin Donahey
Membership VP	Pat Hohman
Secretary	Helen Cox
Treasurer	Lynn Collier
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jack Hohman
1-Year Board Members	Cheryl Dunham Mike Klopfenstein
2-Year Board Members	Susan Stagg Peggy Pfannenstiel

Some Random Notes

The Lynn Electric Kansas Marathon, which River City & Emerald City Club members volunteered at on April 19th, raised a total of \$23,500 for the Health Care Access Clinic • Hallmark Cards has donated \$200 to the River City Club, through their Volunteer Involvement Pays (VIP) program, in the name of their employee, Tim Dunham. The River City Club has benefitted from this wonderful program for many years. Thank you to both Hallmark Cards & Tim Dunham! • On the Cosmopolitan International website, International President Jim Smith reports that he had a FUN time on the party bus to Guy & Mae's Tavern, with River City Cosmo Club members, however he thought the music on the bus was a bit too loud. What did you say Jim? • With the River City Cosmo Club's ever increasing membership, it was necessary for the River City Review's Membership Roster to expand from 2 pages to 3 pages. We have also increased the roster's font size & spacing to make the roster easier to read. Be sure to check it out.

Seventeen River City Cosmos Attend Mo-Kan Convention

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ing progressive auction, with Mo-Kan members bidding against each other at \$5 a pop for the rights to a basket of goodies. The Emerald City Club's Chris Kish proved to be the last Cosmo standing, winning the basket & all of its contents, which included a dancing chicken among other things. The auction raised over \$400 for the convention committee.

On Saturday evening, Mo-Kan attendees once again boarded a chartered school bus, which took them to Wichita's premier steak house, Scotch & Sirloin, for the convention's Installation & Awards Banquet. Scotch & Sirloin served up a delicious banquet, where Mo-Kan members had their choice of prime rib, grilled chicken or grilled salmon as their entrée. Following dinner, Master of Ceremonies, Willy Govert, from the Wichita Air Capital Club, began the evening's formal program. Phil Hanson, Cosmopolitan International's Vice-President for Finance & Marketing, installed 2009-2010 Mo-Kan Federation officers, which included the River City's own Diana Klopfenstein as Mo-Kan Secretary, Helen Cox (in absentia) as Mo-Kan Lieutenant Governor (for Lawrence & Topeka), & Susie Bartlett as Mo-Kan Governor. Kudos to Susie for stepping up to finish out the unexpired term of her predecessor, as well as serving her own second term as Mo-Kan Federation Governor!

The River City Cosmopolitan Club was a big winner during the evening's award presentation. First place honors were won by the club in the Yearbook, Newsletter & Club Community Service categories. Our good friend, Jane Holtsman, from the Jefferson City Cosmo Club, was a very deserving winner of the 2009 Mo-Kan Federation "Cosmo of the Year" award. The most prestigious honor given out during the awards presentation was the 2009 Mo-Kan Federation "Patrick J. Hodgins Distinguished Member" award, which was presented to Gary Bartlett. This award recognizes Cosmopolitan service of not less than 10 years, & requires that the recipient has been active at the club, Federation & International levels. Congratulations to Gary for being honored with this much deserved award! All of these award winners will now go on to compete for honors at the 2009 Cosmopolitan International Convention in New Orleans.

Thanks to both the Wichita Air Capital & Wichita Downtown Cosmopolitan Clubs for hosting such a wonderful & fun convention. Mark your calendars for the 2010 Mo-Kan Convention, which will be held in Jefferson City, MO during the weekend of April 30th to May 2nd. The Jeff City Club has a hard act to follow next year, but we are betting that they are up to the task!



Lynn Collier with Jack & Pat Hohman. Lynn gave her first Mo-Kan Convention very high marks!



Robin Donahey lines up a putt on the hotel putting green, as Kevin Harmon & Jack Hohman look on.



Cindy Harmon, Susie Bartlett, Marci & John Bloom (Heartland Club), Tommy Johnson, Brenda Hanson (Columbia Show-Me Club) & Denise Johnson.

Cosmos Have FUN On Party Bus Trip to Guy & Mae's

Here's a recipe for some Cosmo FUN. Throw together Cosmopolitan International President Jim Smith & his wife Pam, along with 27 River City Cosmo Club members & a couple of guests into a modified school bus, add a driver named "Wolfman", marinade with a cooler full of beer & shake well with a good dose of loud rock & roll music. Once mixed, send the entire party bus to Guy & Mae's Tavern, in Williamsburg, to pig out on some of their famous barbequed ribs & sandwiches.

In a nutshell, that is exactly what happened on the evening of Friday, May 7th, when 27 River City Club members, along with Canadian Cosmo's Jim & Pam Smith, and guests Dave & Lisa Hatzenbuhler, met in the parking lot of the Hollywood Theaters, where they boarded a BS Transportation party bus, which was piloted by Jon "Wolfman" Bierig. After Wolfman had outlined his bus rules to the group ("this is a party bus, there are no #\$\$@%? rules"), we all knew we were in for a good time! After Club President Robin Donahey held a very brief club business meeting, the music was cranked up & the party began as the bus cruised south on Highway 59. After a quick pit stop in Ottawa, to off load some beer & on load more beer, the bus jumped on west-bound I-35, for the next leg of the trip to Williamsburg. Once at our destination (where the group was joined by Terry & Helen Cox, along with several members of the Topeka Emerald City Cosmo Club, who had all opted to drive to Williamsburg on their own), the bus emptied out as quickly as Guy & Mae's Tavern filled up!

The staff at Guy & Mae's did a great job of taking care of the group. As usual, the barbequed ribs & sandwiches were delicious, the beer was cold, & the hospitality was next to none. With Cosmo royalty in attendance, the staff gave Jim Smith a personal tour of the tavern's huge barbeque smoker & even allowed him to hold the famous Guy & Mae's ceramic monkey in his hands. As long time club members will remember, during one of the River City Club's earlier rib runs to Guy & Mae's, the ceramic monkey was kidnapped, tortured & held hostage for several months. The unidentified Cosmo perpetrator demanded a ransom of several slabs of ribs for the monkey's safe return. This unfortunate episode may explain why the ceramic monkey is now stored in a plastic container, away from those who may wish harm upon it.

The return trip back to Lawrence was just as crazy as the earlier trip to Williamsburg was. The bus was rockin', the beer was flowing, & Cosmo's were dancing in the aisle! Another pit stop in Ottawa allowed for a second liquor store run to replenish our depleted beer supply, making for a thirst free final leg of the trip. The party bus rolled back into Lawrence at around 10:30 pm, with all club members happy, but perhaps a little more hard of hearing than they had been before the start of the trip! Thanks to Erin Harmon for her work in securing the party bus & arranging the road trip to Williamsburg. A great time was had by all!



What the Hell ... Pat Pfannenstiel hangs upside down from the ceiling of the party bus!



Cosmo International President Jim Smith with the infamous Guy & Mae's monkey



Mine is Bigger!
Gary Bartlett & Wolfman compare bones.

"The Club That Fights Diabetes"

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River City Cosmo Club Calendar

Cosmo Diabetes Golf Classic Alvamar Public Golf Course	May 22 Friday
June Dinner Meeting Maceli's - 6:30 pm	June 4 Thursday
June Board Meeting Kevin & Cindy Harmon's - 7:00 pm	June 18 Thursday
Theater in the Park Social Shawnee Mission Park - Lenexa, KS	June 20 Saturday
July Dinner Meeting Set'Em Up Jacks - 6:30 pm	July 2 Thursday
Boulevard Brewery Tour Social 2501 Southwest Blvd - Kansas City, MO	July 18 Saturday

2008-2009 Club Officers

President	Robin Donahey
President-Elect	Nancy Donahey
Past-President	Helen Cox
Membership VP	Peggy Pfannenstiel
Secretary	Erin Harmon
Treasurer	Denise Johnson
Sergeant-At-Arms	Terry Cox
Board Member (1-yr)	Vacant
Board Member (1-yr)	Tommy Johnson
Board Member (2-yr)	Cheryl Dunham
Board Member (2-yr)	Mike Klopfenstein

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