



Topeka Evening Sertoma Club

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A Note from President Riphahn:

Dear Fellow Sertomans,

With the start of my presidential term, I look forward serving you as we work together to serve mankind. My aspiration is to be an effective resource for all of you who will be committing personal efforts to achieve the goals of the Sertoma Evening Club of Topeka. It is a privilege and honor to work with such an assemblage of capable and dedicated people.

As we endeavor to increase membership, have a prosperous duck race, and continue to meet charitable needs within the community, may we also have a lot of fun along the way!

**“Experience is not what happens to a man;
It is what a man does with what happens to him.” ~ (Unknown)**

Yours in SERvice TO MAnkind,
Bill Riphahn

What's Happening at Sertoma?:

July 18: Nancy Daniels with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Topeka

**Deb Zimmerman is the new Vice President of Programming. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please contact her at 228-3287 or by e-mail, deb.zimmerman@bartwest.com.*

Happy, Happy Birthday!:

Happy, happy birthday to you! The following Topeka Evening Sertomans are celebrating birthdays this month!

Matt Dowd – July 5

Jack Swenson – July 10

Shawn Tipping – July 11

Dan Hejtmanek – July 22

Jim Deines – July 27

Happy Anniversary!:

Almost as important as your birthday is the date that you joined the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club! Happy anniversary to the following!

Matt Dowd joined this month in 1992

Mary Lenz in 1987

Norman Stahl in 1999

Missing information:

Could the following people please forward to Jenalea (Jenalea@treasurer.state.ks.us or 296-3342) when their birthday is and what month and year they joined Sertoma? Thanks!

Unknown Birthdays: Lois Cox, Kyle Ellerbeck, Julia Hadorn, Jeff Jones, and Kevin Oneslager

Unknown Anniversaries: Jeff Jones, Kevin Oneslager, and Bill Riphahn

Club Leadership for 2006-2007 Sertoma Year:

President: Bill Riphahn

Treasurer/Secretary: Terry Beck

VP-Programming: Debra Zimmerman

VP-Membership: Cecilia Mariani

VP-Sponsorship: Mary Lenz
Sergeant-at-arms: Celia Cuthbertson
President-Elect: Travis Oller
Chair of SHARP & Safe Ears: Norm Stahl
Historian: Joe & Lois Cox
Park Coordinator: Jim Deines
Parade Coordinator: Dustin Hardison
Chairman of the Board: Terry Cuthbertson
1 Year Board Members:

Jenalea Linn
Joe Cox
Matt Dowd

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Julia Hadorn

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Duck Race Meeting:

Please plan to attend the next Steering Committee meeting. The group will be discussing many important topics. The Duck race is only **2 months away!**

Attend the July 6 meeting at the Topeka & Shawnee County Library at 5:15 p.m.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!! MAKE PLANS TODAY to Attend the 86th Annual Sertoma International Conference:

Plan to attend the 86th Annual Sertoma International Convention in Omaha July 13 to 15. You can also expect a progressive and dynamic Convention, where Sertomans will embrace our future and our past. This is the perfect opportunity for establishing new friendships and enjoying and renewing memorable ones.

There will be outstanding seminars in the areas of club leadership, as well as personal growth and development. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our national charity, our Sertoma Foundation. This is also the venue for presenting Sertoma's highest honors – the International Sertoman of the Year, Service to Mankind, and Serteen Awards.

<http://www.sertoma.org/International%20Convention/Omaha/Omaha.htm>

10 Surprising Facts about the Fourth of July:

Source: <http://encarta.msn.com/>

Everyone loves Independence Day, the quintessential American holiday, full of parades, picnics, and ... surprising facts? You bet! Be the life of the party--share a few of these tasty nuggets of knowledge with your fellow picnickers this year.

1. Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.
2. Fireworks were made in China as early as the 11th century. The Chinese used their pyrotechnic mixtures for war rockets and explosives.
3. Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U. S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.
4. There are many precise rules for taking care of the American flag. And speaking of flag traditions, we're sorry to report that contrary to legend, historical research has failed to confirm that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag.
5. Not all members of the Continental Congress supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
6. The first two versions of the Liberty Bell were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.
7. The American national anthem, the "Star-Spangled Banner," is set to the tune of an English drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven".
8. The iron framework of the Statue of Liberty was devised by French engineer Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, who also built the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
9. The patriotic poem "America the Beautiful" was published on July 4, 1895 by Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates.
10. Father of the country and architect of independence George Washington held his first public office at the tender age of 17. He continued in public service until his death in 1799.

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"Hallowed be the day, forever bright its memory in the heart of the Nation.

Sing to it, poets; shout to it, freemen; celebrate it with bonfires, parades, and triumphant assemblies"

~Daily Alta California, 4 July 1855

Member Questionnaire.:

Could everyone take a few minutes and fill out this questionnaire and then send it back to Jenalea (Jenalea@treasurer.state.ks.us) or bring to the next meeting? With the beginning of a new Sertoma year, this is a great way to get reintroduced to each other and to learn information about our newest members. **Thank you all very much for taking 10 minutes out of your busy day to fill this out!**

1. I joined Sertoma because

2. My current employer and job title is

3. Two of my favorite movies are

4. The last book I read was

5. My dream vacation would be

6. A person I admire (and why) is

7. What I enjoy doing when I'm not working or volunteering is

8. People might be surprised to know this about me

9. My top three goals for the Topeka Evening Sertoma Club are: